

Measurable Annual Goals Baseline Data Tool

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An Act Relative to the Achievement Gap signed into Massachusetts law in January 2010 established a new process and intervention powers for improving the performance of the lowest performing schools—Level 4 schools—as identified under the state’s new accountability and assistance framework. The new state law requires that turnaround plans for Level 4 schools and districts include measurable annual goals in thirteen areas specified by law.

This workbook contains baseline data (from information submitted by districts to ESE) for suggested measures to meet several of the required measurable annual goal areas in the Student Rates and Student Achievement (MCAS and graduation rates) categories. Simply select a school from the menu below, and view the data for the suggested measures on the corresponding tab.

For Student Rates, no targets are pre-populated in the yellow cells for out-years, but you can input targets manually for reference.

For the Level 4 Exit Criteria measures related to MCAS and Graduation Rate (the green tabs), baseline data as well as required targets developed by ESE are pre-populated for your convenience, though please note that the baseline year in this tool is assumed to be 2009 As described in the Level 4 Exit Criteria Guidance and Methodology, many districts may set the baseline year at 2010. In this case, schools will get one more year to hit their MCAS exit criteria targets, but please note that the absolute standard for graduation rate in 2013 increases to 80% for the 4-year rate and 85% for the 5-year rate. Schools that do not meet minimum n size requirements for reporting of student achievement data will not have targets pre-populated.

Please note that this is only a reference tool and that the final targets set by the district for each Level 4 school and each measure should be entered in the Measurable Annual Goals Template file.

We hope that this workbook is helpful to your district and school in the process of setting measurable annual goals.

Select a School:

*Click in the green cell for a list of school. Level 4 schools are *-d.*

Select a School	
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Grade Served	
Level 4	
Federal Tier 1	
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Graduation rate below 60% in last two years	

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