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2015-2016 SCHOOL GRADES

Since 2012, when school grading first began, the number of A&B schools has increased by one-third, **giving 30,000 more students access to better schools.**



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2015-2016 School Grades Overview

- Since 2012, PED has issued school ratings based on a letter grade scale
- There were 849 public schools in NM in the 2015-2016 school year:
 - 635 Elementary & Middle Schools
 - 214 High Schools
- Elementary & Middle schools are graded using the same model. The components of this model include:
 - Current Standing (proficiency)
 - School Growth
 - Student Growth of Highest Performing Students
 - Student Growth of Lowest Performing Students
 - Opportunity to Learn
- High schools are graded using a model that includes graduation rates and college-and career-ready indicators

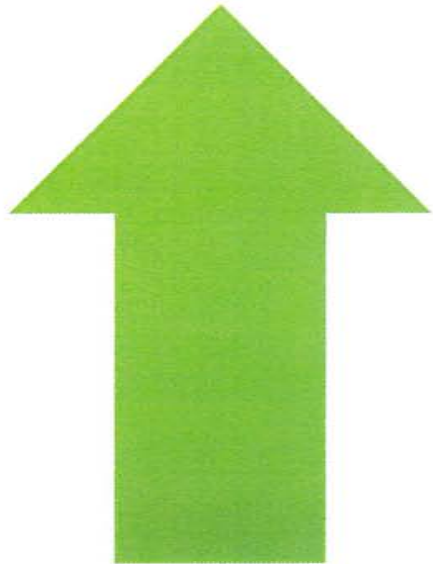
2015-2016 School Grades Overview

- PED has simplified the language in the score report so that parents, educators, and communities have a clearer understanding of school grading components and categories
- In 2015, to aid in the transition to PARCC, proficiency was weighted less and growth more as our students became comfortable with the new tests
- This year, proficiency and growth are given equal weight within the “current standing” category.
- In 2017, New Mexico will return to the previous weighting of proficiency

Important Factors For Consideration

- Includes Multiple Assessments
 - PARCC
 - SCIENCE SBA
 - NMAPA
 - DIBELS (K-2)
 - SPANISH LANGUAGE ARTS (SBA)
- PARCC transition & the weight of student proficiency and growth
- Student Growth is highly valued in several indicators at all levels

2015-2016 School Grades Overall Progress



33% of schools saw an increase in their letter grade
Compared to *29% in 2015*

Since last year, New Mexico has increased the number of schools earning an A or B

