



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: January 14, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: 15% Rule Deferral Option

ALIGNS TO BOARD PRIORITY:

- Learning – The district will provide an aligned, rigorous curriculum, with instructional technology programs preparing students to meet or exceed all educational standards.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- 2007- SB 1301 calls for the creation of End of Course Exams
- 2009 – HB 3 calls for the use of EOC scores in the calculation of final course averages
- February 22, 2012 – Districts received official notice from Commissioner Scott that the application of the EOC grade as 15% of the final course average could be deferred for the 2011-2012 school year.
- February 23, 2012 - Districts were notified of a May 1st deadline for declaring their intent for the 15% rule.
- March 19, 2012 – Aledo ISD Board passed a resolution to defer the application of the 15% rule for the 2011- 2012 school year.
- November 30, 2012 – Commissioner of Education Michael L. Williams announced that, for the 2012-2013 school year, districts may defer the implementation of the statutory provision that requires performance on the End-of-Course (EOC) assessment to count as 15 percent of a student's final course grade.
- TASB indicates that given the number of legislators that have indicated a desire to change the current statutory provisions on EOC assessments, a legislative change seems likely during the 83rd Legislative Session and could affect whether districts are required to count EOC assessments as 15 percent of a student's grade for future years.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS: To defer the implementation of the statutory provision that requires the performance on the EOC assessments to count as 15% of a student's final course grade for the 2012-2013 school year. TASB Resolution is attached below.

FISCAL NOTE: There are no fiscal implications

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends the adoption of the TASB Resolution to defer the implementation of the statutory provision that requires the performance on the EOC assessments to count as 15% of a student's final course grade for the 2012-2013 school year.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD TO SUSPEND PORTIONS OF EIA(LOCAL) FOR THE 2012–13 SCHOOL YEAR ONLY

WHEREAS, section 39.023(c) of the Texas Education Code requires a school district to adopt a policy that requires a student’s performance on an end-of-course (EOC) assessment instrument to account for 15 percent of a student’s final grade for the course.

WHEREAS, Aledo ISD local policy at EIA(LOCAL) includes provisions on EOC assessments to satisfy this statutory requirement and address other provisions related to how the district will implement this statutory requirement.

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education has given school districts the ability to defer implementation for the 2012–13 school year of the statutory provision that requires performance on an EOC assessment to count as 15 percent of a student’s final course grade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Aledo ISD shall suspend for the remainder of the 2012–13 school year portions of the following codes:

- EIA(LOCAL), at END-OF-COURSE ASSESSMENTS, requiring a student’s performance on an EOC assessment to count for 15 percent of a student’s final grade for the course and addressing other related provisions regarding the 15 percent provision.

Adopted this 14th day of January, 2013, by the Board of Trustees.

President

Secretary