

Deadline for Registration:
November 28, 2007

November 7, 2007

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Reopening of the AEA Campus Registration Process for 2008 Accountability Ratings

On September 7, 2007, an email message was sent to district superintendents notifying you that the 2008 alternative education accountability (AEA) campus registration process would be open September 10-21, 2007. Unfortunately, due to a technical problem with the network, the September 7 email was not delivered until September 27, after the 2008 AEA campus registration process had closed. While the email text was also posted on the TEA Correspondence website on September 10, the delayed delivery of the September 7 email warrants reopening the 2008 AEA campus registration process. **As a result, the 2007-08 AEA campus registration process will be reopened November 12-28, 2007.**

Please do not resubmit 2008 AEA registration or rescission forms submitted during the September 10-21 registration process. Forms submitted September 10-21 remain in effect for the 2007-08 school year. You may verify the approval status of your registration and rescission requests using the **AEA Campus Registration Status Report** on the Texas Education Agency Secure Environment (TEASE) Accountability website as described below.

Detailed information on the AEA procedures for 2008 and beyond, attribution of alternative education campus (AEC) data, the 2007-08 AEA campus registration process, how to access the TEASE website, the 2008 Registered AEC List, and the at-risk registration criterion follows.

AEA Procedures for 2008 and Beyond

AEA procedures are described in *Part 2* of the *Accountability Manual* and are based on the following guidelines:

- The AEA indicators are based on data submitted through standard data submission processes such as the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) or by the state testing contractor.
- The AEA measures are appropriate for alternative education programs offered on AECs rather than just setting lower standards on the same measures used in the standard accountability procedures. Furthermore, these measures ensure that all students demonstrate proficiency on the state assessments in order to graduate.
- The Texas Growth Index (TGI) and other improvement indicators are evaluated as base indicators for AEA ratings.
- An at-risk registration criterion restricts use of AEA procedures to AECs that serve large populations of at-risk students and enhances at-risk data quality.

Attribution of AEC Data

For 2008 accountability, campus accountability subset determines attribution of AEC test data. The 2006-07 leaver data are attributed to the last campus of attendance.

The 2007-08 AEA Campus Registration Process

As with the September 10-21 registration process, the November 12-28 AEA campus registration process will be conducted online using electronic forms on the TEASE Accountability website.

- AECs that were rated under 2007 AEA procedures will be re-registered automatically in 2008 subject to the 75% at-risk registration criterion. Please check the **2008 Pre-Registered AEC List** to verify that your AECs are pre-registered. The 2008 Pre-Registered AEC List is available on the TEA website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/aea/>.
- An electronic **2007-08 AEA Campus Rescission Form** is required for each AEC that does not wish to continue AEA registration. AECs removed from the pre-registered AEC list will be evaluated and rated under 2008 standard accountability procedures.
- An electronic **2007-08 AEA Campus Registration Form** is required for each AEC that is not already on the pre-registered AEC list but wishes to be evaluated under 2008 AEA procedures. An electronic registration form must be submitted for each AEC requesting AEA registration.
- Monitor the approval status of your registration and/or rescission requests using the **AEA Campus Registration Status Report** on the TEASE Accountability website.

The reopened 2007-08 AEA campus registration process closes at 5:00 p.m. C.D.T. on November 28, 2007. Registration and rescission forms cannot be submitted and will not be processed after this time.

How to Access the TEASE Accountability Site

- Log onto TEASE at: <https://seguin.tea.state.tx.us/apps/logon.asp>
If you already have access to TEASE Accountability, you will see ACCT – Accountability listed as one of the web applications available. Launching ACCT – Accountability will take you into the site. From there, you will be able to click on the AEA tab where the 2008 AEA Campus Registration is available.
- Superintendents who do not have TEASE Accountability access must request a TEASE username and password by accessing the TEASE Applications Reference Page at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/webappaccess/AppRef.htm>
Also go to this reference page if you have forgotten or wish to reset your TEASE password. If you are unsure if you already have TEASE access and/or if you have forgotten your TEASE username, email TEA Security at security@tea.state.tx.us.

2008 Registered AEC List

The 2008 Registered AEC List will be posted on the AEA website in December. This list will contain AECs on the 2008 Pre-Registered AEC List in addition to AECs that registered for evaluation under 2008 AEA procedures during the September 10-21 and November 12-28 registration processes. AECs for which a rescission form was submitted during the September 10-21 or November 12-28 registration process will be removed from the 2008 Registered AEC List. Each AEC listed on the 2008 Registered AEC List must meet the at-risk registration criterion described below.

At-Risk Registration Criterion

In order to be evaluated under 2008 AEA procedures, each registered AEC must have at least 75% at-risk students enrolled on the AEC verified through 2007-08 PEIMS fall enrollment data. **AECs that do not meet the 75% at-risk registration criterion will be removed from the 2008 registered AEC list.** You will be notified in April 2008 if you do not meet the AEA at-risk registration criterion and, as a result, will be evaluated under standard accountability procedures in 2008.

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the September 7 email delivery delay. Reopening the 2008 AEA campus registration process for a period of time commensurate to the September 10-21 registration process ensures an AEA registration process administered fairly and consistently for all campuses.

If you have any questions regarding the 2008 AEA campus registration process, please contact the Division of Performance Reporting by telephone at (512) 463-9704 or by e-mail at Performance.Reporting@tea.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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