

Appendix K – System Safeguards and Federal Accountability Requirements

Chapter 10 – Federal Accountability provides an overview of the use of the state system safeguard information to meet federal accountability requirements. The following table provides a comparison of federal accountability with the state system safeguard, specifically comparing performance targets and minimum size criteria.

2013 System Safeguard Performance Targets and Minimum Size Criteria		
	State System Safeguard	Federal Accountability Requirements
Performance Rates		
Reading/ELA	50%	75%
Mathematics	50%	75%
Writing	50%	Not Included
Science	50%	
Social Studies	50%	
Minimum Size Criteria	All Students: None, Small Numbers Analysis applied. Student Groups: 25	All Students*: None, Small Numbers Analysis applied. Student Groups: 25 and 10%; or 200
Participation Rates		
Reading/ELA and Mathematics	95%	95%
Minimum Size Criteria	All Students: None, Small Numbers Analysis applied. Student Groups: 25	All Students: 25 Student Groups: 25 and 10%; or 200
Federal Graduation Rates		
4-year Longitudinal Rate	78.0%	78.0%
5-year Longitudinal Rate	83.0%	83.0%
Minimum Size Criteria	All Students: None, Small Numbers Analysis applied. Student Groups: 25	All Students: 10 Student Groups: n/a

* Note that Priority School Identification requires a minimum of 25 tests for a campus to be ranked by All Students performance.

The approved ESEA flexibility waiver is available online at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/>.

The 2013 Priority and Focus Schools Lists, methodology and student groups evaluated are available at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ESEAFlex_Principle2.aspx.

