



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Deferring the 15% Rule

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S): Aligns to Board Goal #1 – Students will meet or exceed educational performance 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
- December, 2010 – TEA releases the HB 3 transition plan
- Summer, 2011 – Legislature called to special session. House overwhelmingly approves HB 500 to allow districts local control over the EOC grading guidelines (among other items). However, Shapiro, Chair of the Senate Education Committee refused to let her committee consider a corresponding bill.
- August, 2011 – TEA publishes an FAQ to help local districts write board policy for the STAAR/EOC testing program.
- October, 2011 – TEA publishes an updated FAQ to clarify questions from the August FAQ document. The October update stated that STAAR testing should have a relationship with GPA and class rank (Although, TEA does not have the statutory authority to tell districts how to establish grading guidelines, class rank, or GPA). Thirty of the seventy-five questions published on the October FAQ changed from information provided to districts in the August FAQ.
- January, 2012 – mid-winter conference. Commission Scott states in a general session speech that if he “had the authority he would delay the requirement that the EOC test scores count as 15% of the final course average.”
- 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.
- Per TASB recommendation, Board action is required prior to notifying Commissioner Scott of the District’s intent concerning the 15% rule.

Administrative Considerations:

- Legislators will once again revisit the 15% rule in the next legislative session and may make possible modifications to the rule or eliminate the requirement entirely.

FISCAL NOTE: There are no fiscal implications

Administrative Recommendation: Administration recommends the board defer the application of the EOC test as 15% of the student’s final grade for the 2011-2012 school year.