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

Newly released non-regulatory guidance regarding alternate assessments based on alternate achievement standards:


Alternatives and flexibility for states regarding students with disabilities tested on alternative assessments:

Press Release issued May 10, 2005

Press Release issued April 7, 2005

USDE Policy Guidance Issued prior to 2005

Cap on students counted as proficient on alternative assessments:

Referred to as "the 1% Cap"
Issued by the USDE on December 9, 2003

Targeted Assistance School option:

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

English Language Learners:

Policy change announced February 19, 2004

Average participation rate across years and significant medical emergencies:

Policy change announced March 29, 2004