

**Accountability System Development for 2013 and Beyond
Accountability Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC)**

Overview of Topics for August 29 Meeting

The primary purpose of the August 29 meeting of the ATAC is to discuss assessment indicators, which are a component of all four indexes. The information presented at this meeting builds on the recommendations from the March and May meetings, and moves forward with proposals from three additional ATAC workgroups: Progress Measures Workgroup, End-of-Course Assessments Workgroup, and English Language Learners Workgroup.

Model results will be presented for campus and district performance on Index 1: Student Achievement and Index 4: Postsecondary Readiness. The discussion of model results has been divided into four topics: indicator definitions, index construction, index evaluation, and system safeguards. Each topic is presented in relation to 2014 when the index framework can be fully implemented. The 2013 accountability ratings will be a transition year. Transition issues are addressed in a separate document.

Topics specific to Index 2 and Index 3 will be addressed during the discussion of the proposal from the Progress Measures Workgroup.

Index 1: Student Achievement

Topic 1: Indicator Definitions: The TEA Index I document describes the data inputs and calculations for assessment indicators recommended for use in Index 1 by the ATAC Performance Index Workgroup in May – Percent Met Level II Standard. The TEA document describes the assessments included in the workgroup recommendations that meet all statutory requirements. Items with status ‘TBD’ will be addressed following discussion of the workgroup proposals.

Topic 2: Index Construction describes how the indicators defined in Topic 1 contribute points to the index. Two options for constructing Index 1 have been modeled for ATAC discussion and recommendations.

Index 4: Postsecondary Readiness

Topic 1: Indicator Definitions: The TEA Index 4 document describes the data inputs and calculations for assessment indicators recommended for use in Index 4 by the ATAC Performance Index Workgroup in May – Percent Met Level III Standard. Indicator definitions for graduation rates, dropout rates, and graduation plan are carried forward from the May meeting.

Topic 2: Index Construction describes how the indicators defined in Topic 1 contribute points to the index. A number of options for constructing Index 4 are presented for ATAC discussion and recommendations, and selected options are modeled.

Structure for Rating System

Topic 3: Index Evaluation describes how performance on each of the four indexes will be evaluated to produce an accountability rating. This topic spans across all indicators. Topic 3 is intended to solicit feedback from ATAC on general approaches that can be used to prepare materials for the November

meeting. Rating Levels and Labels will be brought forward as a decision item at the November meeting, which will be a joint ATAC/APAC meeting.

Topic 4: System Safeguards describes how safeguards will be applied in the accountability system.

Decision Questions

Some of the information presented at the August ATAC meeting is provided for discussion and ATAC feedback. A goal of the meeting, however, is to reach a decision or ATAC consensus on a number of questions related to:

- STAAR M and STAAR Alt Results
- STAAR L and ELL Progress Measure
- Retest Results
- Accountability Subset
- Student Groups and Minimum Size Criteria
- Subjects
- Index Construction and Evaluation