

Louisiana Believes

To earn Top Gains status in the Fall 2013 release, what must a school have achieved?

Schools could earn Top Gains two ways:

- Through growth in the previous, 200-point system
- Through bonus points in the new, 150-point system

Steps to determining why a school did or did not achieve Top Gains:

- (1) Is the school in any level of school improvement based on NCLB subgroup failure? ([refer to Column E of the results summary](#))
 - a. If yes, the school is ineligible for Top Gains.
 - b. If no, continue.
- (2) Did the school earn a lower “old system” letter grade (from Growth SPS) as compared to its “new system” letter grade (from annual SPS) (i.e., is Column F a lower letter grade than Column G in the results summary)?
 - a. If yes, the school is ineligible for Top Gains.
 - b. If no, continue.
- (3) Determine the school’s letter grade and SPS from 2011-12 release.
 - a. If the school was an “A” in the 2011-12 release, did the SPS increase by 5 points from 2011-12 Transition SPS (column I) to 2012-13 Growth SPS (column J) OR did it earn at least 5 bonus points in the new system this year (column K)?
 - i. If yes, they earned Top Gains status.
 - ii. If no, they are ineligible.
 - b. If the school was a “B-F” or “T” in the 2011-12 release, did the SPS increase by 10 points from 2011-12 Transition SPS (column I) to 2012-13 Growth SPS (column J) OR did it earn 10 bonus points in the new system this year (column K)?
 - i. If yes, they earned Top Gains status.
 - ii. If no, they are ineligible.

In 2014, what must a school achieve in order to qualify for Top Gains?

- Schools with letter grade of A must grow 5 points including bonus points earned.
- Schools with letter grades of B through F must grow 10 points including bonus points earned.
- Schools cannot be in any level of School Improvement based on NCLB subgroup component failure to meet AYP.

Examples:

What was the 2013 Annual SPS for this school?	What was the 2013 Annual SPS Letter Grade?	How much does this school have to grow in 2014?	What must this school's 2014 Annual SPS be to make Top Gains?	What is the School's New 2014 Annual SPS with bonus points?	Did this school meet growth target?	Is this school in any level of School Improvement based on NCLB Subgroup Failure?	Top Gains Status
100	A	5	105	106	Yes	No	Yes
90	B	10	100	97	No	No	No
80	C	10	90	91	Yes	Yes	No
65	D	10	75	79	Yes	No	Yes