

Additional Links Explaining Changes in Assessments and Federal Regulations

TEA correspondence related to AYP

October 3, 2003 – Guidance to educators in making appropriate assessment decisions for the 2003-04 school year under the new federal accountability requirements in NCLB

See <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/taa/depcom100303.html>

March 4, 2004 – Update on NCLB Testing Requirements for Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students

See http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/letters/2003/040304_nclb.pdf

March 18, 2004 – Additional Information about Spring 2004 Assessment of LEP Students

See http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/resources/letters/2003/040318_lep.pdf

U. S. Department of Education New Regulations/Policy Guidance

Cap on students counted as proficient on alternative assessments:

Referred to as “the 1% Cap”

Issued by the USDE on December 9, 2003

See USDE Final Regulations on <http://www.ed.gov/news/fedregister/finrule/2003-4.html>, second link “Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged”

Targeted Assistance School option:

Letter of guidance issued to the North Carolina chief school officer on February 4, 2004

See <http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/stateletters/asaypnc.html?exp=0>

English Language Learners:

Policy change announced February 19, 2004

See press release on <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2004/02/02192004.html>

Average participation rate across years and significant medical emergencies:

Policy change announced March 29, 2004

See press release on <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2004/03/03292004.html>