

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BEEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Date: February 15, 2005**

**Subject: Texas ASAP Grant  
Board Policy for Student  
Eligibility and Participation**

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**ACTION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Texas Accelerated Science Achievement Program (ASAP) grant is to implement highly productive after-school and summer school programs designed to increase 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade student achievement as measured by the science portion of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The intent of the Texas ASAP grant is to provide direct and indirect or support services to students in grades 9 through 12 through intervention programs that target students attending high schools with low science TAKS passing rates. To qualify, a high school campus had to have 64% or fewer 10<sup>th</sup> grade or 85% or fewer 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who met the state standard on the science portion of the Texas Assessment of knowledge and Skills (TAKS) assessment during the Spring 2004 administration. The campus also has to enter into a partnership with the science department of an Institution of Higher Education (IHE). Both the Learning Resource Center and AC Jones High School meet the requirements for participation. They are partnering with the University of Texas Dana Center for the IHE.

Part of the grant is the requirement that there be a board policy in place that prescribes the grade level or course a student must be enrolled in to be eligible and provides for considering teacher recommendations in determining eligibility. A copy of the recommended TASB policy for this grant is attached.

Both schools are applying for the grant. Each school's grant will be worth \$50,000, if fully funded, for a total of \$100,000 for the district. The deadline to submit the grant is February 17. The grant funding cycle is to be from April 1 through December 31, 2005.

Further details of the grant will be given to the Board of Trustees at a later time. The policy needs to be considered and approved at this time.

**ITEMS ADDRESSED:**

Board Policy for Texas ASAP Grant

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approval of Board Policy

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION:**

None

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:  
COMPENSATORY/ACCELERATED SERVICES

EHBC  
(LOCAL)

ACCELERATED  
SCIENCE  
ACHIEVEMENT  
PROGRAM  
ELIGIBILITY

Contingent upon the availability of TEA funding, the District shall establish a program under the Texas Accelerated Science Achievement Program.

A student shall be eligible to attend the after-school or summer school science acceleration program if he or she:

1. Is enrolled in grades 9-12, including enrollment as an incoming student in grade 9 and
2. Has failed, or is at risk of failing, to meet the passing standard:
  - a. Established by the State Board on the science portion of TAKS.
  - b. For a science course.

Students shall also be considered for the program based on:

1. Teacher recommendation.
2. Extenuating circumstances that have adversely affected the student's participation in either the state-required assessments or instruction.

PARTICIPATION

To encourage participation in the program:

1. Parents of eligible students shall be notified in accordance with administrative procedures.
2. The location of the program shall be reasonably accessible to eligible students.
3. Administrative procedures shall be developed to encourage good attendance and active participation by students.
4. Administrative procedures shall be developed to measure the progress students have made at the conclusion of the program.