

Deadline for 2009 AEA Registration: September 24, 2008

September 9, 2008

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: Alternative Education Accountability Campus Registration for 2009 Accountability Ratings

The 2008-09 alternative education accountability (AEA) campus registration process is open September 10–24, 2008. Detailed information on the AEA procedures for 2009 and beyond, the 2008-09 AEA campus registration process, how to access the Texas Education Agency Secure Environment (TEASE) website, the 2009 Registered Alternative Education Campus (AEC) List, and the at-risk registration criterion follows.

AEA Procedures for 2009 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.

The 2008-09 AEA Campus Registration Process

The AEA campus registration process will be conducted online using electronic forms on the TEASE Accountability website.

- AECs that were rated under 2008 AEA procedures will be re-registered automatically in 2009 subject to the 75% at-risk registration criterion. Please check the **2009 Pre-Registered AEC List** to verify that your AECs are pre-registered. The 2009 Pre-Registered AEC List is available on the TEA website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/aea/>.
- An electronic **2008-09 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 2009 standard accountability procedures.
- An electronic **2008-09 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 2009 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 2008-09 AEA campus registration process closes at 1:00 p.m. C.D.T. on September 24, 2008. Rescissions and new registrations 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 2009 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.

2009 Registered AEC List

The 2009 Registered AEC List will be posted on the AEA website in October. This list will contain AECs on the 2009 Pre-Registered AEC List in addition to AECs that registered for evaluation under 2009 AEA procedures during the September 10-24 registration process. AECs for which a rescission form was submitted during the September 10-24 registration process will be removed from the 2009 Registered AEC List. Each AEC listed on the 2009 Registered AEC List must meet the at-risk registration criterion described below.

At-Risk Registration Criterion

In order to be evaluated under 2009 AEA procedures, each registered AEC must have at least 75% at-risk students enrolled on the AEC verified through 2008-09 PEIMS fall enrollment data. **AECs that do not meet the 75% at-risk registration criterion will be removed from the 2009 Registered AEC List.** You will be notified in April 2009 if you do not meet the AEA at-risk registration criterion and, as a result, will be evaluated under standard accountability procedures in 2009.

If you have any questions regarding the process for registration of campuses for evaluation under 2009 AEA procedures, please contact the Division of Performance Reporting by telephone at (512) 463-9704 or e-mail at Performance.Reporting@tea.state.tx.us.

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