

## 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 II measures. (Exceptions cannot be used to move a campus or district to *Recognized* or *Exemplary*.)

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 2005 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?	Msr(s) Used in 2004?	Exceptions Applied	
13	2	2	yes	no	<i>Mathematics - African American</i> <i>Science - Economically Disadvantaged</i>	

Finally, check to make sure these measures were not used in 2004 (*exceptions cannot be repeated in consecutive years*). Neither measure was used in 2004, so this campus is able to use their two exceptions and gate up to a rating of *Academically Acceptable*.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON AUGUST DATA TABLES

The sample shown is of a *preview* data table. These will be made available to districts on the TEASE website. Data tables with rating labels will be released on August 1, 2005.

The following items are the additional information not present on the preview, but added to the August data tables:

- *Accountability Ratings.* (A list of possible rating labels is shown in *Table 4* in this chapter.)
- *Pairing.* Any standard 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*)
  - Rating is not based on data shown in the table. (*campus or district*)
  - District rating limited to *Academically Acceptable* due to having one or more *Academically Unacceptable* campuses. (*district only*)
  - District rating limited to *Academically Acceptable* due to exceeding threshold for underreported students. (*district only*)
  - Rating changed after [date] due to Data Integrity Issues. (*campus or district*)