



The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Developing a new accountability system for the District of Columbia



Overview of ESSA



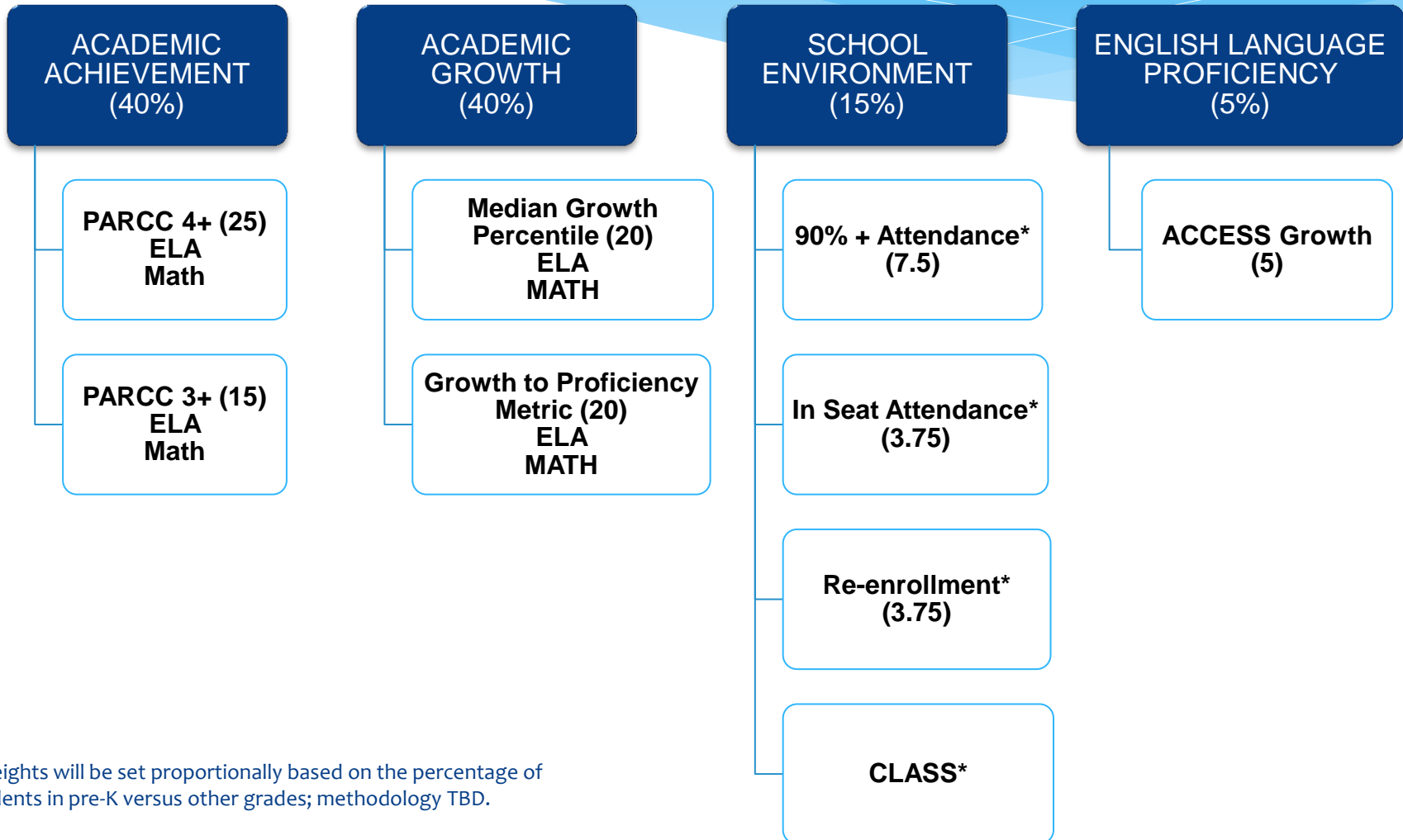
The District is developing a new accountability system for all public schools (DCPS and Public charters) under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We want a system that meets the needs of ALL District students. We need your help!

What is ESSA?

