

## Section VI: AYP Products Available Online Through TEASE Accountability

Since 2004, AYP products have become available to districts through the Accountability application on the Texas Education Agency Secure Environment (TEASE), a secure website available only to authorized users. The gateway to TEASE is located at:

<https://seguin.tea.state.tx.us/apps/logon.asp>

### AYP Release Schedule

In an effort to provide information to school districts via the TEASE site prior to the public release of 2010 preliminary data tables, districts will have access to confidential preview preliminary data tables that will not include AYP status labels or the Title I School Improvement (SIP) Requirement status label. On July 29th, districts will receive confidential preliminary data tables prior to the public release from the secure TEASE Accountability website. The following week, on August 4th, the preliminary data tables on TEASE will be updated to include AYP status labels and Title I SIP Requirement status label information. The public, masked preliminary data tables will be available on the TEA public website on the following day, August 5th.

A summary of the AYP release schedule is shown below.

#### **July 29, 2010**

#### **Release of 2010 Preliminary Data Tables to Campuses and Districts**

Confidential unmasked preliminary data tables available on the TEASE site *will not include the preliminary AYP and SIP status labels*. The AYP Explanation Table will be included on these tables.

#### **Appeals Begin**

#### **Open Other Circumstance Exceptions Application**

**August 4, 2010**

**Update 2010 Preliminary Data Tables on TEASE**

Confidential unmasked preliminary data tables are updated on the (TEASE) site to *include the preliminary AYP and SIP status labels.*

**August 5, 2010**

**Public Release of 2010 Preliminary Data Tables**

Masked preliminary data tables released electronically on the TEA public website *will include preliminary AYP and SIP status labels.*

## **Gaining Access to TEASE Accountability**

District staff need a TEASE account to access any TEASE application. Even if approved district personnel currently have access to other TEASE applications (e.g., PEIMS Edit+, eGrants, etc.), they may still need to have the Accountability application added to their TEASE accounts. If a staff member needs to have access to TEASE Accountability, he or she will need to complete the following form:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/forms/tease/accountability.htm>

The form must be printed out, completed, signed by the district superintendent (or equivalent for charter operators), and mailed or faxed to the contact information provided on the form. Depending on the volume of requests, it may take several days for a request to be processed (if the request was mailed, several more days should be allowed for the request to reach TEA). Staff will receive an email from TEA Security once Accountability has been added to their TEASE accounts.

## **Multiple District Access**

Certain charter operators and Education Service Center (ESC) staff have the unique situation of requiring access to multiple school district or charter operator information. To gain access to TEASE Accountability information, multiple district users must obtain the superintendent's signature for each district to which the user requests access (one request form per district/charter). Multiple district login accounts do not provide access to all districts in any single ESC region, only to those districts that have granted access for the user. In some cases, it may not be possible to obtain a single login with access to multiple school district or charter information since some applications do not support multiple-district users. For information about new single or multiple-district TEASE user accounts, please contact the Division of Performance Reporting at (512) 463-9704.

## **AYP Products Available**

The Accountability application is designed to contain products produced for districts by several divisions in the Department of Assessment, Accountability, and Data Quality. Once TEASE has been logged into and the Accountability application selected from the list of authorized applications, the main Accountability index screen will appear. This screen lists the types of products available from the site and may also contain recent announcements to districts related to Accountability. Therefore, users must always be sure to read the main screen carefully for updated announcements and products.

**IMPORTANT: Data on the TEASE Accountability application are NOT masked to protect individual student confidentiality. Remember that individual student information is confidential under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This site is intended for DISTRICT USE OR ESC USE WITH DISTRICT PERMISSION ONLY. The Texas Education Agency also takes the position that the tables at this stage of the accountability review process constitute “agency audit workpapers” and are not required to be disclosed under the Texas Public Information Act.**

From the main page, find the link to Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Results and click the link to access online AYP products. Products available will change depending on whether a preliminary release or a final release has occurred. During the preliminary release of AYP information, districts will be able to access the following products:

- unmasked preliminary data tables
- appeal request form
- application for other circumstance exception
- student listings including AYP calculation status information

During the final release of AYP information, districts will be able to access final unmasked data tables and unofficial copies of appeal decision notification letters. Student listings will also remain available during the final release.

## **AYP Appeal Form and Registration System**

Superintendents must prepare a written letter requesting an appeal of their Preliminary AYP status addressed to the commissioner of education which includes their district’s AYP Appeal Request Form. AYP appeal letters must be submitted to TEA by the AYP appeal deadline of September 3, 2010. **To maintain a fair appeals process, no late appeals will be considered.** Beginning in 2010, the AYP Appeal Request Form is automated. District staff may enter the 2010 Appeal Request Form and Registration System to access the AYP Appeal Form, enter the AYP indicators they wish to appeal, and print the form. Entering and printing the AYP

Appeal Form will automatically register the district's intention to appeal. After initial registration, district staff may access the AYP Appeal Request Form and Registration System to monitor the receipt of registration and documentation for their appeal.