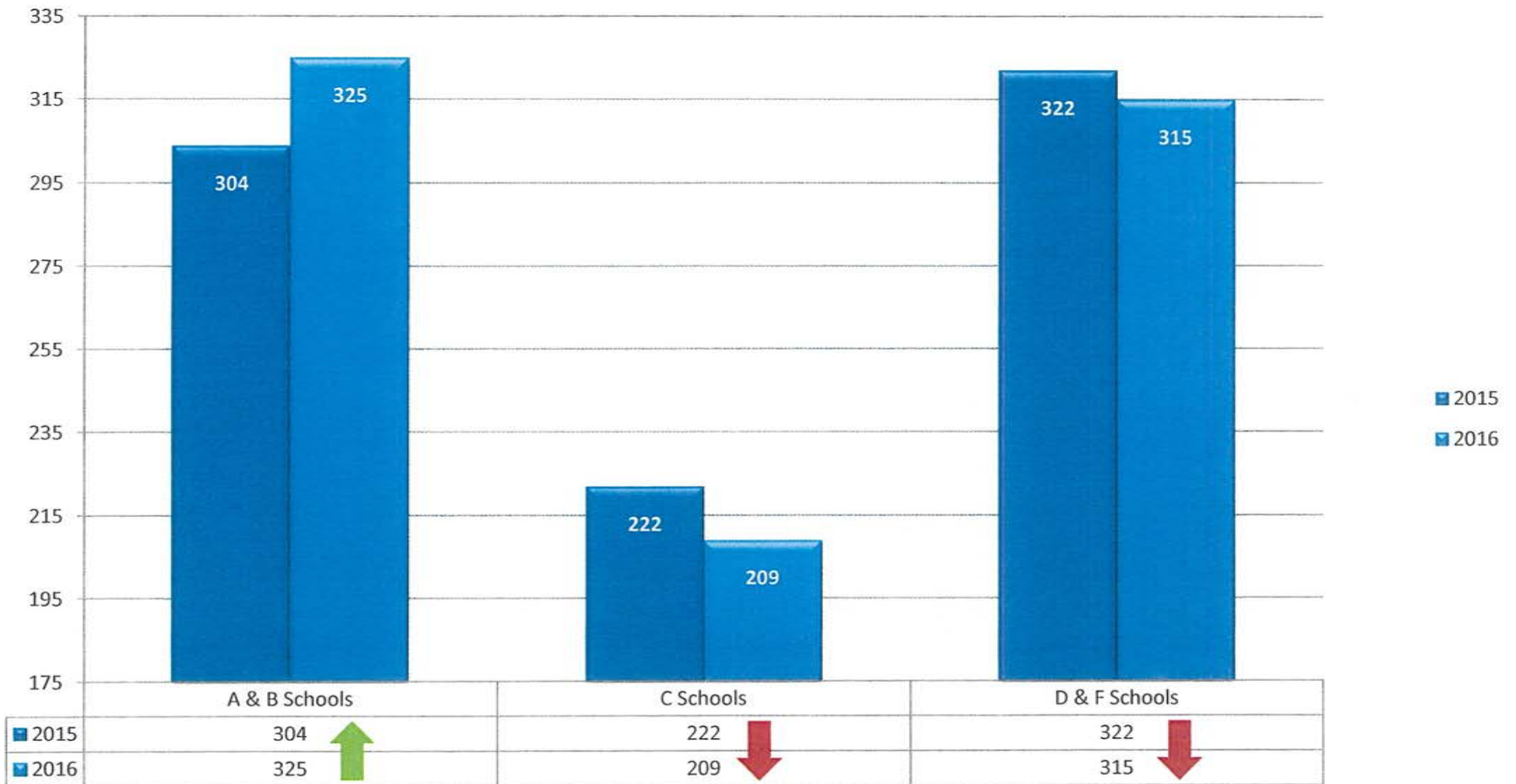


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2016 School Grades

	A	B	C	D	F
All Schools	118 14%	207 24%	209 25%	204 24%	111 13%
Elementary Schools	86 14%	168 26%	131 21%	156 25%	94 15%
High Schools	32 15%	39 18%	78 36%	48 22%	17 8%

2015-2016 School Grades Results



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2016 Charter School Grades

	A	B	C	D	F
All Charters	15 15%	19 19%	23 23%	28 28%	14 14%
State Charters	10 16%	10 16%	16 26%	17 27%	9 15%
District Charters	5 14%	9 24%	7 19%	11 30%	5 14%

2015-2016 School Grades Highlights

Overall Progress:

- 33% of schools improved their grade (*compared to the 29% in 2015*)
- 36% of schools maintained their grade (*compared to 28% in 2015*)
- 31% of all schools have grades that went down (*compared to 44% in 2015*)

Elementary/Middle schools:

- 36% of schools improved their grade (*compared to 25% in 2015*)
- 32% of schools maintained their grade (*compared to 37% in 2015*)
- 32% of all schools have grades that went down (*compared to 36% in 2015*)

High Schools:

- 25% of schools improved their grade (*compared to 22% in 2015*)
- 47% of schools maintained their grade (*compared to 41% in 2015*)
- 28% of all schools have grades that went down (*compared to 36% in 2015*)

2015-2016 School Grades Highlights

SCHOOLS INCREASING BY 3 LETTER GRADES OR MORE IN 2016

District	School	2015	2016
Gadsden Independent Schools	Desert View Elementary	F	A
Melrose Public Schools	Melrose Junior	D	A
Silver Consolidated Schools	Sixth Street Elementary	F	B
Lovington Municipal Schools	Taylor Middle	F	B
Hobbs Municipal Schools	Coronado Elementary	D	A
Hobbs Municipal Schools	Highland Junior	F	B
Hobbs Municipal Schools	Mills Elementary	F	B
Hobbs Municipal Schools	Will Rogers Elementary	F	B
Gallup McKinley County Schools	Crownpoint Middle	D	A
Cloudcroft Municipal Schools	Cloudcroft Elementary	D	A
Espanola Public Schools	Eutimio Salazar Elementary	F	B
Espanola Public Schools	San Juan Elementary	F	B
Socorro Consolidated Schools	San Antonio Elementary	F	B
Los Lunas Public Schools	Valencia Elementary	D	A
Los Lunas Public Schools	Raymond Gabaldon Elementary	D	A
Los Lunas Public Schools	Los Lunas Middle	F	B
Gadsden Independent Schools	Alta Vista Early College High School	F	B
State Charter	Explore Academy	D	A

2016 School Grades

- New Mexico's schools are rising showing that New Mexico's kids are learning and the hard work of our schools is paying off
- Since 2012, A&B schools have grown by one-third, meaning 30,000 more kids are going to better schools. We still have work to do, but the foundation we've built to prepare kids for success in school and in life is working
- School grades provide a consistent measure for all public schools across the state so that we can see which schools are doing well and which schools are struggling and need support
- Schools that continue to embrace reform and new opportunities for kids are beginning to see success

Embracing Reform

Schools that have embraced reforms are beginning to see results, and districts fighting change are maintaining the status quo.

Farmington

- Participating in Principals Pursuing Excellence, Teachers Pursuing Excellence and UVA Turnaround
- “A” schools have gone from 0 in 2012 to 11 in 2015
- Graduation rates are up 5.8% since 2011

Gallup-McKinley

- Participating in Principals Pursuing Excellence, Teachers Pursuing Excellence and UVA Turnaround
- Recognizing and retaining excellence through Pay for Performance and Hard to Staff stipends
- More than half of schools increased by a letter grade or more in 2015



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