

# Understanding the School Progress Domain

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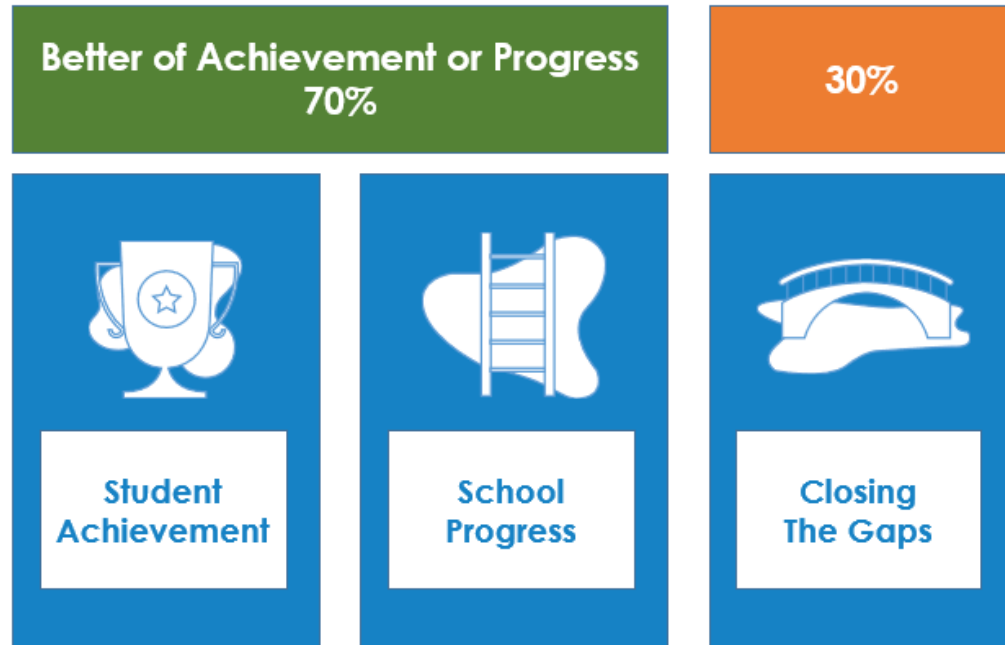
**Student Achievement** evaluates performance across all subjects for all students, on both general and alternate assessments; College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) indicators; and graduation rates.



**School Progress** measures district and campus outcomes in two areas: the students that grew at least one year academically (or are on track) as measured by STAAR results and the achievement of all students relative to districts or campuses with similar economically disadvantaged percentages.



**Closing the Gaps** uses disaggregated data to demonstrate differentials among racial/ethnic groups, socioeconomic backgrounds and other factors. The indicators included in this domain, as well as the domain's construction, align the state accountability system with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).



Districts and campuses receive an overall rating, as well as a rating for each domain.

**A** = scaled score 90–100

**B** = scaled score 80–89

**C** = scaled score 70–79

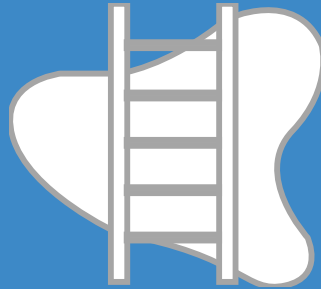
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**F** = scaled score  $\leq 59$



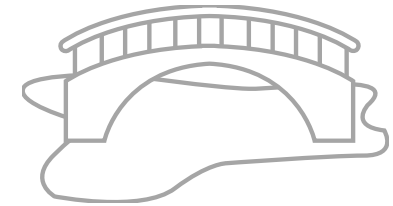
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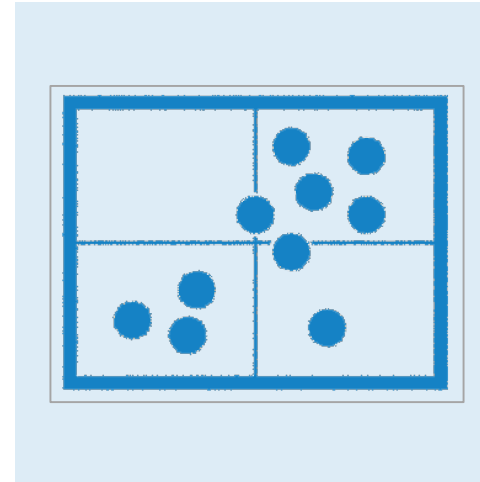
**Closing  
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Understanding the  
Closing the Gaps  
Domain  
Wed, August 7 at 1:00 PM

