

Bonus Points  
101:  
Overview

**School Grading  
2017 Bonus Points**

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# Overview

- What are Bonus Points?
- How are Bonus Points calculated?
- What are the changes for this year?
- What is the submission window for this year?
- Where can I receive further information and support on Bonus Points?
- Question and Answer

### Simplification

In response to feedback from schools and districts, PED made changes in the 2015-2016 school year that substantially reduced the time and resources spent on bonus points at the school level.

### Clarity

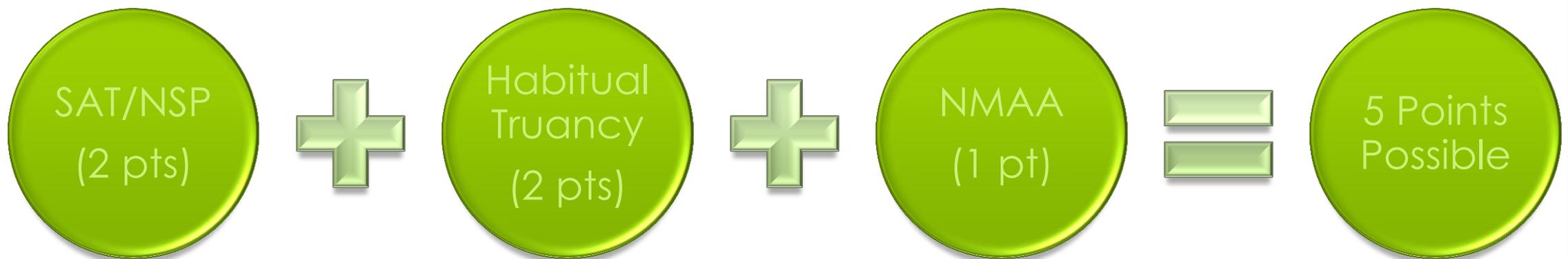
In addition, scoring has been simplified to improve clarity and transparency around bonus points received.

### Focus

Bonus points submissions have been refocused onto supports for students that are already in place in schools in order to recognize schools that are meaningfully making use of these supports for students.

## What are Bonus Points?

- Bonus Points are:
- Extra points awarded that may help increase a school's overall school grade;
- A way for schools to highlight efforts to provide meaningful support and resources to students and involve parents in that process; and
- A reflection of school-based efforts to engage with students.



## Student Assistance Teams

- **Schools not serving grades 8-12 should complete the SAT portion of the Bonus Points submission form**
  - **Three narrative elements:** Descriptions of the SAT process at the school, how parents are involved in the process, and some examples of specific strategies and resources provided to students through an intervention plan.
  - **Intervention Plan Examples:** Three representative examples of SAT Intervention Plans (**NOT THE ENTIRE SAT FILE**) with all student identifying information redacted.

## Quick Tips

Submit Early—Exceptions will not be accepted, so don't wait until that last minute.

Be Clear and Concise—Each narrative element has a 150-250 word limit

Be Descriptive—Tell us explicitly about your school's SAT process, how and when parents are involved in the process, and cite examples of resources and strategies that result.

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), all submissions must have all personally identifiable student information redacted.

### Next Step Plans

- **Schools serving grades 8-12 should complete the NSP portion of the Bonus Points submission form**
  - **Three narrative elements:** Descriptions of the NSP process at the school, how parents are involved in the process, and some examples of specific strategies and resources provided to students that support them in reaching the goals in their NSP.
  - **Next Step Plan Examples:** Three representative examples of Next Step Plans with all student identifying information redacted.

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## Habitual Truancy

- As in previous years, points will be awarded for year-to-year reductions in habitual truancy
- All data is taken from STARS reports, so no submission specifically for Bonus Points is required from schools

| Reducing Habitual Truancy |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| .16 point                 | Greater than 0% to 2% decrease |
| .33 point                 | 2% to 5% decrease              |
| .66 point                 | 5 to 10% decrease              |
| 1 point                   | 10% > decrease                 |



- **NMAA**

- Reports from NMAA regarding approved activities available at secondary schools will be used to award an additional bonus point
- Scoring adjustments will be used for elementary and charter schools for which the NMAA element is not applicable
- All data is taken from NMAA reports, so no submission to PED is required from schools

- Unlike in years prior to 2015-2016, Bonus Points for SAT/NSP submissions will not be fractionally scored against a rubric, but binary:
  - A complete submission that demonstrates meaningful use of SATs/NSPs in the school will receive the two available bonus points
  - A missing or incomplete submission will not receive bonus points



# Sample Calculation

## John Doe Middle (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

1. Next Step Plans submission: 2 points
2. Year-to-year habitual truancy reduction of 6% and top 10% in habitual truancy relative to similar schools: 1.66 points
3. NMAA: 1 point
4. **Total:** 4.66 points

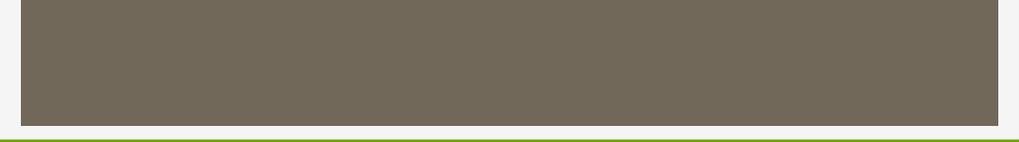
### Possible Points:

SAT/NSP (2 points) + Habitual Truancy (2 points) + NMAA (1 point\*) = 5 total possible points

\*Scoring adjustments are done for elementary and charter schools for which NMAA element does not apply.

# Submission Window

- Submission window opens February 1, 2017
- Submission window closes March 31, 2017 at 5:00 pm
- Submissions prior to or after the window will not be accepted



Need further assistance?

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Enjoy!

Thank you and  
happy submitting!