

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON 2012 CAMPUS PRIORITY LIST:  
SUMMARY OF THE 1% AND 2% FEDERAL CAPS IN AYP**

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NCLB regulations limit the number of proficient assessment results from alternate assessments that may be counted as proficient in AYP calculations. This is referred to as the AYP federal cap limit.

The federal cap is applied to three types of assessment results: the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Modified test which is administered to students in Grades 3-8 and students enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade for the first time during the 2011-12 academic year and the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills-Modified (TAKS-M) which is administered to students in Grades 10-12 and repeating 9<sup>th</sup> Graders. Modified assessment student passing results for students in Grades 3-8 and 10 are subject to a 2% cap. The STAAR Alternate student passing results are subject to a 1% cap. The limit is calculated for each school district and applies to passing results on STAAR Modified, TAKS-M, and STAAR Alternate only.

**2% Cap on STAAR Modified and TAKS-M**

For districts that exceed the 2% cap, the process to select proficient student passing results that will be included within the 2% Cap on STAAR Modified and TAKS-M requires two steps:

- 1) a **campus priority or ranking**, and
- 2) the **selection of students** in campus priority order based on the extent needed for the campus to meet AYP.

1) Campus Rankings

TEA develops the default campus priority or ranking list and districts have the opportunity to review and modify the campus priority that will direct the selection of students.

**TEA Default Campus Ranking**

- 1st Sort: School Type (sort order: Secondary, Both, Middle, Elementary)
- 2nd Sort: Highest Grade Served on the Campus (sort order: high to low)
- 3rd Sort: Percent of Students Enrolled in Special Education Programs  
(sort order: high to low)

School districts have between May 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> to access the Texas Education Agency Security Environment (TEASE) Accountability Website and modify the ranking of the campuses in any order they choose. **School districts that have not provided any campus ranking changes by the July 10, 2012 deadline agree to accept the TEA default campus ranking for 2012 AYP.**

## 2) Selection of Students

After July 10<sup>th</sup>, TEA will begin the process of selecting students based on the campus priority ranking chosen by the school district. Student results are selected in order to maximize the number of campuses that Meet AYP.

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**Stages for Selection of Students to be included in the 2% Federal Cap**

- I. Students are selected beginning with the first campus in the campus ranking to the extent needed for the campus to Meet AYP.
- II. If additional student passing results can be included under the federal cap, students are selected to the extent needed for the district to Meet AYP.
- III. If additional student passing results can be included under the federal cap, students are selected randomly up to the federal cap limit.

**1% Cap on STAAR Alternate**

The STAAR Alternate student passing results are selected randomly up to the 1% cap limit. Any remaining unselected results are reclassified as *non-proficient* for AYP reporting. The campus ranking applied to the 2% cap is not applicable to the STAAR Alternate proficient results.

Exceptions to the 1% cap will be processed prior to the Preliminary AYP Release in August for school districts who registered facilities through the Texas Education Agency Residential Facility (RF) Tracker system and districts included in the 2011-2012 Directory for Services for the Deaf in Texas, Regional Day School Programs for the Deaf (RDSPD).

**AYP Results**

The federal cap limit is calculated for each school district and applies to student passing results on STAAR Modified, TAKS-M and STAAR Alternate only. The 1% and 2% caps are applied to identify the proficient results for AYP. If the number of STAAR Alternate proficient results in a school district is below the 1% cap, the unfilled slots may be used by the passing results from STAAR Modified and TAKS-M. The STAAR Modified and TAKS-M 2% cap limit is calculated as 2% plus any unused slots from STAAR Alternate. The overall federal limit on proficient results from STAAR Modified, TAKS-M and STAAR Alternate is 3%. However, the district limit on proficient STAAR Alternate results remains 1%.

In addition, federal regulations clearly indicate that the state as a whole cannot, under any circumstances, exceed the 1% cap, nor can it exceed the overall 3% cap (1% plus 2%). Statewide results will be evaluated to determine if the state as a whole exceeds the 1% or 3% cap limits. If the state exceeds these limits, a recapture process will be initiated that will remove student results from the federal cap by reclassifying the results as *non-proficient* until the statewide federal limits are reached.

Student test results selected during the AYP federal cap process that are reclassified as *non-proficient* will be reported as such in AYP performance results in the AYP campus, district, and state level data tables.