

## *SUMMARY OF FINAL 2008 AYP RESULTS*

### *DISTRICTS*

Of the **1,229** districts, **824** districts (**67%**) met AYP and **391** districts (**32%**) did not meet AYP in 2008.

Of the **391** districts that missed AYP, **389** were Title I school districts that will potentially be subject to school improvement requirements in the 2008-09 school year.

For more information about the school improvement requirements for these districts, go to the NCLB Coordination website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/>.

For the State of Texas, the state was evaluated on each of the 29 possible AYP measures. Texas met AYP across all 29 measures in 2008.

### *CAMPUSES*

---

Of the **8,195** campuses, **6,170** campuses (**75%**) met AYP and **1,109** campuses (**14%**) did not meet AYP in 2008. A total of **916** campuses (**11%**) were not evaluated in 2008 since they were either new campuses, pre-Kindergarten through Kindergarten only campuses, or other types of campuses, such as Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), and alternative education campuses (AECs) with short term placements where students are not served for the full academic year at the AEC.

Of the **1,109** campuses that did not meet AYP, **754** campuses (**68%**) are Title I campuses that will potentially be subject to school improvement requirements in the 2008-09 school year. The remaining **355** campuses (**32%**) are non-Title I campuses that are not subject to the school improvement requirements.

For more information about the school improvement requirements for these campuses, go to the NCLB Coordination website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/>.

### *COMPARISON OF 2007 AND 2008 AYP RESULTS*

---

Of the **1,222** districts evaluated in 2007, **1,069** districts (**87%**) met AYP and **136** districts (**11%**) did not meet AYP in 2007. In 2008, **824** districts (**67%**) met AYP which is a decrease of **245** districts from 2007.

Of the **8,061** campuses evaluated in 2007, **6,447** campuses (**80%**) met AYP and **664** campuses (**8%**) were identified as Missed AYP. In 2008, **6,170** campuses (**75%**) met AYP, a decrease of **277** campuses from 2007.

Changes to the assessments options available for students served by special education programs for the 2007–2008 school year may explain the lower number of district and campuses meeting AYP. Tests offered to special education students include the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), TAKS (Accommodated), TAKS-Modified (TAKS-M), or TAKS-Alternate (TAKS-Alt). The Reading/ELA performance standard remained at 60% in 2007 and 2008, and the Mathematics performance standard was 50% in both years.

## SUMMARY OF 2008 AYP APPEALS AND EXCEPTIONS

The 2008 AYP Guide provided districts with instructions for submitting appeals and guidelines describing the circumstances under which AYP data may be appealed and the documentation required in support of the appeal. The 2008 AYP Appeals Guidelines were developed to ensure that the appeals process was applied fairly and consistently for each appeal and reflected state policy related to federal accountability determinations. The guidelines include a brief rationale for granting or denying the most common appeal reasons.

In addition, exceptions to the federal 1% cap were considered in 2008. The 2008 AYP Guide provided districts with instructions for submitting applications for exception to the 1% cap. Similar to the appeals process, the 2008 AYP Exceptions section of the AYP Guide was developed to ensure that the exceptions process was applied fairly and consistently for each application and reflected state policy related to federal accountability determinations.

The 2008 AYP Appeals process was reviewed by an external panel that was familiar with the state and federal accountability systems and served as the external review panel for the 2008 state accountability appeals. The process was recommended by the review panel as reconciling state and federal assessment and accountability policies fairly without compromising the high standards that are the foundation of both systems.

The 2008 AYP Guide and the AYP Appeals Guidelines can be found online at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ayp/2008/index.html>

### *APPEALS AND EXCEPTIONS*

---

A total of **127** school district appeal requests were received after the 2008 preliminary release, **33 (26%)** of which requested exceptions to the 1% federal cap. There were **274** total appeal requests to either the district or campus statuses, **94 (34%)** were granted.

Of the total requests for appeals and exceptions, **78** were appeals for districts results, and **196** for campuses.

Of the 78 district appeals, **8 (10%)** resulted in the district's AYP status changing from *Missed AYP* to *Meets AYP*. Of the 196 appeals for campuses, **48 (24%)** resulted in campus' AYP status changing from *Missed AYP* to *Meets AYP*.