§ 200.17 Intermediate goals.

Each State must establish intermediate goals that increase in equal increments over the period covered by the timeline under §200.15 as follows: (a) The first incremental increase must take effect not later than the 2004–2005 school year. (b) Each following incremental increase must occur in not more than three years.

§ 200.18 Annual measurable objectives.

(a) Each State must establish annual measurable objectives that— (1) Identify for each year a minimum percentage of students that must meet or exceed the proficient level of academic achievement on the State’s academic assessments; and (2) Ensure that all students meet or exceed the State’s proficient level of academic achievement within the timeline under §200.15.

(b) The State’s annual measurable objectives— (1) Must be the same throughout the State for each school, each LEA, and each group of students under §200.13(b)(7); and (2) May be the same for more than one year, consistent with the State’s intermediate goals under §200.17.

§ 200.19 Other academic indicators.

(a) Elementary and middle schools—(1) Choice of indicator. To determine AYP, consistent with §200.14(e), each State must use at least one other academic indicator for public elementary schools and at least one other academic indicator for public middle schools, such as those in paragraph (c) of this section. (2) Goals. A State may, but is not required to, increase the goals of its other academic indicators over the course of the timeline under §200.15.

(3) Reporting. A State and its LEAs must report under section 1111(h) of the Act (annual report cards) performance on the academic indicators for elementary and middle schools at the school, LEA, and State levels in the aggregate and disaggregated by each subgroup described in §200.13(b)(7)(ii).

(4) Determining AYP. A State— (i) Must disaggregate its other academic indicators for elementary and middle schools by each subgroup described in §200.13(b)(7)(ii) for purposes of determining AYP under §200.20(b)(2) (“safe harbor”) and as required under section 1111(b)(2)(C)(vii) of the Act (additional academic indicators under paragraph (c) of this section); but (ii) Need not disaggregate those indicators for determining AYP under §200.20(a)(1)(ii) (meeting the State’s annual measurable objectives).

(b) High schools—(1) Graduation rate. Consistent with paragraphs (b)(4) and (b)(5) of this section regarding reporting and determining AYP, respectively, each State must calculate a graduation rate, defined as follows, for all public high schools in the State: (i)(A) A State must calculate a “four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate,” defined as the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who form the adjusted cohort for that graduating class. (B) For those high schools that start after grade nine, the cohort must be calculated based on the earliest high school grade. (ii) The term “adjusted cohort” means the students who enter grade 9 (or the earliest high school grade) and any students who transfer into the cohort in grades 9 through 12 minus any students removed from the cohort. (A) The term “students who transfer into the cohort” means the students who enroll after the beginning of the entering cohort’s first year in high school, up to and including in grade 12. (B) To remove a student from the cohort, a school or LEA must confirm in writing that the student transferred out, emigrated to another country, or is deceased. (i) To confirm that a student transferred out, the school or LEA must have official written documentation.