- ESSA is a new, bipartisan K-12 federal education law signed by President Obama in 2015. It starts in the 2017-18 school year.
- ESSA rolls back the federal government's input into education policy, enabling states and local education agencies (LEA's) to call the shots.
- We must still give students standardized tests and report the results, including for specific groups like English Language Learners.
- School accountability systems must now include a non-academic measure, like reenrollment, in addition to statistics like test scores and graduation rates
- ESSA requires states to intervene and support their lowest-performing schools



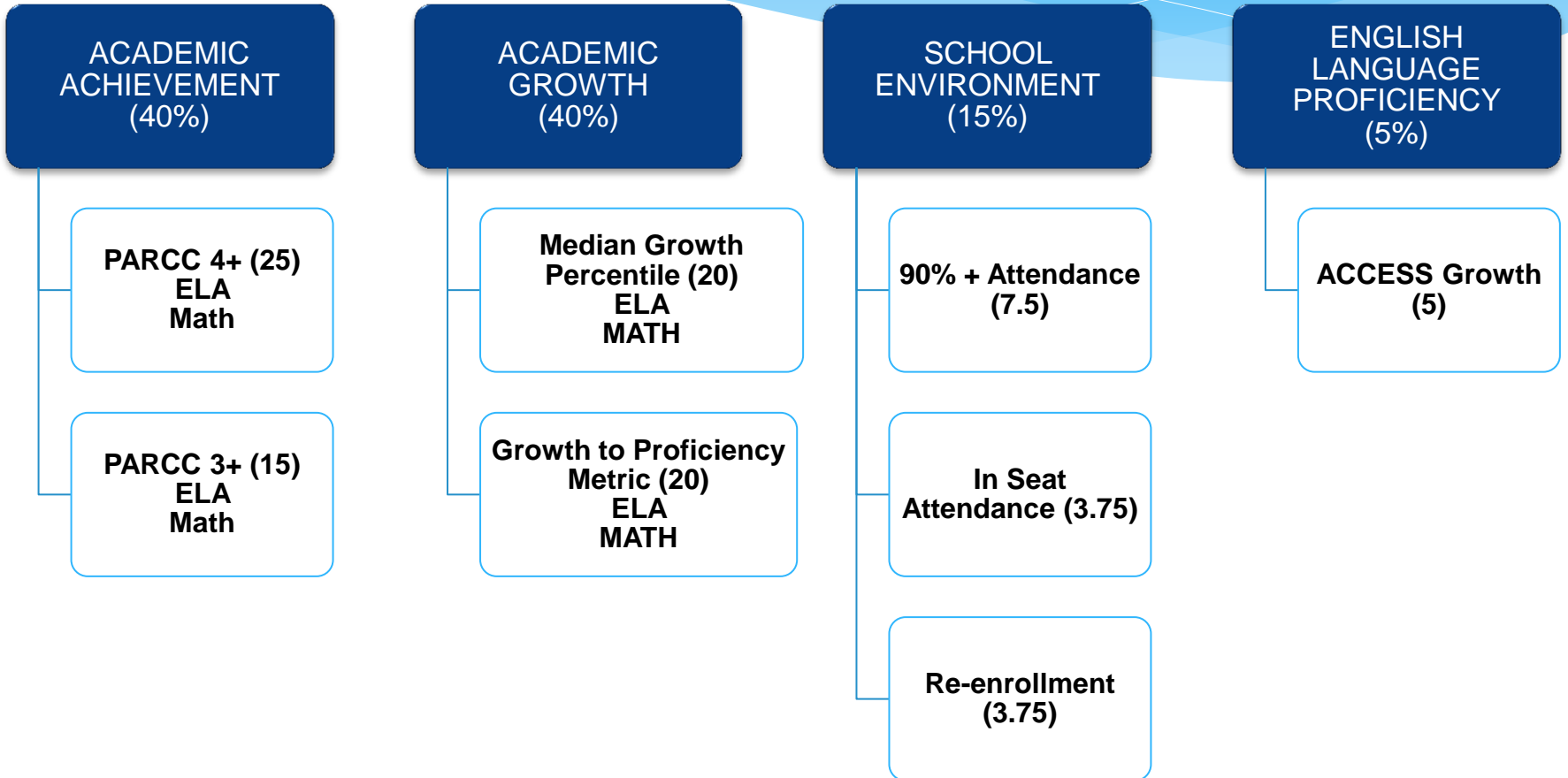
STAR – Elementary Schools and K-8 with Pre-K



*Weights will be set proportionally based on the percentage of students in pre-K versus other grades; methodology TBD.

