

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting February 28, 2012

STARR End-of-Course 15% Rule

Board Goal:

Teaching & Learning... In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- advocate and practice true accountability based on measurement of individual student progress over time, regardless of external mandates

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the DISD Board of Trustees with an update on the 15% rule, as it relates to STARR End-of-Course Exams

Objectives

District staff will continue to provide the DISD Trustees with the latest information relating to state accountability.

Operational Impact

Implementation delay of the 15% rule will allow DISD staff more time to receive direction from the Texas Education Agency, as it relates to grade calculation. While the district will be notifying the commissioner of the intent of DISD to NOT count the STARR EOC performance as part of the course grade, district staff will work toward a solution to this requirement as quickly as possible. Methods for determining how to calculate course grades inclusive of the EOC performance will need to be in place prior to the 2012-13 school year. While there is a delay in implementation, staff will continue to work towards a workable solution in the best interest of DISD students.

Results

N/A

Other Options

No other options are presented at this time. Please see the attached notification from the commissioner and the latest question and answer document as released by the TEA.