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## GRADUATION RATE

In December 2008, the U.S. Department of Education issued guidance to provide States, **local educational agencies** (LEAs) and schools with information regarding implementation of the requirements in the Title I graduation rate regulations (October 29, 2008.) In preparation for implementation, the Arkansas Department of Education's Division of Public School Accountability presented "Every Student Counts: Arkansas Graduation Rate Calculations, Policies and Reporting via compressed interactive video [\(CIV\) March 29, 2011](#). Below are highlights of the primary requirements for LEAs in the guidance issued. LEAs are required to maintain written documentation on any student who transfers out of the original cohort into a private school, home school, out of state school, emigrates to another country or dies. Additional information regarding the guidance can be found [here](#).

Under 34 C.F.R. §200.19(b)(4)(ii)(A), a State and its LEAs must report the four-year graduation rate on [report cards](#) providing assessment results for the 2010-2011 school year. The State must include the four-year graduation rate in AYP determinations beginning with determinations based on the assessments administered in the 2011-2012 school year (34 C.F.R. §200.19(b)(5)(i).

From the beginning of the 9th grade, students who are entering that

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