

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Title:** Field Test Appeals**Type of Executive Summary:**

Action Action on First Reading Discussion Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
 General Statute #115C-174.12 (b1)
 SBE Policy # EEO-B-000
 SBE Policy Amendment
 SBE Policy (New)
 APA # _____
 APA Amendment
 APA (New)
 Other SBE Directive

Presenter(s): Dr. Louis M. Fabrizio (Director, Accountability Services Division)**Description:**

On September 6, 2007, LEAs were notified of participation in field tests and special studies. LEAs were permitted to file an official appeal requesting that a school be excluded from a specific field test sample based on a written justification submitted by the LEA superintendent along with a Request for Appeals form. Requests for Appeals were collected by the Division of Accountability Services and presented to the Compliance Commission for Accountability at a conference call meeting held September 24, 2007. The field test appeals and the Compliance Commission recommendations regarding each of the appeals are being provided to the SBE at the October meeting for approval.

Resources:

Staff from the Test Development Section and the Testing Policy and Operations Section of the Division of Accountability Services, staff from NCSU TOPS, the LEA Test Coordinators, Regional Accountability Coordinators, Compliance Commission for Accountability, and the NCDPI leadership will serve as the resources needed in the implementation of the field-testing, sample generation, and the processing of field testing appeals. In addition, the resources of the selected public school districts and schools will be required to implement the field testing process.

Input Process:

At the September meeting of the SBE, the SBE received the list of field tests/special studies for the 2007-08 school year.

Stakeholders:

Selected North Carolina public schools, selected LEA and school support personnel, selected public school students, parents, General Assembly, State Board of Education, NCDPI leadership, and support staff

Timeline For Action:

This item is being presented for Action on First Reading at the October SBE meeting.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the SBE approve the Compliance Commission's recommendations regarding the appeals.

Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

Data Projector/Video (Videotape/DVD and/or Computer Data, Internet, Presentations-PowerPoint preferred)
Specify: _____

Audio Requirements (computer or other, except for PA system which is provided)
Specify: _____

Document Camera (for transparencies or paper documents – white paper preferred)

Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____
Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____
Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Postponed _____ Revised _____

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Policy Manual

Policy Identification

Priority: Effective and Efficient Operations

Category: Advisory Committees

Policy ID Number: EEO-B-000

Policy Title: Policy delineating the purpose and composition of the State Board of Education's Compliance Commission for Accountability

Current Policy Date: 10/07/2004

Other Historical Information: Previous board dates: 07/10/1997, 07/11/2002, 03/06/2003

Statutory Reference:

Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Reference Number and Category:

- (a) The purpose of the Commission shall be to advise and to make recommendations to the State Board of Education through the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on testing issues and other issues related to school accountability and improvement.

The State Board, after discussing issues related to testing and accountability as presented by the Department of Public Instruction, may request that the Compliance Commission further discuss such issues and make recommendations to the Board.

Issues to be considered:

- (1) proposed changes to the state's accountability program
 - (2) the testing code of ethics
 - (3) test security and administration
 - (4) auditing procedures to ensure integrity of the testing and accountability program
 - (5) the relationship of testing to other aspects of schooling, and
 - (6) other issues related to testing and accountability as deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education.
- (b) The Commission shall also be designated as:
- (1) the Appeals Committee of the ABCs Accountability Program. The Commission in this capacity will hear and make recommendations to the State Board of Education on schools appealing the growth standards of the ABCs Accountability Program.
 - (2) The Commission shall also be designated to consider requests from schools that desire to be exempt from participating in field test(s) and shall make a recommendation to the State Board of Education on such a request. (Effective July 1, 2003).
- (c) The Commission shall be empowered to approve or deny appeals of schools that want to be exempted from participation in specific field testing for a particular school year.
- (d) Upon recommendation by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board of Education shall approve appointments to the Compliance Commission consisting of 22

members in accordance with the procedures stated in SBE Policy EEO-B-002 (Advisory Committees to the State Board of Education), who shall represent the following categories effective:

- (1)
 - Four shall be teachers
 - Five shall be principals representing elementary, middle and high schools.
 - Four shall be from central office staffs, (at least one must represent Exceptional Children),
 - Two shall represent local boards of education
 - One shall represent NC Charter Schools
 - Two shall be members of the business community
 - One shall be a parent representative
 - One shall represent higher education, and
 - Two shall be at-large

To the extent possible, members will be appointed from the eight education districts (as defined in G.S. 115C-65) to keep the Commission balanced geographically and professionally.

- (2) Terms of membership shall be for four years, be staggered, and shall run through December 31. Members may be reappointed by the SBE for one additional term.
 - (3) As Commission members are replaced, the SBE shall, to the extent possible, recommend and approve replacements to keep the Commission balanced geographically and professionally.
 - (4) A member of the State Board of Education as designated by the State Board membership shall sit on the Commission as a non-voting ex-officio member.
- (e) The State Board of Education shall appoint a chair from the membership of the Commission. The Chair shall serve for two years.
 - (f) The Commission shall elect a Vice-Chair from its membership.
 - (g) The Commission shall meet at least quarterly. The State Board of Education shall be notified of the meeting schedule of the Commission, as well as any changes in the schedule that may occur. The State Board of Education may call additional meetings of the Commission as it deems necessary.
 - (h) The Department of Public Instruction, Division of Accountability Services, shall staff the Commission and shall develop the agendas for the scheduled meetings in conjunction with the Commission's Chair. Draft minutes of the Commission meetings shall be provided to the State Board of Education within one month following each meeting, with official approved minutes being shared with the SBE following approval by the Commission.
 - (i) Three consecutive absences from regularly scheduled meetings/conference calls or failure to attend at least 70% of the regularly scheduled meetings/conference calls during a year shall constitute a member's resignation.