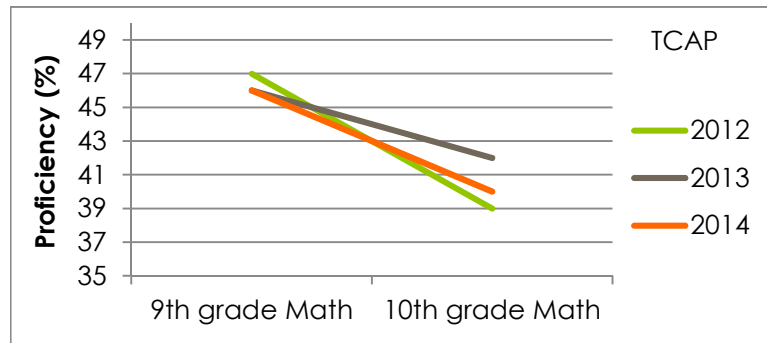


# Essentials for School Accountability: Golden High School 2015-2016



## Aim higher. Stay focused.

~Brandon Adams



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## Demographics

**Total Number of Students:** 1,278

**Minority:** 20%

**Free and Reduced Lunch:** 27%

**Estimated Percentage of ALP Students:** 15%

**Remediation Rates:** 22%



## School Wide Performance by Student Group

Golden High School	MGP 2012	MGP 2013	MGP 2014	Rolling MGP	% P&A 2012	% P&A 2013	% P&A 2014	Rolling P&A
<b>Math</b>								
Free and Reduced Lunch <sup>1</sup>	55	48	49	51	18%	22%	28%	23%
General Education <sup>2</sup>	51	51	54	52	43%	46%	43%	44%
Advanced Learning Plan <sup>3</sup>	69	57	56	61	55%	48%	51%	51%
<b>Reading</b>								
Free and Reduced Lunch	43	40	44	42	55%	60%	61%	59%
General Education	42	45	50	46	79%	84%	79%	81%
Advanced Learning Plan	48	45	50	47	31%	40%	23%	31%
<b>Writing</b>								
Free and Reduced Lunch	41	51	44	45	34%	36%	41%	37%
General Education	49	47	48	48	61%	64%	61%	62%
Advanced Learning Plan	53	40	52	48	30%	31%	38%	33%

Legend	
<b>MGP</b>	Median Growth Percentile
<b>%P&amp;A</b>	Percent Proficient and Advanced
<b>F&amp;R</b>	Free and Reduced Lunch
<b>GT</b>	Gifted and Talented ~ General ALP
<b>IEP</b>	Individualized Education Program

\* All student demographics align with the 2013 – 14 CDE data set.

<sup>1</sup> F&R/NotGT/NotIEP

<sup>2</sup> NotF&R/NotGT/NotIEP

<sup>3</sup> NotF&R/GT/NotIEP - %P&A values reflect only percent advanced to align with expectations.

## School Wide Performance by Grade and Subject

<div style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 2px;">% Proficient and Advanced</div>						
Year	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			10 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
	Reading	Writing	Math	Reading	Writing	Math
2012	73%	57%	47%	74%	55%	39%
2013	75%	61%	46%	78%	54%	42%
2014	69%	57%	46%	73%	52%	40%

<div style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 2px;">Median Growth Percentile</div>						
Year	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade			10 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
	Reading	Writing	Math	Reading	Writing	Math
2012	42	48	57	45	52	54
2013	44	48	50	44	43	50
2014	42	46	48	50	46	55

<div style="background-color: #4F81BD; color: white; padding: 2px;">Average ACT Scores</div>					
<div style="background-color: #D9EAD3; padding: 2px;">Golden High School</div>					
Year	Composite	English	Math	Reading	Science
2013	21.3	20.3	21.1	21.6	21.5
2014	21.9	21.5	21.4	22.0	22.1
2015	21.1	20.4	20.9	20.9	21.6

Focus on **Median Growth Percentile (MGP)** as a key measure of a school team's value added.

- The impact of different student demographics/socio-economic situations on MGP is minimal.
- A MGP above 60 indicates that students are learning at least a year's worth of information, a MGP below 40 shows that less than a year's worth of learning has occurred.

Focus on **Rolling MGP**, the three year average MGP for the school, as it controls for the impact of student and staff populations over time.

Focus on **Percent Proficient and Advanced (% P&A)** as a key measure of students' progress towards meeting the goal of being career and college ready.

## **District Goals: How will your achievement improvements contribute?**

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- **Every student will have completed Algebra 1 by the end of 9th grade (unless IEP requirement is different).**
- The percentage of proficient/advanced third grade students in reading on TCAP will increase from 80% to 85% by August of 2015.
- The percentage of proficient/advanced fourth grade students in math on TCAP will increase from 77% to 80% by August 2015.
- **Every student will achieve one year's growth, or more as needed to 'catch up,' in each year of school and be ready for the next level.**
- The growth measures for the median growth percentile (MGP) will reach 50th MGP or growth measures over 50th MGP will increase by:
  - For Free/Reduced Lunch Eligible students
    - in writing from 47 to 50
    - in reading from 48 to 50
    - in math from 49 to 51
  - For students with disabilities
    - in writing from 45 to 50
    - in reading from 48 to 50
    - in math from 50 to 52
  - For English learners
    - in writing from 52 to 54
    - in reading from 54 to 56
    - in math from 54 to 56
  - For Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) students
    - in writing from 54 to 56
    - in reading from 57 to 59
    - in math from 60 to 62
- **The college remediation rate for Jeffco graduates will decrease from 29.8% to 27.8% by Spring 2015.**

- Every student will graduate career and workforce and/or post-secondary ready.
- The Colorado ACT scores in every high school in every subgroup will meet/exceed the 'college readiness' benchmarks as defined by ACT below:

College Readiness Benchmark by Subject				
Subject	English	Mathematics	Reading	Science
Score	18	22	22	23

## Average Freshman ACT Scores for Colleges in Colorado

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All 11<sup>th</sup> graders in Colorado take the ACT, many colleges use this as an entrance indicator of college readiness. Below are the average freshmen composite ACT scores:

- Colorado School of Mines – 31
- Colorado State University – 24.7
- Colorado University at Boulder – 26.8
- Denver University – 28
- Red Rocks Community College – To be exempt from Accuplacer test
  - Reading – 17
  - English – 18
  - Math - 19

## Important Questions for Accountability Committees

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- How are you identifying best practices in your building and transferring those skills among your staff?
- Do you understand the root causes of achievement shortfalls at your school?
- Have you tracked implementation of major achievement improvement initiatives from previous years' Unified Improvement Plans?
- Which group of students is experiencing the most growth and why?
- Are all of your students experiencing at least a year's worth of achievement growth?
- What changes will you make to ensure all students are proficient at the end of every year?
- Have you looked at achievement scores from other schools to determine best practices from schools in Jeffco and beyond?
- In which subjects and grade levels are students experiencing the most growth at your school?
- How do we replicate success?

## Sources

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