

Appendix D – Data Sources

This appendix provides data sources for the indicators used in the state accountability system, including those used to assign Gold Performance Acknowledgments (GPA). The information is arranged alphabetically by indicator name.

For each indicator, the *Methodology* section shows the source for the numerator and denominator. *Student Demographics* shows the sources for the demographics used to disaggregate the "All Students" totals into the various student groups used in the accountability system. *Other Information* presents unique topics affecting each indicator.

The primary sources for all data used in the state accountability system are the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data collection, the various assessment companies, and the General Educational Development (GED) data file. *Tables 23, 24, and 25* describe these data sources in detail. The terms provided in these tables are referenced within the indicator discussion.

Table 23: Assessments Used in Accountability

Organization Name	Description
ACT, Inc.	The ACT, Inc. annually provides the agency with the ACT participation and performance data of graduating seniors from Texas public schools. Only one record is sent per student. If a student takes an ACT test more than once, the agency receives the record for the most recent examination taken. The ACT data as of the May administration is used in creating the SAT/ACT indicator.
College Board	The College Board annually provides the agency with the SAT participation and performance data of graduating seniors from Texas public schools. Only one record is sent per student. If a student takes a SAT test more than once, the agency receives the record for the most recent examination taken. The SAT data as of the May administration is used in creating the SAT/ACT indicator. In addition, the College Board provides the agency with the Advanced Placement (AP) examination results of Texas public school students each year. The AP data as of the May administration is used in creating the AP/IB indicator.
International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO)	The International Baccalaureate Organization provides the agency with the International Baccalaureate (IB) examination results of Texas public school students each year. The IB data as of the May administration is used in creating the AP/IB indicator.
Pearson Educational Measurement	Pearson Educational Measurement is the contractor for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) and State-Developed Alternative Assessment II (SDAA II). After each test administration, the Student Assessment Division receives student-level TAKS and SDAA II data from Pearson.
TEA's General Educational Development (GED) Data File	A TEA data file containing information about student performance on the GED tests is maintained by the Division of High School Completion and Student Support. Unlike the information in most other TEA data files, which is reported annually, receipt of a GED certificate is reported as soon as the test is scored as passing. Candidates take GED tests at centers throughout the state in school districts, colleges and universities, and education service centers. Tests are given year-round, and the results are transmitted electronically to the TEA.

Table 24: PEIMS Record Types Used in Accountability

Record	Name	Description	Submission /Month
101	Student Demographic/ Identification Data	Demographic/identification information about each student, including the student's ethnicity, gender, date of birth, and migrant status.	1 st /October, 3 rd /June
110	Student Enrollment Data	Enrollment information about each student, including the student's grade, economically disadvantaged status, at risk status, and indicators of the special programs in which the student participates.	1 st /October
203	Leaver Data	Information about all students served in grades 7-12 in the prior (2003-04) school year who did not continue in enrollment in the same district the following fall. Leavers are students who graduated, dropped out, or left school for other non-dropout reasons, such as transferred to another public school district. This record contains last campus of enrollment, special education indicator, the leaver reason, and additional information for graduates.	1 st /October
400	Basic Attendance Data	Information about each student for each of the six, six-week attendance reporting periods in the year. For each student, for each six-week period, districts report grade level, number of days taught, days absent, and total eligible and ineligible days present and selected special program information.	3 rd /June
405	Special Education Attendance Data	Information about each student served through the special education program. For each student, for each six-week period, districts report grade-level and also instructional-setting codes.	3 rd /June
415	Course Completion Data	Information about each student who was in membership in grades 9-12 and who completed at least one state-approved course during the school year. This record contains campus of enrollment, course sequence, pass/fail credit indicator, and dual credit indicator.	3 rd /June