## Part A: Academic Growth



## Part B: Relative Performance

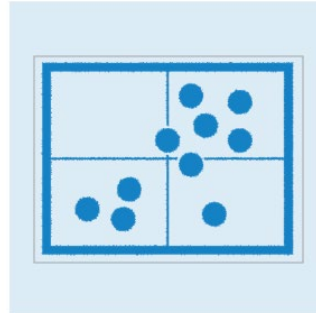


Better of  
Part A: Academic Growth  
or  
Part B: Relative Performance

**Part A:**  
Academic Growth



**Part B:**  
Relative Performance



The School Progress domain measures district and campus outcomes in two areas:

- the number of students that grew at least one year academically (or maintained performance) as measured by STAAR results
- the achievement of students relative to districts or campuses with similar economically disadvantaged percentages

# Part A: Academic Growth



## Part A: Academic Growth

- Academic Growth provides an opportunity for districts and campuses to receive credit for STAAR results in ELA/reading and mathematics that either meet the student-level criteria for the STAAR progress measure or maintain performance.

## What is the STAAR progress measure?

- The STAAR progress measure provides information about the amount of improvement or progress that a student has made in a content area. This measure is based on a comparison of a student's test score in the previous accountability year with their score in the current accountability year.
- Progress is measured by calculating a student's gain score—the difference between the scale score a student achieved in the previous accountability year and the scale score a student achieved in the current accountability year.
- Individual student progress is either categorized as *Limited*, *Expected*, or *Accelerated* progress.

## How is the STAAR progress measure different from STAAR performance levels?

- STAAR performance levels describe and classify performance in the current year. The STAAR performance levels are:
  - Masters Grade Level
  - Meets Grade Level
  - Approaches Grade Level
  - Did Not Meet Grade Level
- In contrast, STAAR progress measures provide information about the improvement or progress that students have achieved between the previous year and the current year within the same content area. Individual student progress is compared to progress targets. Progress is classified as *Limited*, *Expected*, or *Accelerated*.

## Which grades and subjects receive a STAAR progress measure?

- In 2019, the STAAR progress measure is reported for:
  - grades 4–8 reading (English)
  - grades 4–5 reading (Spanish)
  - grades 4–8 mathematics
  - Algebra I
  - English II
- Progress designations of *Did Not Meet*, *Met*, or *Exceeded* are reported for STAAR Alternate 2
- English learners (ELs) are eligible for STAAR progress measures.

## Why do some students not receive a STAAR progress measure?

- Students must meet ALL of the following criteria within the same content area (mathematics, reading, or English) to receive a STAAR progress measure:
  - Have taken a STAAR assessment in the previous year and a STAAR assessment in the current year.
  - Have a valid score from the previous year and the current year.
  - Have tested in successive grade levels or EOC assessments in the previous year and the current year.
    - Students who took the same grade-level or EOC assessment in the previous year and the current year will not receive a progress measure.
    - Students who take STAAR assessments and have skipped a grade level between the previous year and the current year will receive a progress measure.

## Why do some students not receive a STAAR progress measure? (continued)

- Students must meet ALL of the following criteria within the same content area (mathematics, reading, or English) to get a STAAR progress measure:
  - For STAAR reading assessments, have taken tests in the same language in the previous year and the current year (i.e., English or Spanish).
  - For STAAR Algebra I and English II, have taken the test for the first time (not a retest).

- Detailed information on the STAAR progress measure is available at <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/progressmeasure/>
- Resources include
  - How to calculate a student's progress measure
  - Parent Letters
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - STAAR Alternate 2 Progress Measure

## STAAR

### Current Year

Previous Year

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# Academic Growth: Measuring Student Progress

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## STAAR Alternate 2

Previous Year .....

..... Current Year .....

	Level I: Developing	Level II: Satisfactory	Level III: Accomplished
Level I: Developing	Met/Exceeded Growth Measure = 1 pt Did not meet = 0 pts	1 pt	1 pt
Level II: Satisfactory	0 pts	Met/Exceeded Growth Measure = 1 pt Did not meet = .5 pts	1 pt
Level III: Accomplished	0 pts	0 pts	1 pt

- School Progress, Part A includes all assessments with eligible growth measures (growth measure=STAAR progress measure).
- All students are evaluated.
- Substitute assessments are not included.
- The academic growth score is expressed as a percentage: total points divided by maximum points, rounded to the nearest whole number.

