



County Approval Status and Accreditation Guidance Document

General Overview of County Approval Status and Accreditation

To ensure each county provides a thorough and efficient education, the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) annually reviews information submitted from the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) Office of Accountability. This evaluation is guided by the WVBE Policy 2322, which outlines the West Virginia Accountability System (WVAS). County status is determined using two key measures:

- » County Operational Effectiveness Indicators of Efficiency
- » West Virginia Balanced Scorecard Indicators of Student Performance and Success

County Operational Effectiveness

Efficiency indicators are developed for use by the WVDE to ensure management and use of resources in counties and schools. Each county's designation is determined through an evaluation of records, reports, and other documentation regarding the quality of education in that county. This process ensures compliance with statutes, policies, and state-approved standards under each efficiency indicator.

Counties are evaluated on **11 efficiency indicators**, each rated as:

- » Meets Requirements
- » Needs Assistance

County Support and Accountability

Identification	County Responsibilities	WVDE Responsibilities
Needs Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create an action plan with assistance from the WVDE within 30 days of the designation.• Implement the action plan over the course of the school year.• Monitor progress to ensure continuous improvement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The office governing each indicator, or an external vendor/consultant, provides technical assistance upon request from county leadership.• The office governing each indicator monitors progress toward goals outlined in the action plan.• Based on county progress, the Office of Accountability, in collaboration with other WVDE offices, provides annual recommendations to the WVBE. These may include a non-approval status if sufficient progress is not demonstrated.

Designation Levels

On Watch

County-level indicator that Does Not Meet Standard

Support

County-level indicator that Does Not Meet Standard and does not show improvement for two consecutive years.

Intensive Support

County-level indicator that Does Not Meet Standard and does not show improvement for three consecutive years.

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STAGE ONE On Watch

County Responsibilities

- Diagnose deficiencies and build structures to facilitate countywide improvement.
- Review and revise the district strategic plan to address identified deficiencies.
- Monitor progress toward goals.

WVDE Responsibilities

- The office governing each indicator provides technical assistance upon request from county leadership.

STAGE TWO Support

County Responsibilities

- Adjust the district strategic plan to target deficiencies and address lack of improvement from Stage One.
- Monitor progress toward goals.

WVDE Responsibilities

- The office governing each indicator provides technical assistance as needed or upon request from county leadership.
- The Office of Accountability actively monitors county progress.

STAGE THREE Intensive Support

County Responsibilities

- Adjust the district strategic plan based on lack of improvement in Stage Two.
- Monitor progress toward goals.
- Report progress to the WVDE Office of Accountability quarterly:
 - **Quarter 1:** November 1
 - **Quarter 2:** February 1
 - **Quarter 3:** May 1
 - **Quarter 4:** August 1

WVDE Responsibilities

- The office governing each indicator provides technical assistance as needed or upon request from county leadership.
- The Office of Accountability actively monitors county progress.
- Based on county progress, the Office of Accountability, in collaboration with other WVDE offices, provides annual recommendations to the WVBE. These may include a non-approval status if sufficient progress is not demonstrated.