

State Benchmarks and Annual Measurable Objectives for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 School Years

Commissioner David M. Steiner has established the following State Benchmarks and Annual Measurable Objectives for English language arts and mathematics for the 2008-09 and 2009-2010 school years.

Criteria	2008-2009 School Year State Benchmark	2008-2009 School Year Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	2008-2009 Farthest From State Standards Cut Points
Elementary and Middle ELA	165 Performance Index	144 Performance Index	121 Performance Index
Elementary and Middle Level Math	165 Performance Index	119 Performance Index	108 Performance Index
HS ELA	175 Performance Index	171 Performance Index	131 Performance Index
HS Math	175 Performance Index	166 Performance Index	131 Performance Index

Criteria	2009-2010 School Year State Benchmark	2009-2010 School Year Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)	2009-2010 Farthest From State Standards Cut Points
Elementary and Middle ELA	170 Performance Index	155 Performance Index	TBA
Elementary and Middle Level Math	170 Performance Index	135 Performance Index	TBA
HS ELA	180 Performance Index	177 Performance Index	TBA
HS Math	180 Performance Index	173 Performance Index	TBA

State Benchmarks are used to determine which schools must develop Local Assistance Plans, which schools and districts may be high performing, and the Performance Targets and Minimum Standards for Schools Under Registration Review (SURRs) that were identified prior to 2009-2010 school year and have redesigned.

Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) are used as part of the process for determining whether schools and districts have made Adequate Yearly Progress. Schools that fail to make Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years on an accountability criterion are identified as Schools in Need of Improvement.

The Farthest from State Standards cut points are used to determine which schools are at risk of identification for Registration Review and to establish Performance Targets and Minimum Standards for SURRs identified prior to 2009-2010 that have not redesigned.

For more information on NCLB accountability, please refer to the following web site:
<http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/deputy/nclb/accountability.htm>