How to Determine Race/Ethnicity Groups for 2013 Index 3 Calculations

Performance Index 3: Closing Performance Gaps

Identifying the Prior Year Lowest Performing Race/Ethnicity Student Group(s)

The 2012 Indicators Report provides information combined across All Subjects for All Students and each of the seven race/ethnicity student groups based on the criteria for Index 1. Note that the performance rates of the race/ethnicity student groups shown on the 2012 Indicators Report are the data that determine the lowest performing groups for the 2013 Index 3 calculation.

Identification Steps:


2. Locate the All Subjects section of the report which is the first section of the report.
3. Use Total Tests to identify the race/ethnicity student groups that meet the minimum size criteria of greater than or equal to 25. In this example, the African American, Hispanic, White, and Two or More Races race/ethnicity student groups meet minimum size criteria.

4. For the race/ethnicity student groups that meet minimum size criteria, order the Percent at Phase-in 1 Level II or above performance rate from lowest to highest performance rate.
5. Determine how many race/ethnicity student groups to select for Index 3 calculations:
   • If three or more, select two: If a district or campus has three or more race/ethnicity student groups that meet minimum size criteria, select only the two with the lowest performance;
   • If two, select one: If a district or campus has two race/ethnicity student groups that meet minimum size requirements, select one with the lowest performance;
   • If one, do not select any group: If a district or campus has only one race/ethnicity student group that meets minimum size criteria, then no race/ethnic group is evaluated.

6. In this example, the African American race/ethnicity student group has the lowest performance rate (45%) and will be used for Index 3 calculations.

7. Also in this example, the Hispanic and White race/ethnicity student groups have the same performance rate (49%) and are tied for the second lowest performing race/ethnicity student group. To break the tie, select the race/ethnicity student group with the largest student group size based on Total Tests. In this example, the Hispanic race/ethnicity student group has 2,597 total tests and the White race/ethnicity student group has 63 total tests. Use the Hispanic race/ethnicity student group for Index 3 calculations.

The African American and Hispanic race/ethnicity student groups are selected to be used with the Economically Disadvantaged student group for Index 3 calculations.