Once the appeal is registered, districts have until September 3, 2010 to submit their written appeal to TEA. The AYP Appeal Request Form and Registration System will be available during the AYP appeal window, from July 29 through 5:00 p.m. CDT on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. After that time, the AYP Appeal website will be accessible for district staff to monitor the status of their appeal and receive other information updates. AYP Appeal Forms and registration of a district's intent to appeal are not available through TEASE after the appeal deadline.

Appeals will be evaluated based upon the required documentation submitted in the mailed packet as described in Section V: Appeals. All appeals must meet the requirements outlined in Section V.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Superintendents who do not have TEASE access must request access in order to register, print the Appeal Form, or monitor the status of their appeal. Please see the section above, *Gaining Access to TEASE Accountability*, for more information.

### **Most Recent AYP Products Only**

The TEASE Accountability site is not intended to be an archive of AYP information. The site is intended to contain only the most recent AYP products released. When final AYP products are released, that year's preliminary products will be taken off the site. Also, when a new year's preliminary AYP products are released, the prior year's final products will be taken off the site.

## Section VII: Future Considerations

Although the Texas Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook (Texas AYP Workbook) provides the basic framework for determining Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for Texas public school districts and campuses, the system is expected to change. Since its inception, the federal accountability system is designed to increase in rigor as districts and campuses are held to higher standards over time.

### **Transition Plan for STAAR Tests**

Texas state statute governing the Texas statewide student assessment program mandate significant changes to student tests beginning in the 2011-2012 school year. The new testing program will be called the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR. STAAR will replace the TAKS test, which is the criterion-referenced assessment program that has been in place since 2003. The STAAR will include twelve end-of-course assessments and the new grade 3-8 assessments.

As Texas implements the STAAR tests and phases-out of TAKS, the AYP calculations must be modified to include new grade 3-8 and end-of-course assessments. A proposed transition plan for 2010-2011 through 2013-2014 will be submitted in the 2011 Texas AYP Workbook amendments. The transition plan will also include long term goals and targets for the graduation rate calculations.

### **Graduation Rate Requirements**

#### **2011 AYP**

Federal regulations require States to set annual graduation rate targets that reflect continuous and substantial improvement from the prior year toward meeting or exceeding the State's graduation rate goal. The 2010 AYP Workbook amendment requests were limited to the AYP calculations for the 2009-2010 school year. Annual targets for four-year and five-year longitudinal graduation rate will be submitted for approval to the USDE in the 2011 AYP Workbook as part of the proposed transition plan through 2013-2014.

#### **2012 AYP**

Federal regulations finalized in October 2008 require that 2012 AYP include the evaluation of disaggregated cohort graduation rate data to determine AYP. Currently, the 2010 AYP graduation rate calculations used to determine the Other Indicator results for secondary schools evaluate the All Student group only. In order to meet the Graduation Rate indicator for 2012 AYP, all seven student groups will be evaluated for graduation rate.

## Use of Growth Measures in AYP Calculations

AYP will continue to include the Texas Projection Measure (TPM) for evaluating AYP results. For 2011 AYP calculations, reading and mathematics TAKS–M results in grades 3 and 6 will include a TPM outcome. Additional grades will include TAKS–M growth projections in spring of 2012 when all TAKS–M test results include TPM outcomes.

## Science

Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, all states are required to assess students in science during the school year. However, the statute does not require that the science assessment results be used for calculating AYP. Any such changes would require an amendment to the statute which could possibly occur after final reauthorization of ESEA.

## Performance Standards

The AYP definition is based on expectations for growth in student achievement. The standards must increase over time until they reach 100 percent in 2013–14. For the first six years, the standards were held constant for two years at a time, with increases occurring at the end of the second year. The first increase took place in 2004–05. The second increase occurred 2006–07. Exhibit 10 shows the standards for 2002–03 to 2013–14. Note that beginning in 2008–09 the standards increase annually. Standards are rounded to the nearest whole percent.

### Exhibit 10: AYP Performance Standards

	AYP Performance Standards for 2002-03 – 2013-14								
School Year	2002-03 2003-04	2004-05 2005-06	2006-07 2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Reading/English Language Arts	47%	53%	60%	67%	73%	80%	87%	93%	100%
Mathematics	33%	42%	50%	58%	67%	75%	83%	92%	100%