Table 25: Student Demographics

Trait	Description
Economic Status	<p>A student may be identified as economically disadvantaged by the district if he or she:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meets eligibility requirements for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the federal free or reduced price lunch programs; ○ Title II of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA); ○ Food Stamp benefits; ○ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or other public assistance; • received a Pell grant or funds from other comparable state program of needs-based financial assistance; or • is from a family with an annual income at or below the official federal poverty line.
Ethnicity	<p>Districts assign student ethnicity from one of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Indian or Alaskan Native (<i>not evaluated separately for accountability</i>) • Asian or Pacific Islander (<i>not evaluated separately for accountability</i>) • Black, not of Hispanic origin • Hispanic • White, not of Hispanic origin
At Risk	<p>A student is identified as at risk of dropping out of school based on state-defined criteria (§TEC 29.081.) The statutory criteria for at risk status include each student who is under 21 years of age and who:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) was not advanced from one grade level to the next for one or more school years; 2) is in grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12 and did not maintain an average equivalent to 70 on a scale of 100 in two or more subjects in the foundation curriculum during a semester in the preceding or current school year or is not maintaining such an average in two or more subjects in the foundation curriculum in the current semester; 3) did not perform satisfactorily on an assessment instrument administered to the student under TEC Subchapter B, Chapter 39, and who has not in the previous or current school year subsequently performed on that instrument or another appropriate instrument at a level equal to at least 110 percent of the level of satisfactory performance on that instrument; 4) is in prekindergarten, kindergarten or grades 1, 2, or 3 and did not perform satisfactorily on a readiness test or assessment instrument administered during the current school year; 5) is pregnant or is a parent; 6) has been placed in an alternative education program in accordance with §TEC 37.006 during the preceding or current school year; 7) has been expelled in accordance with §TEC 37.007 during the preceding or current school year; 8) is currently on parole, probation, deferred prosecution, or other conditional release; 9) was previously reported through the PEIMS to have dropped out of school; 10) is a student of limited English proficiency, as defined by §TEC 29.052; 11) is in the custody or care of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services or has, during the current school year, been referred to the department by a school official, officer of the juvenile court, or law enforcement official; 12) is homeless, as defined by 42 U.S.C. Section 11302 and its subsequent amendments; or 13) resided in the preceding school year or resides in the current school year in a residential placement facility in the district, including a detention facility, substance abuse treatment facility, emergency shelter, psychiatric hospital, halfway house, or foster group home.
Special Education Status	<p>Special education status indicates the student is participating in a special education instructional and related services program or a general education program using special education support services, supplementary aids, or other special arrangements.</p>

Opportunities for Data Correction

PEIMS

General Data. The PEIMS data collection system has a prescribed process and calendar for correcting errors or omissions discovered after the original submission. *The accuracy of all reports, whether they show ratings, acknowledgments, or recognitions is wholly dependent on the accuracy of the information submitted.* Districts are responsible for the accuracy of all their PEIMS data. Several mechanisms are in place to facilitate the collection of accurate data. First, all submitted data must pass an editor program before being accepted. In addition, districts can access various summary reports through the *Edit+* application to assist them in verifying the accuracy of their data prior to submission deadlines. For each submission, a resubmission window is provided so that districts have an opportunity to resubmit information if an error is detected. See the *PEIMS Data Standards* (available at www.tea.state.tx.us/peims/standards/index.html) for the appropriate year for more details about the correction windows and submission deadlines.

Person Identification Database (PID) Updates. PID changes have profound ramifications throughout the Texas public education data system. Year-to-year and collection-to-collection matching are dependent upon stable PID records. *PEIMS Data Standards* should be followed to insure that PID updates submitted by districts are processed properly. For information please see the edit process for PID, online at www.tea.state.tx.us/peims/pid/index.html.

ASSESSMENT DATA

TAKS and SDAA II. Demographic and scoring status information as entered on the answer document at the time of testing is used to determine the accountability subset for campus and district ratings. After the testing dates, districts are able to provide corrections to the test contractor and request corrected reports; however, those changes are not incorporated into the TAKS or SDAA II results used for determining accountability ratings or subsequent reports (e.g. AEIS and School Report Cards). That is, districts do not have the option to change student demographics, program participation, or score code status for purposes of accountability after test results are known. They have multiple opportunities to provide accurate information through their PEIMS submissions, pre-coding data files provided to the test contractor, and updates to the TAKS or SDAA II answer documents at the time of testing.

