ATTACHMENT II
Text of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC

Chapter 101. Assessment

Subchapter B. Development and Administration of Tests

§101.23. Performance Standards.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by the Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 39, Subchapter B, the State Board of Education (SBOE) shall determine the level of performance considered to be satisfactory on the assessment instruments. The table in this subsection identifies the performance standards established by the SBOE for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) for all grades and subjects other than reading and mathematics in Grades 3-8. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the [~~. The~~] "commended" and "met" standards are based on spring 2003 operational test forms. Future forms will be equated by the Texas Education Agency to the 2003 assessments in order to ensure that equivalent standards are maintained. The "commended" and "met" standards established by the SBOE for the TAKS Grade 8 science assessment are based on the spring 2006 operational test form. Future forms of the Grade 8 science assessment will be equated by the Texas Education Agency to the 2006 assessment in order to ensure that equivalent standards are maintained. The exit-level standard in place when a student enters Grade 10 is the standard that will be maintained throughout the student's high school career. [~~For example, a student in Grade 12 during the 2004-2005 school year will be allowed to graduate under the TAKS exit-level standard that was in place at the time the student entered Grade 10 in the 2002-2003 school year.~~]

Figure: 19 TAC §101.23(a) [~~Figure: 19 TAC §101.23(a)~~]

(b) As established in subsection (a) of this section, the SBOE shall determine the level of performance considered satisfactory on assessment instruments. The table in this subsection identifies the performance standards established by the SBOE for the TAKS reading and mathematics assessments in Grades 3-8. [~~Grade 8 science assessment.~~] The "commended" and "met" standards are based on the spring 2008 operational test forms following the implementation of the vertical scale required under the TEC, §39.036. [~~2006 operational test form.~~] Future forms of the test will be equated by the Texas Education Agency to the 2008 [~~2006~~] assessment in order to ensure that equivalent standards are maintained.

Figure: 19 TAC §101.23(b) [~~Figure: 19 TAC §101.23(b)~~]

[~~(c) The alternative assessment of academic skills will measure annual growth based on appropriate expectations for each student receiving special education services, as determined by the student's admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee in accordance with criteria established by the commissioner of education as required by the TEC, §39.024(a).~~]

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Scale Score Standards

Horizontal Scale Scores Required to Achieve the "Met Standard" Level
At the Standard Equivalent to the Panel's Recommendation

	Mathematics		Reading		Writing / ELA *		Social Studies		Science	
Grade	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut
3										
4					32	2100				
5									40	2100
6										
7					44	2100				
8							48	2100	50	2100
9	52	2100	42	2100						
10	56	2100			73	2100	50	2100	55	2100
11	60	2100			73	2100	55	2100	55	2100
Spanish-Version Tests										
3										
4					32	2100				
5									40	2100
6										

* An essay rating of 2 or higher is required for Met Standard on the grades 4 and 7 writing tests and the grades 10 and 11 English language arts tests.

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Scale Score Standards

Horizontal Scale Scores Required to Achieve Commended Performance

	Mathematics		Reading		Writing / ELA *		Social Studies		Science	
Grade	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut
3										
4					32	2400				
5									40	2400
6										
7					44	2400				
8							48	2400	50	2400
9	52	2400	42	2400						
10	56	2400			73	2400	50	2400	55	2400
11	60	2400			73	2400	55	2400	55	2400
Spanish-Version Tests										
3										
4					32	2400				
5									40	2400
6										

*An essay rating of 3 or higher is required for Commended Performance on the grades 4 and 7 writing tests.

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Scale Score Standards

Vertical Scale Scores Required to Achieve the "Met Standard" Level At the Standard Equivalent to the Panel's Recommendation

	Mathematics		Reading	
Grade	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut
3	40	500	36	483
4	42	554	40	554
5	44	603	42	620
6	46	637	42	644
7	48	670	48	670
8	50	700	48	700
Spanish-Version Tests				
3	40	503	36	503
4	42	555	40	555
5	44	627	42	623
6	46	650	42	650

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Scale Score Standards

Vertical Scale Scores Required to Achieve Commended Performance

	Mathematics		Reading	
Grade	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut	Total TAKS Test Items	TAKS Scale Score Cut
3	40	640	36	659
4	42	698	40	725
5	44	738	42	763
6	46	783	42	797
7	48	823	48	829
8	50	850	48	850
Spanish-Version Tests				
3	40	649	36	657
4	42	692	40	694
5	44	755	42	744
6	46	775	42	775