

To assure objectivity and independent analysis, the National Council on Crime and Delinquency's Children's Research Center and the Charter School Review Committee's policy has always been to use only the actual data for each school year to assess the current status of each school. As everyone can observe by observing the trend data contained in the appendix of each school's annual report, there are annual fluctuations in student data and the data from one student, or any group of students, cannot be used to predict the performance of another student or student group. The protocol for scorecard completion is to use the data that are available at the time of each annual report for any cohort of students that has a cohort of ten or more students. To suggest that the CRC guess at likely improvement would not be objective and could result in false (invalid) positive or false negative end results.