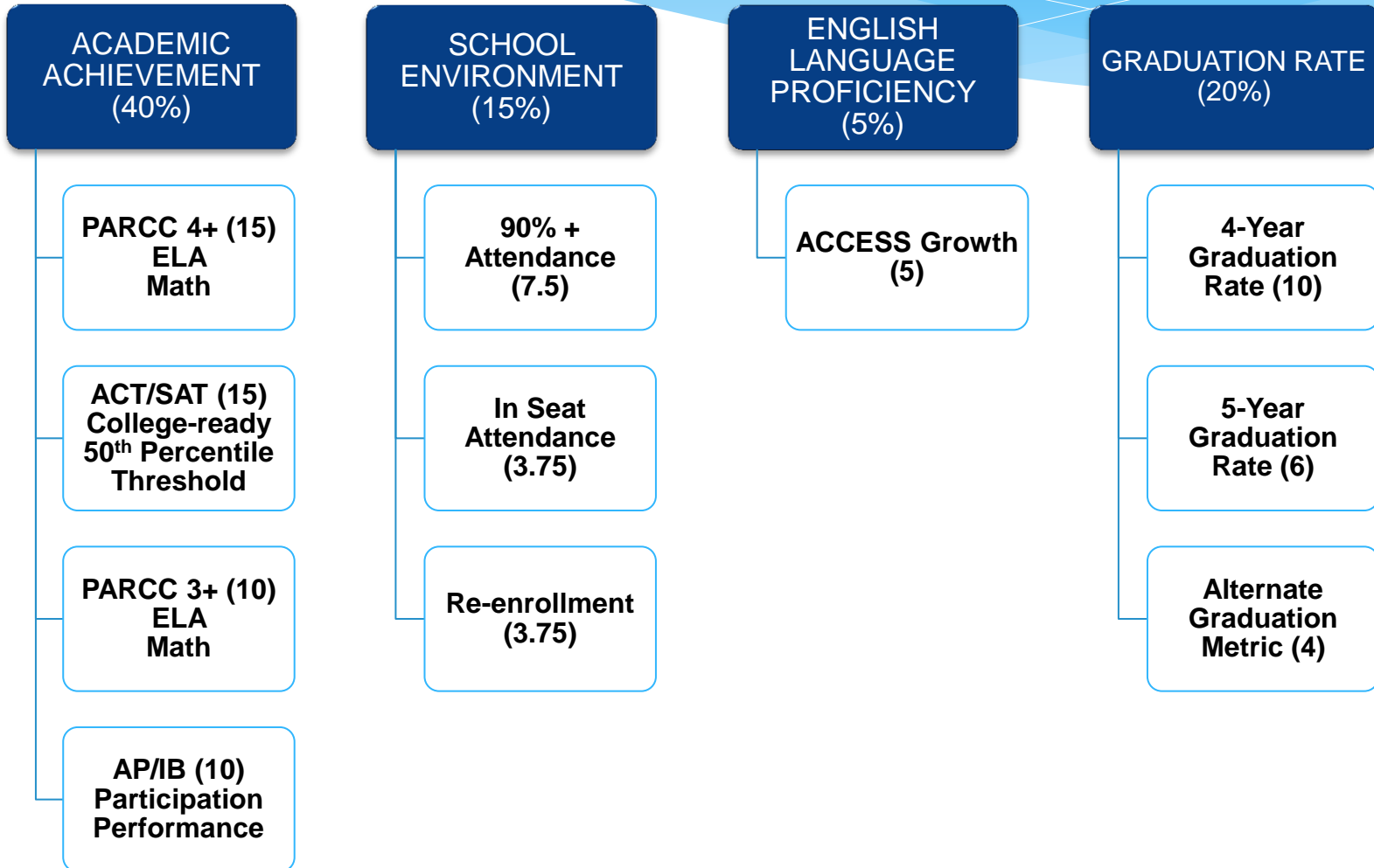


STAR – Middle School





STAR – High School





Key Questions for Discussion



Where Are We Now

- Our current system overwhelmingly emphasizes test results.
- There is no consistent way to compare public schools between traditional and charter sectors.



Where We Want to Be

- A system that parents, students and teachers can use across the District.
- Supports and interventions to help schools make progress.



We Need to Hear From You

- How much should this system weight academic outcomes and other sources of information on school performance?
- How much should this system should weight growth vs. proficiency?
- What other indicator related to school environment is important to you e.g. attendance, reenrollment, school discipline?