Prior-Year Performance	Current-Year Performance	Growth Expectation Outcome	Total Assessments
Did Not Meet	Did Not Meet	Did Not Meet	20
Approaches	Did Not Meet	Did Not Meet	15
Masters	Meets	N/A	14
<b>Total with No Points</b>			<b>49</b>

Prior-Year Performance	Current-Year Performance	Growth Expectation Outcome	Total Assessments
Did Not Meet	Approaches	Did Not Meet	7
Approaches	Approaches	Did Not Meet	7
Meets	Meets	Did Not Meet	3
<b>Total with One-Half Point</b>			<b>17</b>

Prior-Year Performance	Current-Year Performance	Growth Expectation Outcome	Total Assessments
Approaches	Approaches	Met or Exceeded Growth Expectation	52
Meets	Meets	Met or Exceeded Growth Expectation	30
Meets	Masters	N/A	35
Masters	Masters	N/A	17
<b>Total with One Point</b>			<b>134</b>



# Academic Growth: Sample Calculation

49 results that  
earned no points



17 results that  
earned half a point



134 results that  
earned one point



$$(49 \times 0) + (17 \times 0.5) + (134 \times 1)$$

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200

142.5

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200

= 71

- In order to align letter grades and scores used in the A–F academic accountability system to the common conception of letter grades, raw domain and component scores are adjusted to scaled scores.
- The methodology and formulas for scaling domains and components are provided in the *2019 Accountability Manual*.
- A scaling tool is available at <https://tea.texas.gov/2019Accountability.aspx>
- In this example, the 71 component score result is scaled to:
  - Elementary: 74 (C)
  - Middle School: 79 (C)
  - High School/K–12: 81 (B)