SAT, ACT, AP, and IB. The student taking the SAT, ACT, AP, or IB test identifies the school to which scores are attributed. Schools are encouraged to verify campus summary information on these tests immediately upon receipt. Discrepancies should be reported to the testing companies, not TEA. Once the testing companies finalize results for yearly summaries, subsequent corrections are not reflected in any national, state, district, or school results released.

Indicator Data Sources

ADVANCED COURSE/DUAL ENROLLMENT COMPLETION

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{number of students in grades 9 through 12 who received credit for at least one advanced course (from PEIMS 415)}}{\text{number of students in grades 9 through 12 who received credit for at least one course (from PEIMS 415)}}$$

Year of Data: 2003-04

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity
Source	PEIMS 110	PEIMS 101
Date	October 2003	October 2003

Other Information:

- A list of courses designated as advanced is published each year in the *AEIS Glossary*.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAM RESULTS

Methodology:

Participation:

$$\frac{\text{number of 11}^{\text{th}} \text{ and 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ graders taking at least one AP or IB examination (from College Board and IBO)}}{\text{total non-special education students enrolled in 11}^{\text{th}} \text{ and 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ grades (from PEIMS 110)}}$$

Performance:

$$\frac{\text{number of 11}^{\text{th}} \text{ and 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ graders with at least one score at or above the criterion score (from College Board and IBO)}}{\text{number of 11}^{\text{th}} \text{ and 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ graders with at least one AP or IB examination (from College Board and IBO)}}$$

Year of Data: 2003-04

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity	Special Education Status
Source	n/a	PEIMS 101 (primary) College Board and IBO (secondary)	PEIMS 110
Date	n/a	October 2003, May 2004	October 2003

Other Information:

- *Primary and Secondary Sources.* Secondary sources are used when the primary source does not contain a match for the ethnicity of every student.
- *Special Education.* Those students reported as special education are removed from the count of grade 11 & 12 enrollees used in the denominator of the participation calculation.

ANNUAL DROPOUT RATE

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{number of students designated as 'official' dropouts (from PEIMS 203)}}{\text{number of students who were in attendance at any time during the school year (from PEIMS 400)}}$$

Year of Data: 2003-04

Student Demographics:

Numerator

	Economic Status	Ethnicity	Grade
Source	PEIMS 110 (primary) PEIMS 203 (secondary)	PEIMS 101 (primary) PEIMS 203 (secondary)	PEIMS 400
Date	October 2003 October 2004	June 2004 October 2004	June 2004

Denominator

	Economic Status	Ethnicity	Grade
Source	PEIMS 110	PEIMS 101 (primary) PEIMS 405 (secondary)	PEIMS 400
Date	October 2003	June 2004	June 2004

Other Information:

- *Standard and AEA Procedures.* The same methodology is used for both standard and AEA procedures. However, only students in grades 7 and 8 (numerator and denominator) are used in determining standard ratings, while students in grades 7-12 (numerator and denominator) are used in determining AEA ratings.
- *Economically Disadvantaged.* Those students who were NOT reported in enrollment in any district on the 2003-04 PEIMS Submission 1 cannot be coded as economically disadvantaged. If a student is economically disadvantaged at any district or campus, he/she is deemed economically disadvantaged at all districts and campuses.
- *Underreported Leavers.* Information about students reported in either enrollment or attendance in grades 7-12 the prior year but who were not reported as either enrolled or as leavers in the current year can be found through the *Edit+* reports.
- *Leaver Codes.* Districts are required to report the status of all students who were enrolled in grades 7 - 12 in the district during the prior school year. Students either continue to be enrolled in the district or they leave the district. If students leave the district, the district reports a leaver reason for each student. Only students reported with selected PEIMS leaver codes (those with *no* asterisk in the table on the next page) are defined as dropouts. Students who leave due to reasons identified with an asterisk are not counted as dropouts.

