



Advocating for Alternative Schools

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Alternative Charters, School Improvement & Expansion Eligibility

- **AZ AEC supports using 66% or higher as measured by *On-Track to Graduate* for expansion eligibility of charter alternative high schools.**
 - Many state interpretations of ESSA do not provide flexibility for alternative schools, as AZ does within state accountability.
 - ***Federal School Accountability***, specifically *School Improvement designation*, may ***not be appropriate in Academic Framework for alternative charter schools.***



AEC position on Cut Scores for Alt A-F

- ***AZ AEC supports the use of standard deviation model*** for Alt A – F cut scores.
- ***Important to set the distribution*** for a few years – making an “A” attainable for any school that improves
- ***Alternative schools have a unique student population*** and should be consistently considered *distinct from traditional schools.*



Questions?