# Part B: Relative Performance

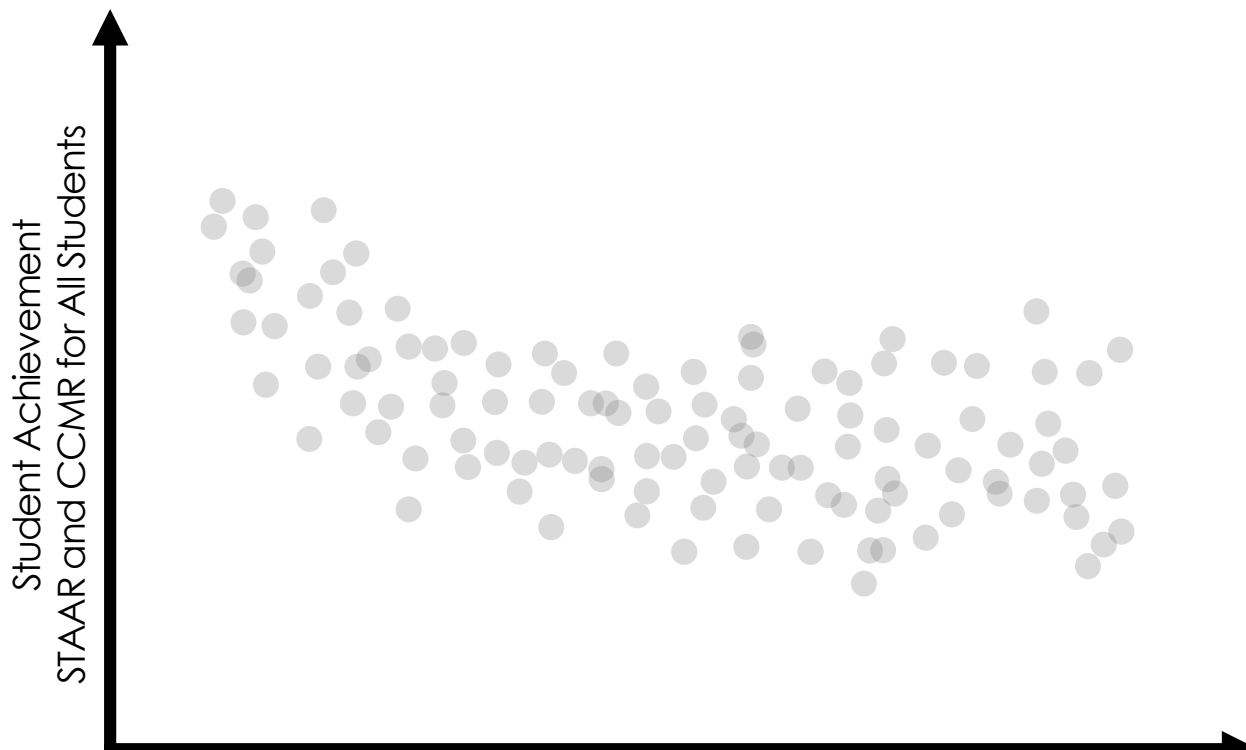
## Part B: Relative Performance

- For elementary and middle schools, School Progress, Part B evaluates overall student performance on the Student Achievement STAAR component compared to campuses with similar percentages of economically disadvantaged students, as reported in the TSDS PEIMS October snapshot.
- For high schools, K–12 campuses, and districts, School Progress, Part B evaluates the average of the Student Achievement STAAR component and the CCMR component compared to districts or campuses with similar percentages of economically disadvantaged students as reported in the TSDS PEIMS October snapshot.
- AEA campuses are not evaluated on School Progress, Part B due to the small numbers of campuses available for comparison.

## Part B: Relative Performance

- In order to establish targets, a scatter plot was developed for districts and by each campus type which compared the Student Achievement result with the percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged.
- A quadratic regression was run to establish separate cut points by campus type and district.
- Targets are scheduled to remain steady for 5 years.