Table 26: Leaver Codes

Code	Translation	Category of Leaver
01*	Graduated	Completed High School Program
02	Pursue Job/Job Training	Employment
03*	Died	Other
04	Join the Military	Employment
08	Pregnancy	Family
09	Marriage	Family
10	Alcohol/Other Drug Abuse Prob	Other
14	Age	Academic Performance
15	Homeless or Non-perm Resident	Family
16*	Return to Home Country	Other
19*	Failed Exit TAAS or TAKS/Met Grad Req	Completed High School Program
21*	Official Trans to Oth TX Dist	Moved to Other Educational Setting
22*	Alt Pgm-Working Toward Diploma/Certificate	Moved to Other Educational Setting
24*	College, Pursue Degree	Moved to Other Educational Setting
30*	Enter Health Care Facility	Other
31*	Completed GED	Completed High School Program
60*	Home Schooling	Moved to Other Educational Setting
61*	Incarcerated Outside District	Other
63*	Graduated-Returned-Left Again	Completed High School Program
64*	GED-Returned-Left Again	Completed High School Program
66*	Removed-Child Protective Svcs	Family
72*	Court Ordered Alternative Prog	Moved to Other Educational Setting
78*	Expelled, Cannot Return	Withdrawn by School District
79	Expelled, Can Return, Has Not	Withdrawn by School District
80*	Enroll In Other TX Public Sch	Moved to Other Educational Setting
81*	Enroll In TX Private School	Moved to Other Educational Setting
82*	Enroll In School Outside Texas	Moved to Other Educational Setting
83*	Administrative Withdrawal	Withdrawn by School District
84	Academic Performance	Academic Performance
99	Other (Unknown or Not Listed)	Other

* Codes with asterisks are not counted as dropouts in determining the 2005 state accountability ratings.

- *Excluded Records.* TEA performs an automated check against other state data sources to locate reported dropouts in other educational settings. Districts and campuses are held accountable for their *official* dropouts, that is, those reported dropouts whose records are *not* excluded by this automated check. The automated check at the state level removes dropout records from the count if they:
 - received a GED certificate and appear on the Agency's GED file as of March of the year of the PEIMS submission;
 - are found in attendance or enrollment in another public school district;
 - are ADA ineligible;
 - were reported by more than one district and last district attended can't be determined.
 - graduated from a Texas public school; or
 - were previously counted as a dropout.
- *Campus of Accountability.* The vast majority of leavers are assigned to the campuses they were attending when they left the Texas public school system. However, a student being served at a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP), a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), or a registered Alternative Education Program (AEP) for less than 85 days is assigned to a "campus of accountability." Campus of accountability may be reported by the district or may be determined by the agency based on PEIMS attendance records reported for the prior year. A detailed table showing assignment in specific situations may be found in the section of the *PEIMS Data Standards* describing the student demographic data (Record Type 101).
- *District of Accountability.* In certain cases, TEA attributes dropouts across district boundaries to a district different from the reporting district, such as:
 - A district that has a privately operated residential treatment center (RTC) within its geographic boundaries is not held accountable for students who drop out if they are from outside the district and were served at the center for fewer than 85 days.
 - A district that has a registered pre-adjudication detention center or post-adjudication correctional facility within its geographic boundaries is not held accountable for students who drop out if they are from outside the district.
 TEA is able to attribute the dropouts to the appropriate sending campus and district by using student attribution codes and attendance data collected through PEIMS.
- *Primary and Secondary Sources.* Secondary sources are used when the primary source does not contain a match for the economic status or ethnicity of every student.

ATTENDANCE RATE

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{total number of days students in grades 1-12 were present (from PEIMS 400)}}{\text{total number of days students in grades 1-12 were in membership (from PEIMS 400)}}$$

Year of Data: 2003-04

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity
Source	PEIMS 110	PEIMS 101
Date	October 2003	October 2003

**COMMENDED PERFORMANCE:
READING/ELA, MATHEMATICS, WRITING, SCIENCE, SOCIAL STUDIES**

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{number of test takers achieving } \textit{Commended Performance} \text{ on TAKS (by subject) (from Pearson)}}{\text{total number TAKS test takers (by subject) (from Pearson)}}$$

Year of Data: 2005 (Spring TAKS Administration)

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity
Source	PEIMS 110	PEIMS 101
Date	October 2004	October 2004

Other Information:

- *Student Information.* The testing contactor, Pearson Educational Measurement, pre-codes student information onto the answer documents from PEIMS data (see record types, above), or from district-supplied data files. The answer documents may also be coded by district staff on the day of testing.

