

Frequently Asked Questions on Principal Value-Added FAQ on P-VA

Will my value-added score be public?

No. State law includes privacy protections to prevent public disclosures of Educator Effectiveness (EE) data. Specifically, Wis. Stat. § 120.12(2m) provides, in part, that EE System evaluations “are not subject to public inspection, copying, or disclosure” under the state’s public records law.

Is P-VA the same as schoolwide value-added?

No. The principal value-added measure takes into account the number of years the principal has been in his/her current school. This is because the value-added growth from a principal’s first years in a school reflects the impact of his/her predecessor. The approach also recognizes that it takes time for principal leadership to make an impact on school achievement outcomes. Additionally, principal value-added accounts for the school’s prior value-added data as well as the principal’s value-added data from his or her prior Wisconsin school (if applicable). None of these additional measures are incorporated into schoolwide value-added calculations.

Also, schoolwide value-added differs from principal value-added in the following ways:

- Reading and math scores will ultimately be combined into one score for individual principals, whereas they are reported separately in schoolwide value-added reports.
- Principal value-added is reported on a different scale than schoolwide value-added.
- Principal value-added will account for 45% of a principal’s Student Outcomes score, while schoolwide reading value-added will account for 5% of Student Outcomes.

What happens if I went on leave – do I still get a VA score for that year?

If the leave was 30 consecutive days or 45 or more total days over the school year, the P-VA score will be marked with an asterisk, to caution that the score does not represent the full academic year.

What if I join a new school in the 2014-15 school year, during the assessment transition from WKCE to the Badger Exam (Smarter Balanced)?

If you changed schools at the start of the 2014-15 school year, you will not receive a value-added score for either the 2013-14 school year or the 2014-15 school year, as shown below:

