

In September 2011, the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) offered each state education agency (SEA) the opportunity to request flexibility from the one-size-fits-all requirements of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)*, as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)*, on behalf of itself, its local education agencies (LEAs), and schools. SEAs wishing to qualify for *ESEA* flexibility were required to provide the Department with rigorous and comprehensive state-developed plans designed to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve instructional quality.

In order to receive *ESEA* flexibility, each SEA developed and implemented a system of differentiated recognition, accountability, and support that considered student achievement, graduation rates, and school performance and progress over time for the “all students” group, individual *ESEA* student subgroups, and any combined subgroup. A key element of the accountability systems was the identification of a state’s lowest-achieving schools and schools with the lowest graduation rates as priority schools and schools with the most significant achievement or graduation rate gaps as focus schools. Each SEA identified a number of schools equal to at least 5 percent of its Title I participating schools as priority schools and equal to at least 10 percent of its Title I participating schools as focus schools. Each SEA is ensuring that schools and students receive interventions and supports based on this comprehensive system of identification.

SEAs approved to begin implementation of *ESEA* flexibility in the 2012–13 school year (Windows 1 and 2 states) used 2010–11 data, 2011–12 data, or multiple years of data including 2011–12 data to identify schools under their systems of differentiated recognition, accountability, and support. Similarly, SEAs approved to begin implementation of *ESEA* flexibility in the 2013–14 school year (Windows 3 and 4 states) used 2011–12 data, 2012–13 data, or multiple years of data including 2012–13 data to identify schools under their accountability systems. The Department analyzed aggregate student data reported by SEAs to determine the extent to which each SEA’s identification of schools captured low subgroup achievement, low subgroup graduation rates, large subgroup achievement and graduation rate gaps, and subgroups meeting annual measurable objectives (AMOs), the 95-percent participation rate, and graduation rate targets. The data analysis that follows is a profile developed specifically for each state based on SEA-provided data for Title I participating schools. Each Window 1 and Window 2 state will have a Year 1 analysis (based on 2011–12 data) and a Year 2 analysis (based on 2012–13 data). Each Window 3 and Window 4 state will have only a Year 1 analysis (based on 2012–13 data). Please note that the analyses were impacted by varying levels of school data quality as indicated in the footnote for each exhibit and as noted in Appendix A-1 (Technical notes) and Appendix A-2 (Excluded and modified state profile analyses). Additionally, under *ESEA* flexibility, a state may have identified Title I eligible, but not Title I participating schools as priority schools. Such schools would not be included in the following analysis, which includes only Title I participating schools.

These profiles are provided to states as tools to facilitate continuous improvement of each SEA’s system of differentiated recognition, accountability, and support and to support conversations between individual SEAs and the Department. The Department intends to continue to generate data analyses of *ESEA* flexibility going forward. The current profiles are not designed to provide information on the effectiveness of individual state systems or the impact of *ESEA* flexibility on student achievement or other educational outcomes.

Section I: Overview of Accountability Under *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility*

Exhibit 1. What percentage of Title I participating elementary, middle, high, and non-standard schools were identified as priority, focus, or other?

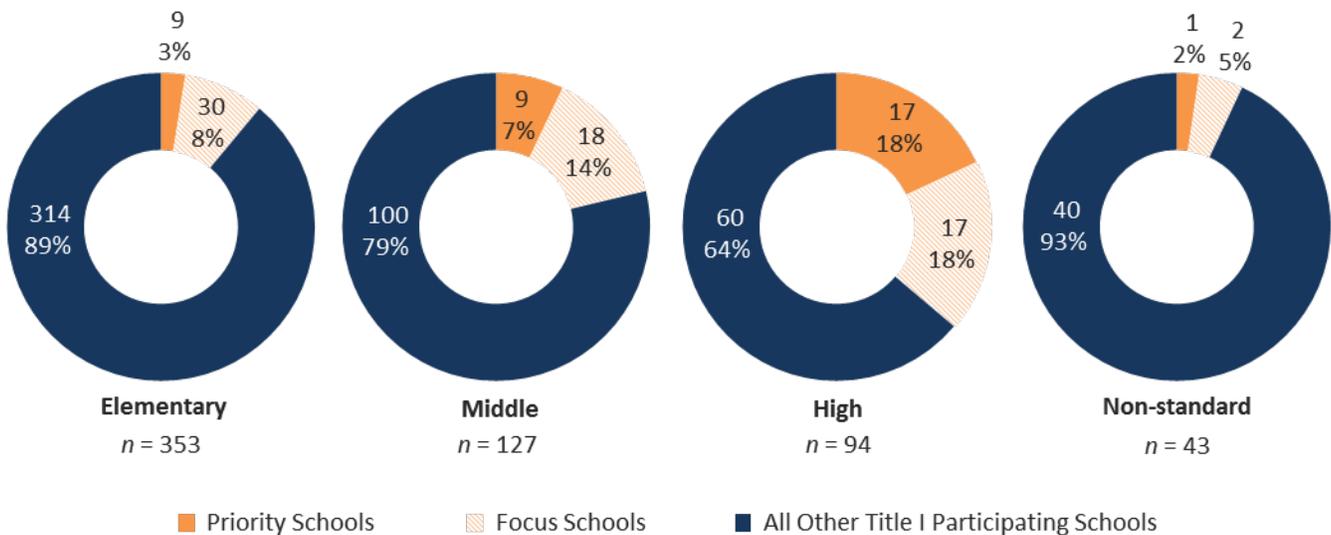


Exhibit reads: In Mississippi, among Title I participating elementary schools, 3 percent (9 schools) were identified as priority, 8 percent (30 schools) were identified as focus, and 89 percent (314 schools) were among all other Title I participating schools for 2012–13.

Source: 2011–12 ED*Facts*, Data Group (DG) 18: Grades offered; 2012–13 ED*Facts*, DG 34: Improvement status - school (n = 617 Title I participating schools)

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Exhibit 3. At the time of identification, what were the demographic characteristics of priority and focus schools compared to all other Title I participating schools?

Characteristics	Schools Identified as Priority or Focus for 2012–13	All Other Title I Participating Schools
School Level (Percentage of Schools)		
Elementary	37.9%	61.1%
Middle	26.2%	19.5%
High	33.0%	11.7%
Non-standard ^a	2.9%	7.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
School Type (Percentage of Schools)		
Regular	100.0%	100.0%
Alternative	0.0%	0.0%
Special education	0.0%	0.0%
Vocational	0.0%	0.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
Charter School Status (Percentage of Schools)	0.0%	0.0%
Urbanicity (Percentage of Schools)		
Large or middle-sized city	10.7%	14.4%
Urban fringe and large town	39.8%	29.8%
Small town and rural area	49.5%	55.8%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
Percentage of Students by Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian	<1%	<1%
Asian	<1%	<1%
Black	83.5%	50.8%
Hispanic	2.2%	2.5%
White	13.4%	45.1%
Total^b	99.5%	99.3%
Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	88.9%	77.6%
Percentage of Students With Disabilities	10.5%	11.1%
Percentage of Limited English Proficient Students^c	2.1%	1.9%
Average Total School Enrollment	504	491

Exhibit reads: In Mississippi, 38 percent of Title I participating schools identified as priority or focus for 2012–13 were elementary schools, compared to 61 percent of all other Title I participating schools.

Source: 2011–12 ED*Facts*, Data Group (DG) 18: Grades offered, DG 21: School type, DG 27: Charter status, DG 39: Membership, DG 74: Children with disabilities (IDEA) school age, DG 123: LEP students in LEP program, DG 565: Free or reduced-price lunch; 2012–13 ED*Facts*, DG 34: Improvement status - school ($n = 617$ Title I participating schools [103 Title I participating schools identified as priority or focus and 514 all other Title I participating schools])

Note: Technical notes for this exhibit appear in the Appendix.

Section II: Performance of Title I Schools on Proficiency Rates and Graduation Rates

Exhibit 7. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other high schools had graduation rates below 60 percent?



Exhibit reads: In Mississippi, among Title I participating high schools, 33 percent of priority schools (6 schools), 11 percent of focus schools (2 schools), and 6 percent of all other Title I participating schools (6 schools) had a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate below 60 percent for the “all students” group in 2011–12.

Source: 2011–12 ED*Facts*, Data Group (DG) 695: Adjusted four-year cohort graduation rates; 2012–13 ED*Facts*, DG 34: Improvement status - school (*n* = 135 Title I participating high schools [18 priority, 19 focus, and 98 all other Title I participating])

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Exhibit 8. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other high schools had graduation rate subgroup gaps that exceeded statewide subgroup gaps by one or more standard deviations?

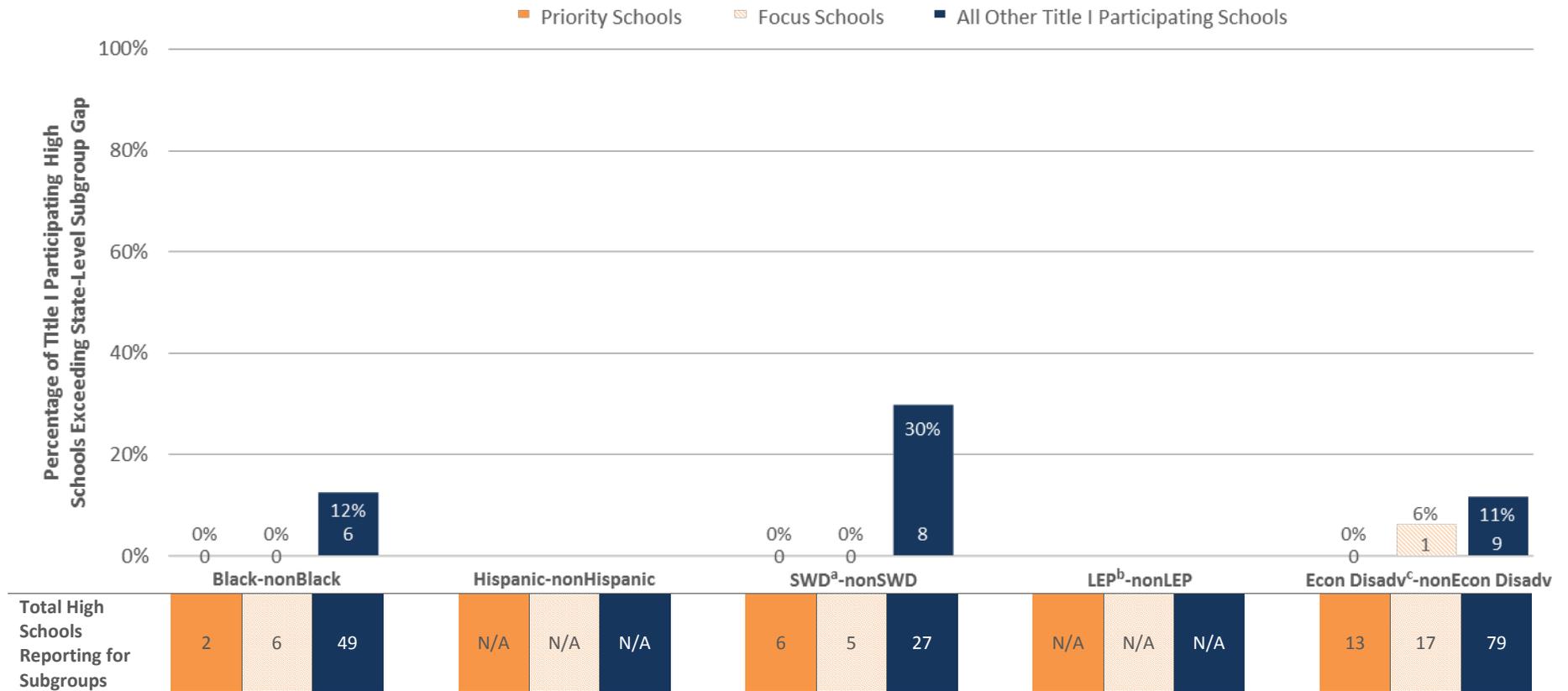


Exhibit reads: In Mississippi, among Title I participating high schools, 0 percent of priority schools (0 schools), 0 percent of focus schools (0 schools), and 12 percent of all other Title I participating schools (6 schools) had a graduation rate gap between Black and nonBlack students exceeding the state-level gap by one or more standard deviations in 2011–12.

Source: 2011–12 ED*Facts*, Data Group (DG) 695: Adjusted four-year cohort graduation rates; 2012–13 ED*Facts*, DG 34: Improvement status - school (*n* = 115 Title I participating high schools [13 priority, 18 focus, and 84 all other Title I participating])

Note: States had flexibility regarding which subgroups and subgroup gaps they would target in identifying focus schools.

Technical notes for this exhibit appear in the Appendix.

Section III: Performance of Title I Schools on ESEA Accountability Targets

Exhibit 9. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other schools had met the state-defined annual measurable objective (AMO) targets in reading?

