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SNAPSHOT

State requires objective student growth as part of teacher evaluation system.	YES
Teachers must meet student growth goals or be rated at least effective on the student growth portion to be rated overall effective.	NO

CHARACTERISTICS

Weight of student growth:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Must be “significant.”■ Until the Board adopts rules defining one or more student growth measures, a student growth measure will not be required as part of the annual overall rating.
Role of student growth in overall score:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Annual overall rating lacks requirement of student growth element.

CITATIONS

2016 Handbook: http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/HR_and_Educator_Effectiveness/TESS/Handbook%20Jan%202016.pdf

STATE RESPONSE

Arkansas recognized the factual accuracy of this analysis. The state added that because the plan for inclusion of student growth has not been finalized, there will be changes to the rating logic for teacher performance. However, documentation is not currently available to indicate the proposed changes.