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Section 1.80  Academic Early Warning and Watch Lists

EMERGENCY

This Section identifies the two groups of schools that are subject to placement on the Academic Early Warning List (see subsections (a) and (b) of this Section) and describes the circumstances under which they will be removed from that list, kept on that list, or placed on the Academic Watch List.

a) Schools in which the State assessment is administered that are determined as set forth in this Subpart not to have met State standards for two consecutive years shall be placed on an Academic Early Warning List and may subsequently be placed on an Academic Watch List pursuant to Sections 2-3.25d through 2-3.25f of the School Code.
1) A school placed on the Academic Early Warning List pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section shall be removed from the list when the school is determined to meet State standards.

2) A school placed on the Academic Early Warning List pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section shall remain on the list but avoid placement on the Academic Watch List as long as it does not meet State standards but makes adequate progress. "Adequate progress" means a rate of increase in the proportion of scores meeting State standards that would be sufficient in order for the school to meet State standards after five years.

3) A school which has been on the Academic Early Warning List for two consecutive years ("Years 1 and 2") and whose cumulative progress for that time does not qualify as adequate shall be placed on the Academic Watch List and shall be subject to the requirements of Sections 2-3.25d through 2-3.25f of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25d through 2-3.25f], as applicable. Similarly, a school which has been on the Academic Early Warning List for four consecutive years and whose cumulative progress for Years 3 and 4 does not qualify as adequate shall be placed on the Academic Watch List and shall be subject to the requirements of Sections 2-3.25d through 2-3.25f of the School Code, as applicable. That is, a school shall be required to eliminate at least 40% of its "performance gap" (the degree to which its scores fail to meet State standards) in Years 1 and 2 and at least 40% in Years 3 and 4.

b) Schools that do meet State standards, other than schools which are exempt from external quality review pursuant to Section 2-3.25k of the School Code, shall also be subject to placement on the Academic Early Warning List, if the proportion of their scores that do not meet State standards has increased by at least 20 percentage points during the immediately preceding
three-year period, as evidenced by four consecutive years’ State assessment scores.

1) A school placed on the Academic Early Warning List pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section shall be removed from the list when the proportion of its State assessment scores that do not meet State standards is reduced to a level at or below the average for the four test cycles preceding its placement on the list. (For example, a school in which, over four test cycles, 3%, 4%, 15%, and 26% of scores did not meet standards would be removed from the Academic Early Warning List after the first subsequent administration of the State assessment in which 12% or fewer of its scores did not meet State standards.)

2) A school placed on the Academic Early Warning List pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section shall remain on the list until its State assessment scores reach the level identified pursuant to the calculation set forth in subsection (b)(1) of this Section.

3) A school placed on the Academic Early Warning List pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section shall be placed on the Academic Watch List if its State assessment scores decline so that the school fails to meet State standards for two consecutive years.

c) A school which has been placed on the Academic Watch List shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 2-3.25d through 2-3.25f of the School Code.

d) No schools shall be placed on the Academic Early Warning List based on the results of the 2000 administration of the State assessment.

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