**COMPARABLE IMPROVEMENT:
READING/ELA, MATHEMATICS**

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{sum of matched student TGI values (by subject) (from Pearson)}}{\text{total number of matched TAKS test takers (by subject) (from Pearson)}}$$

Years of Data: 2005 and 2004 (Spring TAKS Administrations)

Student Demographics: Comparable Improvement is not disaggregated by ethnicity or economic status.

Other Information:

- *Texas Growth Index (TGI).* The TGI measures individual student growth on TAKS from one year to the next. See *Appendix E – Texas Growth Index* for a detailed explanation.
- *Group.* Each campus has a unique comparison group of 40 campuses which closely match that campus on six demographic characteristics, including percent of African American students, Hispanic students, White students, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient students, and mobile students. See *Appendix F – Campus Comparison Group* for a detailed explanation.
- *Quartiles.* Within each 40 member campus comparison group, campus average TGI values are arranged from highest to lowest. Campuses with average TGI values within the top quartile (the top 25%) of their group qualify for CI acknowledgment.

COMPLETION RATE II

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{number of completers (from PEIMS 101, 110, 203, 400 records and GED)}}{\text{number in class (from PEIMS 101, 110, 203, 400 records and GED)}}$$

Years of Data: Class of 2004 (9th graders of 2000-01, and their status in 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05)

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity	At Risk
Source	PEIMS 110	PEIMS 101	PEIMS 110
Date	October of year of final status	June of year of final status	October of year of final status

Other Information:

- *Class vs. Cohort.* The denominator of the Completion Rate II calculation is defined as the “class.” The class is the sum of students from the original cohort who have a final status of “graduated,” “continued,” “received GED,” or “dropped out.” There are other students who are members of the original cohort but whose final status does not affect the completion rate calculation. These are:
 - students with a final status that is not considered to be either a completer or a dropout. Examples include students who left public school to be home schooled and students who left school to attend off-campus GED preparation programs; and,
 - students whose final status could not be determined because data errors prevented records from being matched.
 Students in the cohort but not in the class do not affect the completion rate calculation at all—they are neither in the numerator or the denominator. All rates are based on members of the class.
- *Cohort Members.* Results are based on the original cohort, that is, those students who first attended 9th grade in 2000-01, whether the student remained on grade level or not.
- *Standard and AEA Procedures.* The same methodology is used for both standard and AEA procedures. Under certain circumstances, completion rates for at-risk students are evaluated under AEA procedures. At-risk completion rates are not used under standard procedures.

RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{number of graduates reported with graduation codes for Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program (from PEIMS 203)}}{\text{number of graduates (from PEIMS 203)}}$$

Year of Data: Class of 2004

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity
Source	PEIMS 110 (primary) PEIMS 203 (secondary)	PEIMS 101
Date	October 2003 October 2004	October 2003

Other Information:

- *Graduation Requirements.* The State Board of Education has by rule defined the graduation requirements for Texas public school students. The rule delineates specific requirements for three levels: minimum requirements, the Recommended High School Program (RHSP), and the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP).
- *Graduation Types.* RHSP graduates are students with type codes of 10, 14, 15, 19, or 22; DAP graduates are students with type codes of 09, 16, 17, 20, or 23. See the *PEIMS Data Standards* for more information.
- *Primary and Secondary Sources.* Secondary sources are used when the primary source does not contain a match for the economic status of every student.

