



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

Meeting Date: December 12, 2011

**Agenda Item: Update 90 Policy Alert Recent Developments Released
December 1, 2011**

Presenter: Kathy Allen

Aligns With Board Goal(s):

- *Aligns to Board Goal #1 – Students will meet or exceed educational performance standards.*

Background Information:

- October 31, 2011 TEA released an FAQ that included questions and answers on several issues, such as credit by exam, partial credit, class rank, and has indicated ***plans to update the FAQ again*** to provide information about how districts are implementing the requirement to include the EOC assessment score as 15 percent of a student's final grade. Local districts have not received the new FAQ update as of December 6, 2011.
- The SBOE Committee on Instruction met on November 17, 2011 to discuss EOC assessments and a proposed amendment to an existing SBOE rule that would have allowed a school district to award a student course credit without consideration of an EOC assessment in that subject. The proposed amendment did not make it out of committee.
- Issues still under final consideration by districts include:
 - The fact that the legislative statute requires the EOC to be 15% of a student's final grade, but *the statute does not require* the EOC to be calculated as part of the class rank.
 - However, the FAQ released by TEA on October 31, 2011 and the December 1, 2011 TASB Policy Alert *suggest that there should be a correlation* between the EOC score and class rank.
 - TASB is taking a conservative approach in advising districts and recommends that districts make some kind of correlation between the EOC and class rank. TASB also suggests that districts contact their local attorney for advice concerning final decisions surrounding EOC and class rank
 - TASB stated many districts have not submitted new policy concerning EIA (LOCAL).
 - TEA guidance has provided two suggestions for options in awarding partial credit for a yearlong course. Both options require the calculation of the EOC grade in with the semester grade, thus effecting class rank.
 - In a meeting at the Texas Assessment Conference held in Austin on

December 5-7, many districts indicated they would not submit an EIA (LOCAL) policy for approval until TEA publishes the final Commissioner's Rules in February.

Administrative Considerations:

- Administration in consultation with teachers believes it is in the best interest of our students to continue to award partial credit for yearlong courses.
- Administration is in the process of consulting with secondary teachers for input in determining the fairest way to continue to award partial credit for yearlong courses and stay in compliance with EOC requirements.
- Administration is considering consultation with our local attorney.
- Administration has several drafts developed for the application of the EOC.
- Administration is currently weighing the options of waiting for the February publication of the final Commissioner's Rules or moving forward with submitting the EIA policy in January, then making any necessary adjustments to the policy if there is conflict between the EIA policy and the final Commissioner's Ruling.

Fiscal Note: None

Administrative Recommendation: Report item only