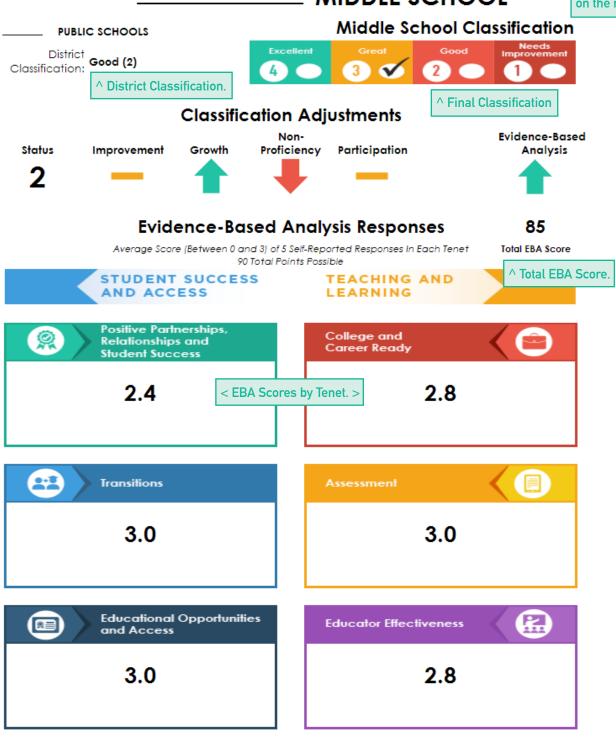
HOW TO READ THE 2015 AQUESTT FINAL CLASSIFICATION REPORT

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Some schools may be split into two school ratings (high school or elementary vs. middle school) due to the grade levels taught, the 2nd rating will be on the next page.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



FINAL CLASSIFICATION DEFINITIONS

- Status is calculated by averaging your 2014-2015 NeSA assessment scores across all available grade levels and subjects for the current year. This average will earn you an initial score of 1, 2, 3, or 4.
 Some schools with a small number of eligible assessment scores will have their district's Status score substitute as their school Status score.
- Improvement is based on your school/district's average NeSA assessment scores over the last three
 years (2012-2013 through 2014-2015). If there is an upward trend of a certain amount then your
 classification will be increased by one level, regardless of your Status.
- Growth is based on the percentage of students at your school/district who were present for the full year
 and showed "growth" on their individual NeSA reading or math scores compared to a year ago (see the
 "AQUESTT Classification Rules" document for full details). If a certain percentage of your students show
 growth, then your raw classification will be increased by one level.
- Non-Proficiency is based on the percentage of NeSA assessment scores at your school/district that
 were rated as Non-Proficient over the last three years. If there is an upward trend of a certain amount
 (more Non-Proficient scores) then your raw classification will be decreased by one level, while if there
 is a downward trend of a certain amount (less Non-Proficient scores) then your raw classification will
 be increased by one level.
- Having a low Participation rate for NeSA assessments at your school/district can lower your raw classification by one, two, or three levels.
- Having a low Graduation rate at your school/district can limit your raw classification to a 3, 2 or 1. If your
 graduation rate is high enough, or if you are an elementary or middle school, then there is no effect. The
 graduation rate is calculated using the corrected data used for AYP, and so must lag a year (2013-2014)
 behind the NeSA data
- Your Raw Classification combines your Status with any adjustments or limitations earned in the previous five categories. The possible classifications are 1 (Needs Improvement), 2 (Good), 3 (Great), or 4 (Excellent).
- Your EBA Total Score is an additive measure of the responses to each of the five "policies, practices,
 and procedures" questions for each of the six AQuESTT tenets. If your EBA Total Score meets or
 exceeds specified percentiles (see the "AQUESTT Classification Rules" document for full details), the
 Raw Classification is eligible to be increased by one level. The EBA adjustment only applies to school
 classifications.
- Your Final Classification is your school/district's overall AQuESTT classification; it combines the raw classification generated above with a potential adjustment due to your Evidence-Based Analysis responses for the school/district.

For more details about the rules and calculations used in the 2015 Final AQuESTT Classification, please refer to the "AQuESTT Final Classification Business Rules" document found next to the AQUESTT Final Classification Report link, or at AQUESTT.com