



Addendum to  
*2012-13 Accountability Manual*  
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**Action 1:** The calculation of the Closing the Achievement Award for elementary and middle schools under the Palmetto Gold and Silver Award Program will be amended beginning with the results of the 2013 state district and school report cards accordingly.

- 1) For each school, find the Growth index computed for each of the four historically under-achieving groups (African-Americans, Hispanic, subsidized meal, students with disabilities).
- 2) For each school, find the maximum Growth index among the Growth indices based on 30 or more students for the four historically underachieving groups.
- 3) Create a distribution of the maximum Growth indices obtained from step (2). Let the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of this distribution be the Growth index criterion.
- 4) Compare the Growth index for each HUG group to the Growth index criterion obtained in step (3). If at least one HUG group exceeds the Growth index criterion, the school receives an award for closing the achievement gap.

**Action 2:** In the calculation of Growth ratings for elementary and middle schools, a school's Growth rating will no longer be increased by one level (given a HUG) if the growth in performance of historically underachieving demographic groups of students meets or exceed a criterion on the Reading & Research assessment.

A report detailing the reason for the changes, the Revised Growth Value Table, is posted online at [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov).