

**Quality Education Investment Act  
Alternative Application Program Schools  
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**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Q: Does the school's 2008-2009 growth become the new base from which to measure 2009-2010 growth?**

*Answer: No. The school's annual growth targets were established during the base (2007-2008) school year. As long as the school meets or exceeds the annual growth targets set in base year, the school will fulfill the QEIA Alternative Application Program requirements.*

**Q: What happens if a school exceeds its Year 6 target sometime prior to 2013-2014?**

*Answer: The Education Code (EC 52022.755) states that a school/district may, with assistance from their County and regional center, revise their plan to focus on instructional improvement and improving instructional conditions. A school/district that wants to increase the rigor of their Goals/targets should contact their County QEIA lead.*

**Q: What happens if a school earns a rating of '0'?**

*Answer: If, during the 2009-2010 monitoring, an Alternative Application Program School receives a "0" rating for the second, consecutive year for the same goal, the school will be deemed to have Not Substantially Met the QEIA requirements, regardless of the ratings received for the other Goals. A rating of "0" is only an automatic trigger for Not Substantially Met if the zero rating is for the same goal area for two consecutive years.*

*If a school receives a "0" rating in an area for the first time in 2009-2010, the school can still meet the QEIA requirements by earning an overall rating of 70% or higher.*

**Q: When does the school's API score become an additional monitoring factor?**

*Answer: QEIA schools will receive a three-year average API growth score during the 2010-2011 monitoring cycle. Alternative Application Program Schools must exceed their 3-year average API growth target beginning in 2010-2011 and exceed their annual API growth target in all subsequent school years.*

*Beginning in the fifth year of program participation (2011-2012), if an Alternative Application Program School fails to exceed their annual API growth target, the school will continue to receive QEIA funding, but will be subject to a state review, assistance and timeline requirements as outlined for HPSGP schools in EC 52055.650.*

**Q: What are the rating requirements for 2010-2011?**

*Answer: Beginning in 2010-2011, schools must meet or exceed the annual targets they established in 2006-2007. There are no interim or partial ratings for 2010-2011 or any subsequent years.*