

Exceptions

Campuses or districts evaluated to be *Academically Unacceptable* even after applying Required Improvement may be able to “gate up” to *Academically Acceptable* using the Exceptions Provision for the TAKS and/or SDAA measures. (Exceptions cannot be used to move a campus or district to *Recognized*.)

This campus was evaluated on 13 assessment measures, so it is allowed up to 2 exceptions.

After applying Required Improvement, this campus has 2 measures that are still at *Academically Unacceptable* (coincidentally the same number as the number of exceptions it has available).

Next, determine if the 2004 performance in the two areas meets the floor: it must be no more than 5 percentage points below the standard (at least 30% for mathematics and at least 20% for science).

EXCEPTIONS TABLE				
Number Msrs Evaluated	Number Allowed	Number Needed	Floor(s) Met?	Exceptions Applied
13	2	2	yes	<i>Mathematics - African American</i> <i>Science - Economically Disadvantaged</i>

This campus is successfully able to use their two exceptions and gate up to a rating of *Academically Acceptable*. Note that they will need to work hard to maintain this rating in 2005. This campus will not be eligible to use exceptions for these measures in 2005.

FINAL DATA TABLES

The sample shown is of a *preview* data table. These will be mailed to districts prior to finalizing accountability ratings, for use in verifying their early calculations. Ratings will be released on September 30, 2004. Copies of the final data tables will not be mailed to districts; rather, lists of ratings will be distributed by the ESCs and masked data tables will be put online and made available to districts and the public. See *Section IX - Calendar* for other important dates.

The following items will appear on the final data tables:

Accountability Ratings. (A list of possible rating labels is shown in *Table 3* in this section.)

Pairing. Any regular campus with enrollment within grades 1-12, but no students tested on TAKS will be paired for accountability. A message will indicate the campus it is paired with.

Messages. These messages appear in the top section of the data table when applicable:

- (Special Analysis Used) (*campus or district*)
- Rating changed due to appeal. Data not modified. (*campus or district*)
- This campus is an open-enrollment charter campus. (*campus only*)
- This campus is not rated due to grade span. (*campus only*)
- This is a registered alternative education campus. (*campus only*)
- This is an alternative education open-enrollment charter. (*district only*)
- District has one or more campuses rated *Academically Unacceptable*. (*district only*)
- District exceeds threshold for underreported students. (*district only*)
- Rating assigned due to data integrity issues, not data shown in this table. (*campus or district*)