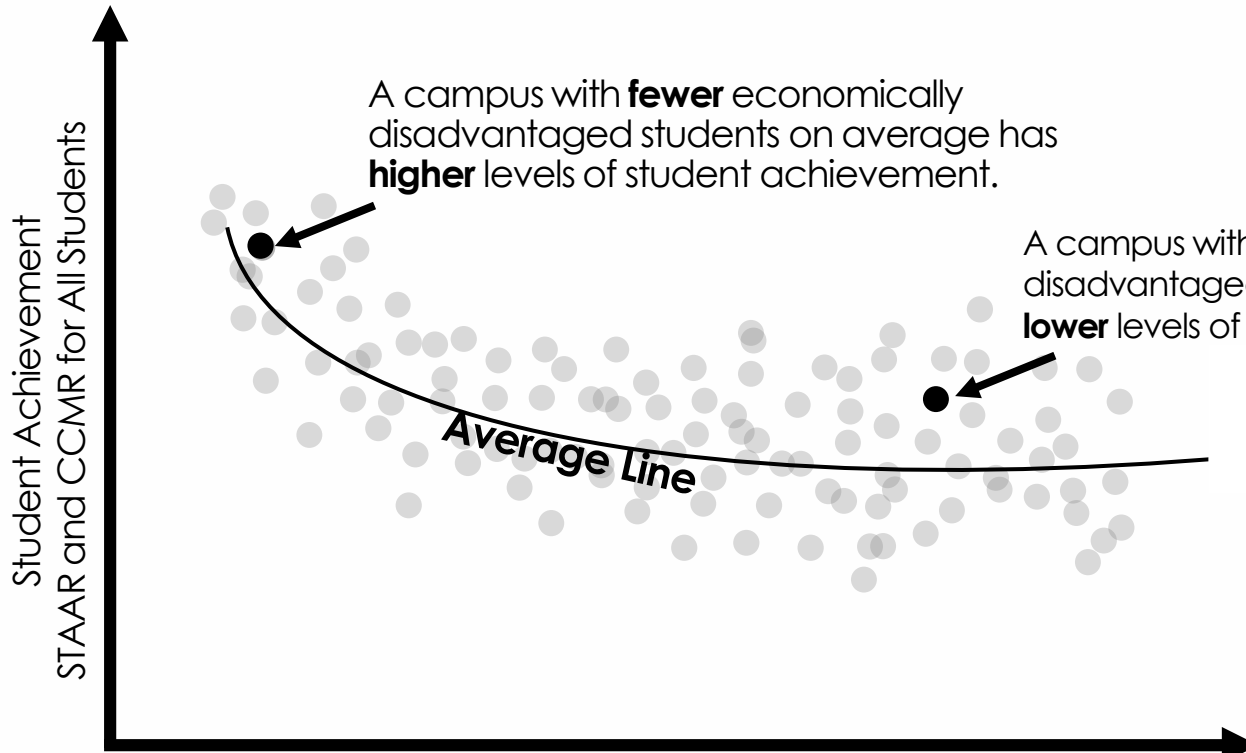
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Higher Rates of  
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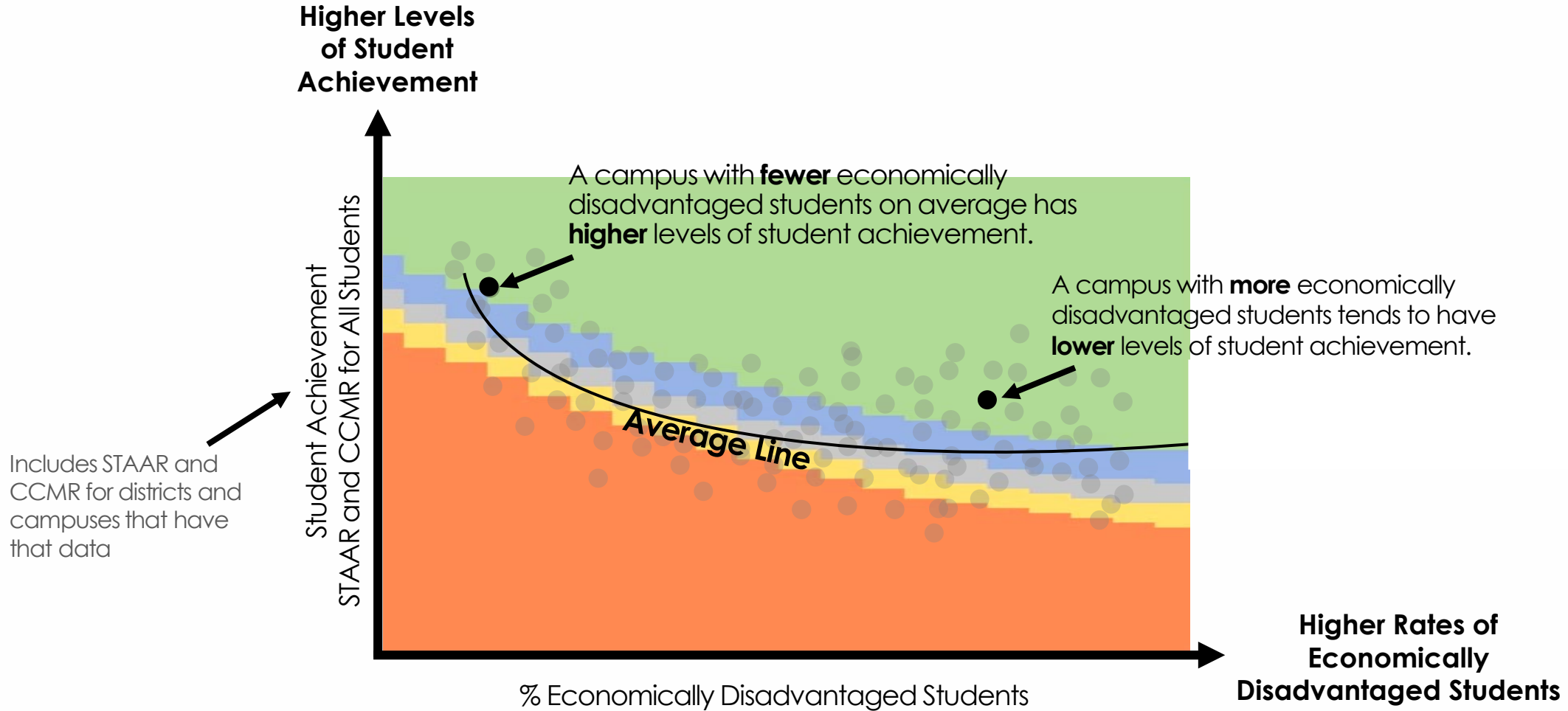
A campus with **more** economically disadvantaged students tends to have **lower** levels of student achievement.

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% Economically Disadvantaged Students

