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**Alternative Education
Campus Registration
Changes for 2005 Due
by September 10, 2004**

August 18, 2004

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Alternative Education Campus Registration for 2005 Accountability Ratings

This letter contains information about alternative education accountability procedures that will be used in 2005, the new alternative education accountability web address, and the alternative education campus registration process.

2005 Alternative Education Accountability Procedures

Even though alternative education accountability procedures for use in 2005 have not yet been developed, they will be based on the following guidelines:

- The alternative education accountability indicators must be based on data submitted through standard data submission processes [such as Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS)] or by the state test contractor.
- Educators desire to develop measures appropriate for alternative education programs offered on alternative education campuses (AECs) rather than just setting lower standards on the same measures used in the regular accountability ratings. However, these measures must be cognizant that all students are required to demonstrate proficiency on the state assessment in order to graduate.
- There is considerable interest in using the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) growth measure (TGI) when evaluating AECs. The TGI and other improvement indicators will be evaluated for use as base indicators for AEC ratings.
- Additional alternative education accountability criteria will be researched. For example, AECs may be required to have a minimum percentage of at-risk students (based on PEIMS data reported on the current year 110 Student Enrollment Records) to be evaluated under alternative education accountability procedures. New criteria could result in registered AECs being removed from the list for 2005.

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The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requests that AECs continue to register for alternative education accountability for the following reasons:

- Registered AECs will continue to report campus of accountability information on their PEIMS data submissions. No changes will be made to data reporting procedures. However, AECs that do not register will encounter fatal errors on their PEIMS data submissions if they try to report campus of accountability information.
- Registered AECs are required to attribute assessment results for students enrolled for fewer than 85 cumulative days to their locally assigned regular campuses. No changes will be made to local test administration procedures for students in alternative education settings. However, AECs that do not register cannot attribute test results to another campus.

A New Alternative Education Accountability Website

TEA has created a new website for alternative education accountability; the address is <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/aea/>. This site contains information necessary to complete the 2004-05 AEC registration process: the list of campuses that were registered for alternative education accountability in 2003-04, an example of an acceptable rescission letter, and the 2004-05 Alternative Education Accountability Campus Registration Form.

The 2004-05 Alternative Education Accountability Registration Process

AECs that registered in 2003-04 will be registered automatically in 2004-05. Campus registration changes made will not affect the 2003-04 list of registered alternative education campuses.

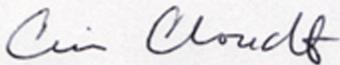
- For AECs that are already on the list and wish to remain registered, no action is necessary.
- For AECs that do not wish to continue alternative education accountability registration, a rescission letter is required. TEA must receive written notification on official district letterhead and signed by the superintendent stating that registration has been rescinded for 2004-05. The letter must include the county-district-campus number for each AEC. Send this letter to Nancy Rinehart in the Division of Performance Reporting at TEA. A sample rescission letter is at the web address above.
- For each AEC that is not already on the list but wishes to be evaluated under 2004-05 alternative education accountability procedures, a 2004-05 Alternative Education Accountability Campus Registration Form is required. A registration form must be completed for each campus requesting alternative education accountability registration. The registration form must include the county-district-campus number for each AEC. The registration form must be completed, signed by the superintendent, and sent to Nancy Rinehart in the Division of Performance Reporting at TEA. The registration form is at the web address above.

The 2004-05 alternative education accountability campus registration process closes on September 10, 2004. Fast-approaching PEIMS deadlines require the quick registration process. **Rescission letters and registration forms received after September 10, 2004 will not be processed.** Faxes will be accepted at (512) 475-3584; however, the original rescission letter(s) and/or campus registration form(s) signed by the superintendent must still be sent to:

Texas Education Agency
Division of Performance Reporting
Attention: Nancy Rinehart
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701-1494.

If you have any questions regarding the procedure for registration of campuses for 2004-05 alternative education accountability, please email or call the Division of Performance Reporting at perf rept@tea.state.tx.us or (512) 463-9704.

Sincerely,



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