

**Commissioner's Charges for the  
Academic Achievement Distinction Designation Committee (AADDCC)  
For English Language Arts and Mathematics  
April 16, 2012**

**Purpose**

The committee will develop criteria and recommendations for the campus-level academic achievement distinction designations to recognize outstanding academic achievement in English language arts and mathematics. Recommendations will include indicators, standards, additional features, and options for distinction labels.

**Scope of Work**

The committee will be responsible for recommendations regarding the issuance of academic achievement distinction designations for English language arts and mathematics.

Charges for the committee do not include:

- Distinction designations for fine arts, physical education, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce Development, and second language acquisition.
- State and federal accountability rating systems, state assessment program, graduation, or curriculum policies.
- The design and content of statutorily-required performance reports.
- The Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) or Program Monitoring and Interventions (PMI) although decisions made for the state accountability system will inform the development of these systems.

**Ground Rules**

1. Distinction designation recommendations must be in compliance with agency interpretation of statute.
2. Assume the state assessment program and state accountability system for 2013 and 2014 will be implemented under statute that is currently in effect.
3. To the extent possible, recommendations should cover the 2013 rating year as well as the subsequent two years.

**AADDCC Membership and Recommendations**

Members of the AADDCC are professionals, content experts, educators, and community leaders appointed by the Offices of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. AADDCC recommendations will be considered by the Accountability Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC), the Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (APAC), and the commissioner of education. The commissioner will make final accountability decisions in spring 2013.