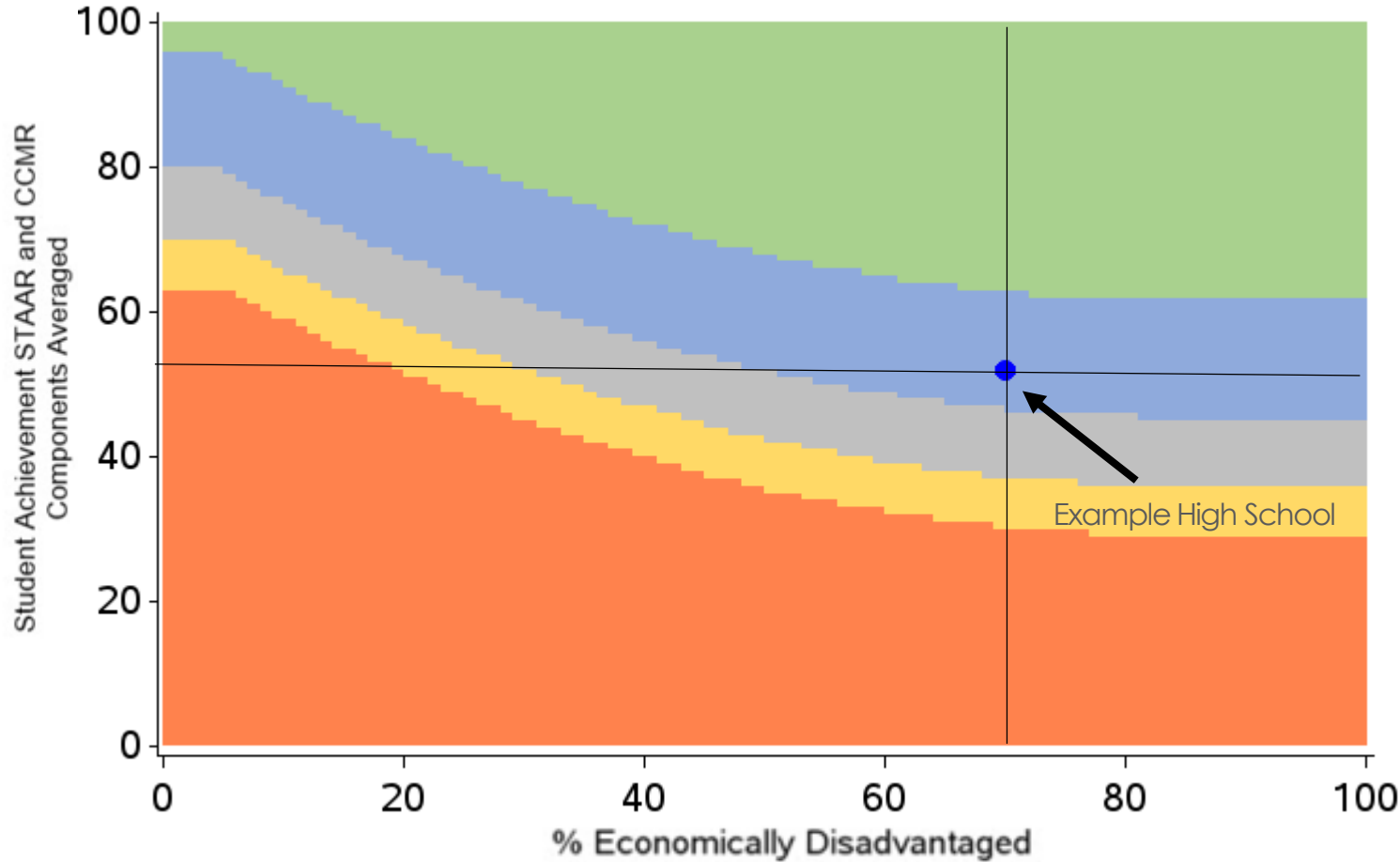
# Relative Performance: Measuring School Progress



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# Relative Performance: Measuring School Progress



At this high school, 70.0% of students were identified as economically disadvantaged on the TSDS PEIMS October snapshot. The campus earned a 52 averaged Student Achievement STAAR (47 component score) and CCMR (57 component score) components.

In this case, the high school would earn a *B* in School Progress, Part B: Relative Performance.

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- In the previous example, a high school with a 52 averaged Student Achievement STAAR and CCMR components and 70.0% economically disadvantaged students would receive an 83 (B).

# Calculating a School Progress Rating

Component	Component Score	Scaled Score
Part A, Academic Growth	71	81
Part B, Relative Performance	52 (STAAR and CCMR average) and 70.0% EcoDis	83
Take the higher of Part A or Part B		83
<b>2019 School Progress Domain Rating</b>		<b>83 (B)</b>

Date	Event
<b>Late July</b>	Preliminary 2019 overall accountability ratings preview without data tables released (TEAL Accountability)
<b>August 7</b>	2019 preliminary performance domain tables without rating labels released (TEAL Accountability)
<b>August 14</b>	2019 accountability ratings released to districts and charters (TEAL Accountability)
<b>August 15</b>	2019 accountability ratings released (public web)



## Resources

- <http://tea.texas.gov/A-F>
- <https://tea.texas.gov/perfreport/resources/index.html>

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A large, diverse group of school children of various ethnicities and ages are shown sitting together, smiling and looking towards the camera. They are dressed in casual school attire. A white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "Thank you!" in a blue, sans-serif font.

**Thank you!**