



SSO Low Performing School Criteria

Information for Scholarship Recommendations for School Year 2024-2025

Students starting on GRACE in the second grade or higher must be transferring from a Georgia public school unless they qualify for an exception. One of these exceptions is a student assigned to attend a low performing Georgia public school. The Governor's Office of School Achievement (GOSA) using CCRPI scores (College and Career Ready Performance Index) determines a list of "low-performing schools" for the specific purpose of SSOs to provide scholarships by waiving the public school eligibility requirement. "Low-performing" is defined as a school's score that falls at or below the 25th percentile in its grade cluster (Elementary, Middle, and High School clusters).

1. Determine the public school the student is zoned to attend

Most school districts have searchable school zone attendance maps on their websites. Go to the map and key in the student's address (the address given on the scholarship application). The map will display the name of the school that the student is zoned to attend. Print this web page. If a district does not have a searchable zone map, have the parent contact the district and request written documentation of the school that the student would be zoned to attend. This can be a brief statement on district letterhead.

2. Determine the zoned school's 2018-2019 CCRPI Scores

A searchable spreadsheet containing scores for all Georgia public schools has been posted to the scholarship portal. The spreadsheet can be filtered by school system and individual schools. There is no longer any need to locate the scores on the Georgia Department of Education website. The spreadsheet is easier to use than the website.

3. Determine if the zoned school is low performing

Compare the zoned school's score to the standards below. GOSA defines a "low-performing school" for the purposes of eligibility for Student Scholarship Organizations as schools with the following scores (Updated December 2, 2019):

- Elementary Schools: 2018-2019 CCRPI score of 66.1 or less
- Middle Schools: 2018-2019 CCRPI score of 66.3 or less
- High Schools: 2018-2019 CCRPI score of 66.2 or less

4. Provide proof to GRACE

Attach the student's zoned map print out from step 1 (or other documentation from the school district). Write the school's CCRPI score on the proof of zoning. Attach to student's scholarship application and send it to GRACE with the FTC recommendation form.