SAT/ACT RESULTS

Methodology:

Participation:

$$\frac{\text{number of graduates taking either the SAT or the ACT (from College Board and ACT)}}{\text{total non-special education graduates (from PEIMS 203)}}$$

Performance:

$$\frac{\text{number of examinees at or above the criterion score (from College Board and ACT)}}{\text{number of graduates taking either the SAT or ACT (from College Board and ACT)}}$$

Year of Data: Class of 2004

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity	Special Education Status
Source	n/a	PEIMS 101 (primary) College Board and IBO (secondary)	PEIMS 405 PEIMS 203
Date	n/a	October 2003, May 2004	June 2004, October 2004

Other Information:

- *Primary and Secondary Sources.* Secondary sources are used when the primary source does not contain a match for the ethnicity of every student.
- *Special Education.* Those students reported as special education in all six of the six-week attendance periods, or for whom the graduation type code on the 203 leaver record indicates special education, are removed from the count of total graduates used in the denominator of the participation calculation.

STATE-DEVELOPED ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT II

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{number of SDAA II tests meeting ARD expectations (from Pearson)}}{\text{number of SDAA II tests taken (from Pearson)}}$$

Year of Data: 2005 (Spring SDAA II Administration)

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity
Source	PEIMS 110	PEIMS 101
Date	October 2004	October 2004

Other Information:

- *Student Information.* The testing contactor, Pearson Educational Measurement, pre-codes student information onto the answer documents from PEIMS data (see record types, above), or from district-supplied data files. The answer documents may also be coded by district staff on the day of testing.

TAAS/TASP EQUIVALENCY

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{number of graduates meeting TAAS/TASP equivalency standards for all subjects taken on their first TAAS exit-level administration (from Pearson)}}{\text{number of first-time tested graduates (from PEIMS 203)}}$$

Year of Data: Class of 2004 (includes TAAS performance in 2002, 2003, and 2004)

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity
Source	PEIMS 110	PEIMS 101
Date	October 2004	October 2004

Other Information:

- *Equivalency Calculation.* TEA determines which students met the TASP equivalency, based on an equivalency standard, not on actual TASP performance.
- *Graduates Included.* Class of 2004 includes TAAS performance of 10th graders (first-time test takers) in 2002, TAAS performance of 11th graders (first-time test takers) in 2003, and TAAS performance of 12th graders (first-time test takers) in 2004.
- *Last Year for TAAS/TASP GPA.* The class of 2004 is the last class with students who are able to graduate under the TAAS graduation requirements.
- *Student Information.* The testing contactor, Pearson Educational Measurement, pre-codes student information onto the answer documents from PEIMS data (see record types, above), or from district-supplied data files. The answer documents may also be coded by district staff on the day of testing.

TEXAS ASSESSMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{number of students passing TAKS (by subject) (from Pearson)}}{\text{total number TAKS test takers (by subject) (from Pearson)}}$$

Year of Data: 2005 (Spring TAKS Administration)

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity
Source	PEIMS 110	PEIMS 101
Date	October 2004	October 2004

Other Information:

- *Student Information.* The testing contactor, Pearson Educational Measurement, pre-codes student information onto the answer documents from PEIMS data (see record types, above), or from district-supplied data files. The answer documents may also be coded by district staff on the day of testing.

TEXAS ASSESSMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS – PROGRESS INDICATOR

Methodology:

$$\frac{\text{number of TAKS tests that meet the standard or have a TGI} \geq 0 \text{ and} \\ \text{number of TAKS exit-level retests that meet the standard (from Pearson)}}{\text{number TAKS tests taken and number of TAKS exit-level retests} \\ \text{that meet the standard (from Pearson)}}$$

Years of Data: 2005 and 2004 (Spring TAKS Administrations)

Student Demographics:

	Economic Status	Ethnicity
Source	PEIMS 110	PEIMS 101
Date	October 2004, October 2003	October 2004, October 2003

Other Information:

- *Texas Growth Index (TGI).* The TGI measures individual student growth on TAKS from one year to the next. See *Appendix E – Texas Growth Index* for a detailed explanation.
- *Matched Demographics.* If discrepancies in student demographics are found between test administrations, the information on the most current administration is used.
- *Student Information.* The testing contactor, Pearson Educational Measurement, pre-codes student information onto the answer documents from PEIMS data (see record types, above), or from district-supplied data files. The answer documents may also be coded by district staff on the day of testing.

