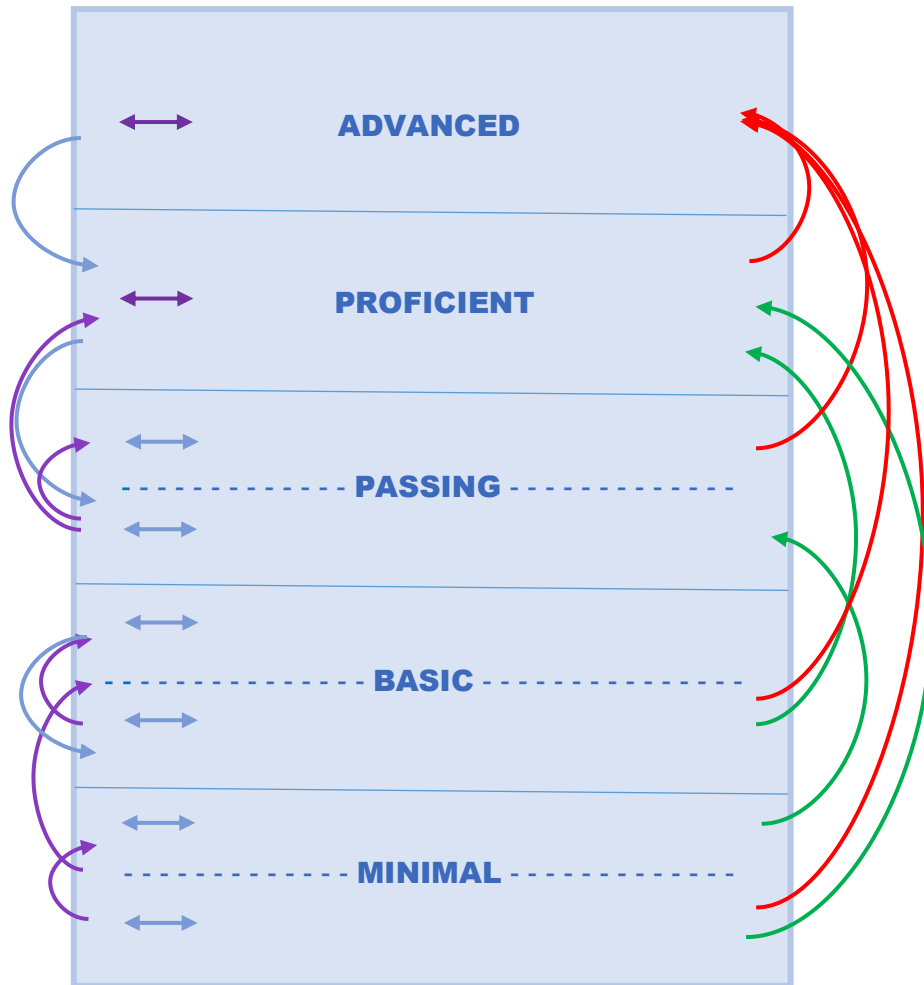


Mississippi School Accountability System Academic Growth Component



- = 0 points
- = 1 point
- = 1.2 points
- = 1.25 points

- ▶ A weight of 0 is awarded for:
 - any decrease in performance levels
 - a student who fails to advance at least a **half** level in any of the lowest three levels (Basic, Minimal, or Passing).
- ▶ A weight of 1 point is awarded for:
 - a student who stays within the same level from one year to the next in Proficient and Advanced levels only,
 - a student who moves up one full level from one year to the next,
 - a student who moves from the bottom half to the top half within one of the lowest three levels (Basic, Minimal, or Passing).
- ▶ A weight of 1.2 points is awarded for a student who moves up two or more **full** levels from one year to the next.
- ▶ A weight of 1.25 is awarded for any increase to the highest performance level (Advanced).

The academic growth score for each subject area and for the lowest 25% of students is determined by dividing the sum of the points awarded by the total number of students tested. Because extra points are awarded for significant growth and for an initial move to the “Advanced” category, it is technically possible for a school’s or a school district’s growth score in a given category to exceed 100.