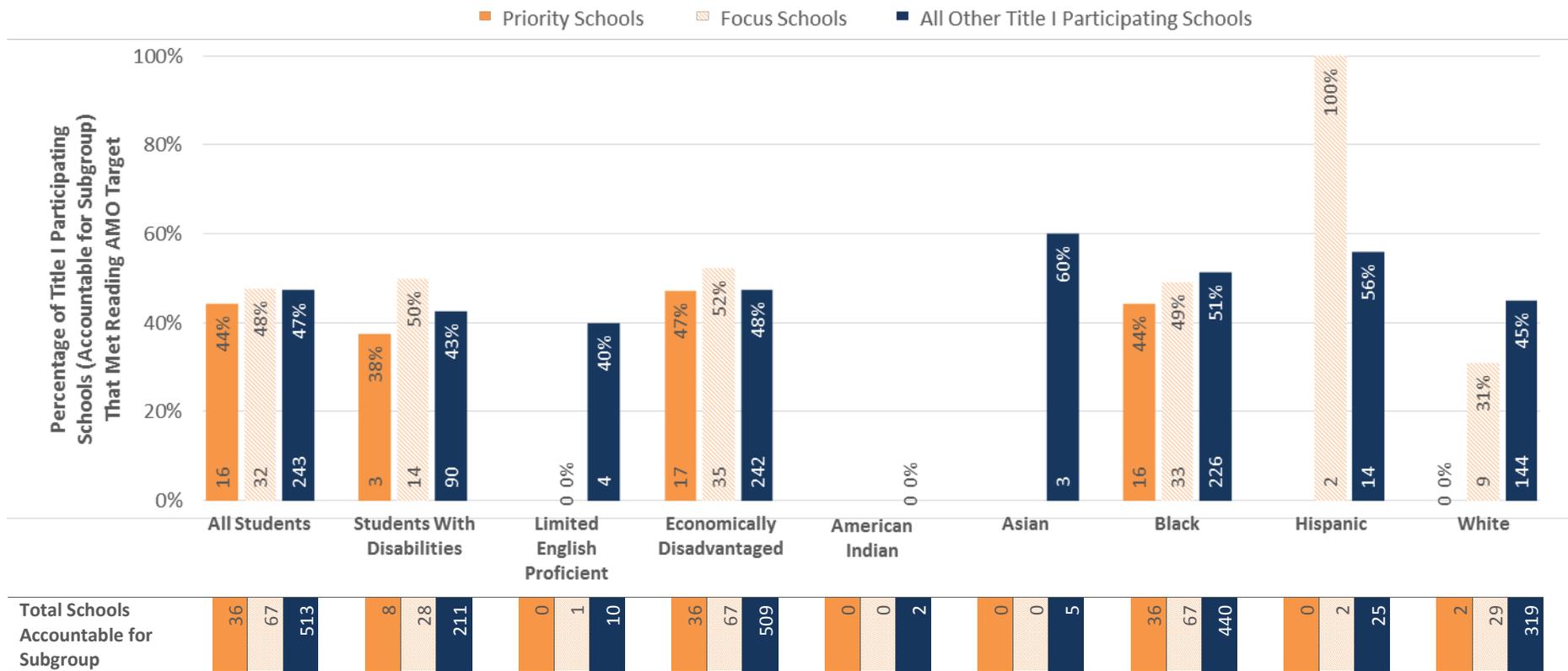


Exhibit reads: In Mississippi, among Title I participating schools, 44 percent of priority schools (16 schools), 48 percent of focus schools (32 schools), and 47 percent of all other Title I participating schools (243 schools) met the state-defined reading AMO target for the “all students” group in 2011–12.

Source: 2011–12 ED*Facts*, Data Group (DG) 552: AMO reading/ELA status; 2012–13 ED*Facts*, DG 34: Improvement status - school (*n* = 616 Title I participating schools [36 priority, 67 focus, and 513 all other Title I participating])

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Exhibit 10. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other schools had met the 95 percent participation rate requirement in reading?

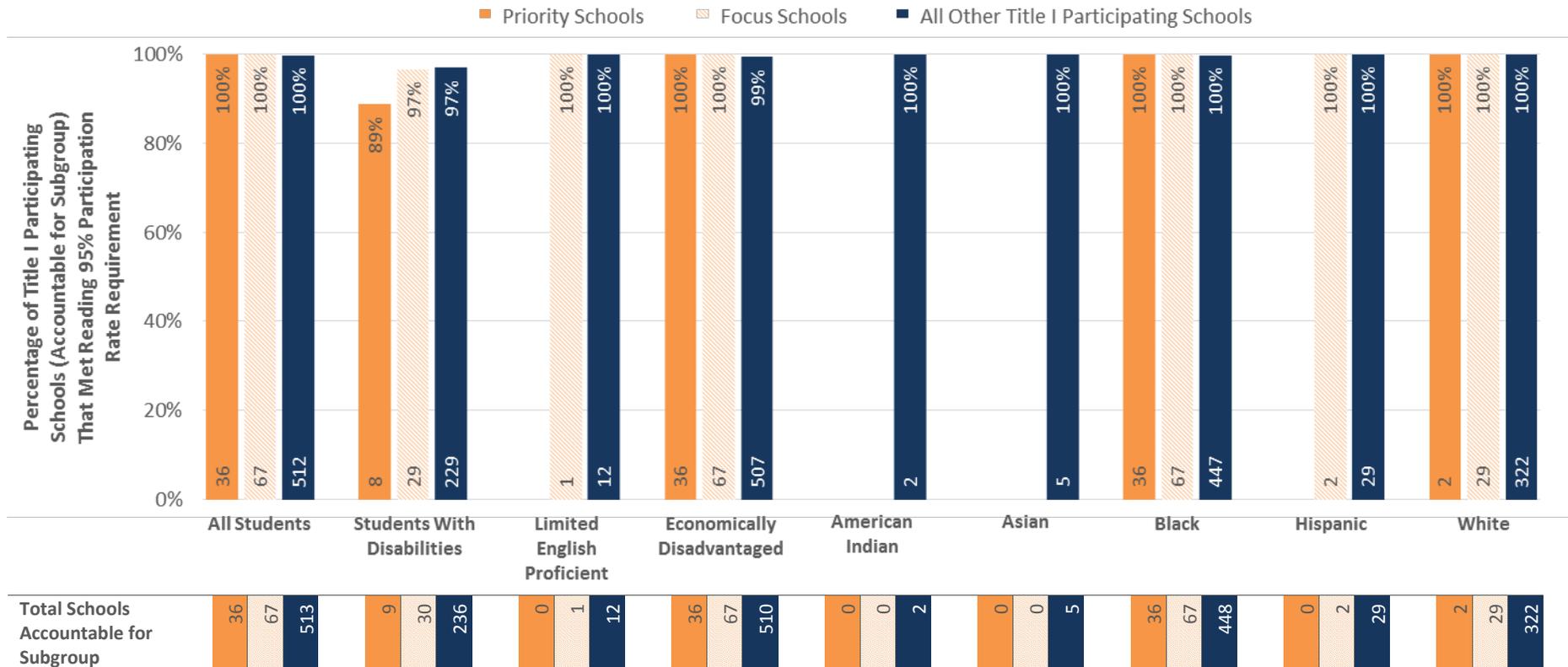


Exhibit reads: In Mississippi, among Title I participating schools, 100 percent of priority schools (36 schools), 100 percent of focus schools (67 schools), and 100 percent of all other Title I participating schools (512 schools) met the reading 95 percent participation rate requirement for the “all students” group in 2011–12.

Source: 2011–12 ED*Facts*, Data Group (DG) 553: Reading/ELA participation status; 2012–13 ED*Facts*, DG 34: Improvement status - school (n = 616 Title I participating schools [36 priority, 67 focus, and 513 all other Title I participating])

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Exhibit 11. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other schools had met the state-defined annual measurable objective (AMO) targets in mathematics?



Exhibit reads: In Mississippi, among Title I participating schools, 42 percent of priority schools (15 schools), 58 percent of focus schools (39 schools), and 55 percent of all other Title I participating schools (281 schools) met the state-defined mathematics AMO target for the “all students” group in 2011–12.

Source: 2011–12 ED*FACTS*, Data Group (DG) 554: AMO mathematics status; 2012–13 ED*FACTS*, DG 34: Improvement status - school (*n* = 616 Title I participating schools [36 priority, 67 focus, and 513 all other Title I participating])

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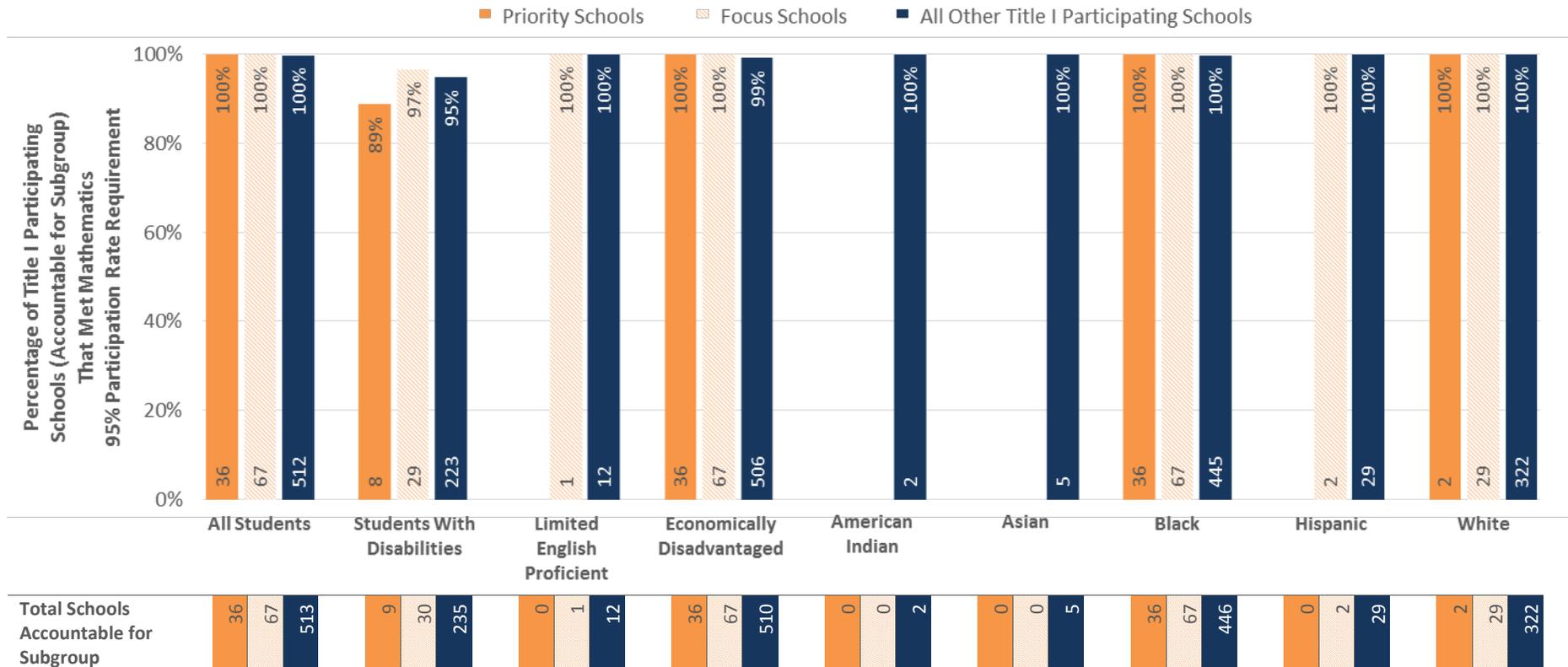


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Source: 2011–12 ED*Facts*, Data Group (DG) 555: Mathematics participation status; 2012–13 ED*Facts*, DG 34: Improvement status - school (*n* = 616 Title I participating schools [36 priority, 67 focus, and 513 all other Title I participating])

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Exhibit 13. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other high schools had met the state-defined four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate targets?

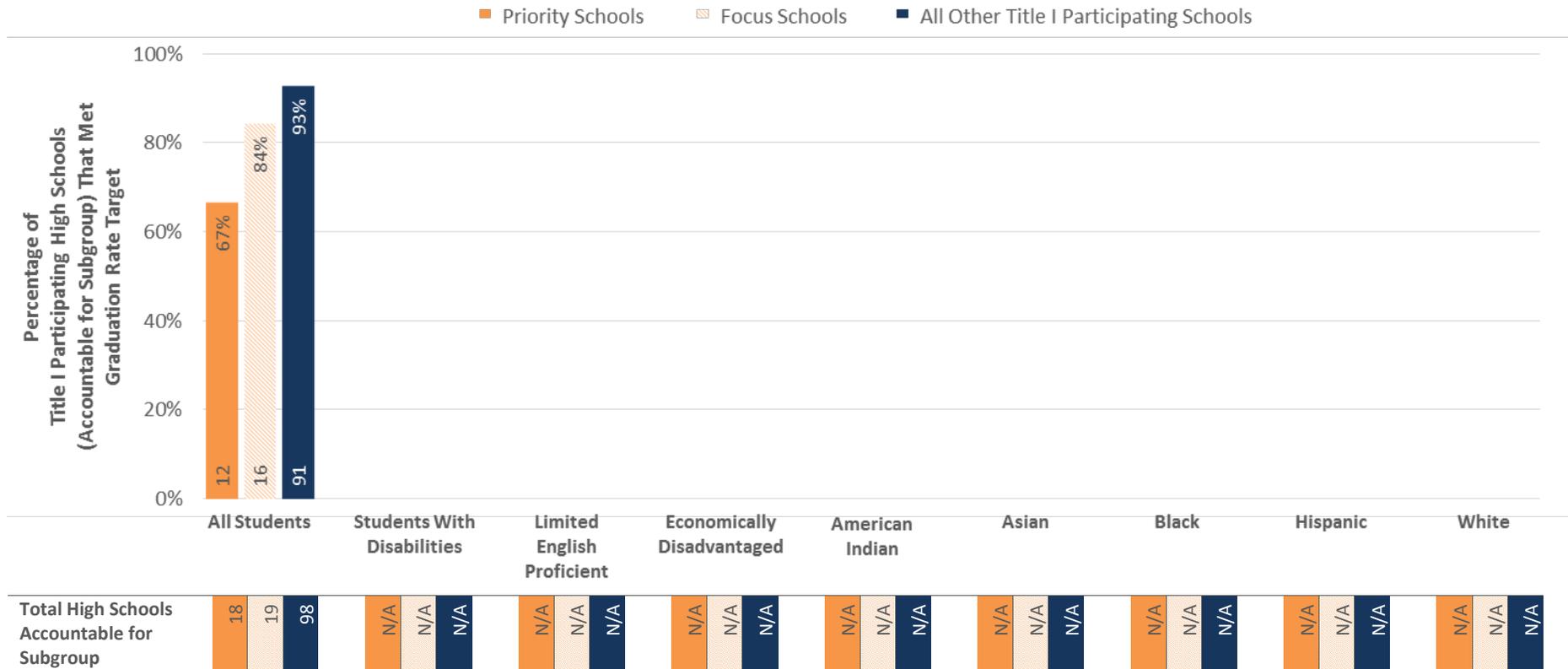


Exhibit reads: In Mississippi, among Title I participating high schools, 67 percent of priority schools (12 schools), 84 percent of focus schools (16 schools), and 93 percent of all other Title I participating schools (91 schools) met the state-defined four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate target for the “all students” group in 2011–12.

Source: 2011–12 ED*Facts*, Data Group (DG) 557: High school graduation rate indicator; 2012–13 ED*Facts*, DG 34: Improvement status - school (n = 135 Title I participating high schools [18 priority, 19 focus, and 98 all other Title I participating])

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Exhibit A-1. Technical notes

Exhibit Number	Technical Notes
<p>Exhibit 1. What percentage of Title I participating elementary, middle, high, and non-standard schools were identified as priority, focus, or other?</p>	<p>School levels were defined using <i>Common Core of Data (CCD)</i> codes, which were calculated from the school's corresponding low/high grade span: elementary (low grade: PK–3, high grade: PK–8); middle (low grade: 4–7, high grade: 4–9); high (low grade: 7–12, high grade: 12 only); and non-standard (grade configurations not falling within the elementary, middle, or high categories).</p> <p>This exhibit is restricted to elementary, middle, and high schools that provided a Title I Targeted Assistance (TAS) program or Title I Schoolwide program (SWP) in 2011–12 and reported improvement status for 2012–13. This exhibit excludes 183 schools, including 20 Title I participating schools missing data for accountability status for 2012–13 and 163 schools reporting “not applicable” for 2011–12 Title I participation status.</p>
<p>Exhibit 3. At the time of identification, what were the demographic characteristics of priority and focus schools compared to all other Title I participating schools?</p>	<p>^a Non-standard schools are schools with a grade configuration not falling within the elementary (low grade: PK–3, high grade: PK–8); middle (low grade: 4–7, high grade: 4–9); or high school (low grade: 7–12, high grade: 12 only) categories.</p> <p>^b Percentage of students by race/ethnicity may not sum to 100 percent due to exclusion of students reported as “two or more races.” <i>Asian</i> includes Pacific Islander, <i>American Indian</i> includes Alaska Native, <i>Black</i> includes African American, and <i>Hispanic</i> includes Latino.</p> <p>^c This category represents the percentage of limited English proficient (LEP) students participating in LEP programs among schools with LEP program—not all Title I participating—because the number of currently operational schools with missing data for the count of LEP students exceeded 15 percent.</p> <p>Student characteristics are weighted in proportion to the number of students enrolled in a school. This exhibit is restricted to schools that provided a Title I Targeted Assistance (TAS) program or Title I Schoolwide program (SWP) in 2011–12 and reported improvement status for 2012–13. Due to missing data in <i>EDFacts</i>, analysis samples vary across school characteristics, ranging from 102 to 103 for Title I participating schools identified as priority or focus. Data on 2011–12 school characteristics were not missing for all other Title I participating schools. This exhibit also excludes 183 schools, including 20 Title I participating schools missing data for accountability status for 2012–13 and 163 schools reporting “not applicable” for 2011–12 Title I participation status.</p>
<p>Exhibit 7. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other high schools had graduation rates below 60 percent?</p>	<p>The regulatory four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate is the number of students who graduate in four years with a regular high school diploma divided by the number of students who formed the cohort for that graduating class. The four-year adjusted cohort rate also includes students who graduate in less than four years. Under <i>ESEA</i> flexibility, states identified all Title I schools with graduation rates below 60 percent over a number of years.</p> <p>No Title I participating high school met the analysis threshold (i.e., 10 students in graduation cohort) for the limited English proficient, American Indian, or Asian subgroups. In addition, no priority or other Title I participating high school met the analysis threshold for the Hispanic subgroup.</p> <p>This exhibit includes 8 Title I participating high schools (4 priority, 2 focus, 2 all other Title I participating) where 2008–09 grade 9 enrollment was 10 percent to 99 percent greater or less than the number of students in the 2011–12 graduation cohort.</p> <p>This exhibit is restricted to schools serving grade 12 that provided a Title I Targeted Assistance (TAS) program or Title I Schoolwide program (SWP) in 2011–12 and reported improvement status for 2012–13. This exhibit may include non-standard schools (i.e., schools with grade configurations not falling within the elementary, middle, or high categories) serving grade 12. This exhibit excludes 162 high schools, including 1 Title I participating high school (0 priority, 0 focus, 1 all other Title I participating) missing graduation rate data for every student subgroup; 4 Title I participating high schools missing data for accountability status for 2012–13; and 157 high schools reporting “not applicable” for 2011–12 Title I participation status.</p>

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<p>Exhibit 8. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other high schools had graduation rate subgroup gaps that exceeded statewide subgroup gaps by one or more standard deviations?</p>	<p>^a SWD = Students with disabilities ^b LEP = Limited English proficient ^c Econ Disadv = Economically disadvantaged</p> <p>The number of Title I participating high schools were too few (i.e., 9 or fewer) to calculate the statewide gap between Hispanic and nonHispanic students and LEP and nonLEP students.</p> <p>This exhibit includes 8 Title I participating high schools (4 priority, 2 focus, 2 all other Title I participating) where 2008–09 grade 9 enrollment was 10 percent to 99 percent greater or less than the number of students in the 2011–12 graduation cohort.</p> <p>This exhibit is restricted to schools serving grade 12 that provided a Title I Targeted Assistance (TAS) program or Title I Schoolwide program (SWP) in 2011–12 and reported improvement status for 2012–13. This exhibit may include non-standard schools (i.e., schools with grade configurations not falling within the elementary, middle, or high categories) serving grade 12. This exhibit excludes 182 high schools, including 19 Title I participating high schools (5 priority, 1 focus, 13 all other Title I participating) below the minimum analysis threshold (10 students in the graduation cohort) for each student subgroup; 2 Title I participating high schools (0 priority, 0 focus, 2 all other Title I participating) missing graduation rate data for every student subgroup; 4 Title I participating high schools missing data for accountability status for 2012–13; and 157 high schools reporting “not applicable” for 2011–12 Title I participation status.</p>
<p>Exhibit 9. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other schools had met the state-defined annual measurable objective (AMO) targets in reading?</p>	<p>No focus school was reportedly accountable for the American Indian or Asian subgroups; and no priority school was reportedly accountable for the limited English proficient, American Indian, Asian, or Hispanic subgroups.</p> <p>Percentages greater than or equal to 99.5 percent are rounded to 100 percent.</p> <p>This exhibit is restricted to schools that provided a Title I Targeted Assistance (TAS) program or Title I Schoolwide program (SWP) in 2011–12 and reported improvement status for 2012–13. This exhibit excludes 184 schools, including 1 Title I participating school (0 priority, 0 focus, 1 all other Title I participating) missing data for all reading AMO targets; 20 Title I participating schools missing data for accountability status for 2012–13; and 163 schools reporting “not applicable” for 2011–12 Title I participation status.</p>
<p>Exhibit 10. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other schools had met the 95 percent participation rate requirement in reading?</p>	<p>No focus school was reportedly accountable for the American Indian or Asian subgroups; and no priority school was reportedly accountable for the limited English proficient, American Indian, Asian, or Hispanic subgroups.</p> <p>Percentages greater than or equal to 99.5 percent are rounded to 100 percent.</p> <p>This exhibit is restricted to schools that provided a Title I Targeted Assistance (TAS) program or Title I Schoolwide program (SWP) in 2011–12 and reported improvement status for 2012–13. This exhibit excludes 184 schools, including 1 Title I participating school (0 priority, 0 focus, 1 all other Title I participating) reportedly not accountable for any reading participation target; 20 Title I participating schools missing data for accountability status for 2012–13; and 163 schools reporting “not applicable” for 2011–12 Title I participation status.</p>
<p>Exhibit 11. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other schools had met the state-defined annual measurable objective (AMO) targets in mathematics?</p>	<p>No focus school was reportedly accountable for the American Indian or Asian subgroups; and no priority school was reportedly accountable for the limited English proficient, American Indian, Asian, or Hispanic subgroups.</p> <p>Percentages greater than or equal to 99.5 percent are rounded to 100 percent.</p> <p>This exhibit is restricted to schools that provided a Title I Targeted Assistance (TAS) program or Title I Schoolwide program (SWP) in 2011–12 and reported improvement status for 2012–13. This exhibit excludes 184 schools, including 1 Title I participating school (0 priority, 0 focus, 1 all other Title I participating) missing data for all mathematics AMO targets; 20 Title I participating schools missing data for accountability status for 2012–13; and 163 schools reporting “not applicable” for 2011–12 Title I participation status.</p>

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<p>Exhibit 13. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other high schools had met the state-defined four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate targets?</p>	<p>All subgroups were excluded because Mississippi did not provide adjusted four-year cohort graduation rate target data for any subgroup. Percentages greater than or equal to 99.5 percent are rounded to 100 percent. This exhibit is restricted to schools serving grade 12 that provided a Title I Targeted Assistance (TAS) program or Title I Schoolwide program (SWP) in 2011–12 and reported improvement status for 2012–13. This exhibit may include non-standard schools (i.e., schools with grade configurations not falling within the elementary, middle, or high categories) serving grade 12. This exhibit excludes 162 high schools, including 1 Title I participating high school (0 priority, 0 focus, 1 all other Title I participating) missing data for all graduation rate targets; 4 Title I participating high schools missing data for accountability status for 2012–13; and 157 high schools reporting “not applicable” for 2011–12 Title I participation status.</p>

Exhibit A-2. Excluded and modified state profile analyses

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Exhibit 2. What percentage of Title I participating schools in each state-defined status were identified as priority, focus, or other?	Excluded because Mississippi did not provide data on the state-defined accountability designation system.
Exhibit 4. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other schools had student subgroups performing in the bottom 5th percentile (for that subgroup) in reading?	Excluded because Mississippi did not report proficiency data for full academic year students.
Exhibit 5. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other schools had student subgroups performing in the bottom 5th percentile (for that subgroup) in mathematics?	Excluded because Mississippi did not report proficiency data for full academic year students.
Exhibit 6. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other schools had student subgroup gaps that exceeded statewide subgroup gaps by one or more standard deviations?	Excluded because Mississippi did not report proficiency data for full academic year students.
Exhibit 8. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other high schools had graduation rate subgroup gaps that exceeded statewide subgroup gaps by one or more standard deviations?	Modified to exclude the Hispanic-nonHispanic and LEP-nonLEP subgroup gap analyses because the number of Title I participating high schools reported for Mississippi was too low (i.e., nine or fewer) to calculate the statewide gap between Hispanic and nonHispanic students and LEP and nonLEP students.
Exhibit 13. At the time of identification, what percentage of Title I participating priority, focus, and other high schools had met the state-defined four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate targets?	Modified to exclude all subgroups because Mississippi did not provide adjusted four-year cohort graduation rate target data for any subgroup.