

Documentation Supporting Statements in the Texas Proposal for Use of the Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate in 2010 Adequate Yearly Progress Determinations

Graduation Rate Technical Documentation

District Processing Documentation for the Completion Rate, technical documentation for processing for the graduation rates prepared annually by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), provides the steps to be used by the TEA to build the Grade 9 completion rate cohort and compute the longitudinal rates used in agency publications and for state and federal accountability. Following is a link to the technical documentation for the class of 2009 and the graduation rates that will be used for 2010 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations. The processing decisions in the document are current as of November 2009 and are subject to change prior to final processing in spring 2010.

http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/research/pdfs/how_to_build_comprate_2009.pdf

Secondary School Completion and Dropouts in Texas Public Schools, 2007-08

Secondary School Completion and Dropouts in Texas Public Schools, a report published annually by TEA, provides definitions and calculations of high school completion, including definitions and calculations for current and historical graduation rates; data used in dropout and completion reporting, including data sources, processing, and data quality; and state results for Texas public schools for the most current year and past decade. Following is a link to the 2007-08 report, the most recent year for which graduation rates are available. The Class of 2009 graduation rate data will be available in Summer, 2010.

http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/research/pdfs/dropcomp_2007-08.pdf

Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) Data Standards

Districts have submitted data to the TEA through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) since the fall of 1987. Data standards are published annually by TEA. *PEIMS Data Standards – 2010-2011* outlines requirements for submitting 2010-2011 school year data through PEIMS, including leaver records for students enrolled in Grades 7-12 in 2009-2010 who do not return to school in 2010-2011. *PEIMS Data Standards – 2010-2011* provides descriptions of data elements and the values of codes used to report the data elements, record layout specifications, submission timelines, and the responsibilities of districts, education service centers, and TEA with regard to the data submission process. The Person Identification Database (PID), introduced in 1988, allows the submission of student-level data.

Following is a link to the *PEIMS Data Standards – 2010-2011*. The following page numbers refer to the Preliminary Version of the data standards and may change in later versions:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=7189>

Section 2: Data Submission Requirements

Chart showing the relationship of data submission files to record types on page 2.2

Student data submission requirements begin on page 2.86

School leaver data submission requirements begin on page 2.135

Appendix D: Leaver Reason Codes and Documentation Standards

Contains an expanded definition and specific guidelines on acceptable documentation for each of the leaver reason codes.

Following is a link to the *PEIMS Data Standards* for previous years:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3014>