

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Changes to NC's NCLB Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook

Type of Executive Summary:

- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
- General Statute # _____
- SBE Policy # EEO-I-005
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other NCLB

Presenter(s): Ms. Angela H. Quick (Deputy Chief Academic Officer, Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Accountability Services) and Dr. Louis M. Fabrizio (Director of Accountability Policy & Communications)

Description:

On January 15, 2009, Associate State Superintendent Rebecca Garland responded to the US Department of Education (USED) letter which laid out the structure for States to propose amendments to their Accountability Workbooks. A copy of the letter is attached, which contains the amendments under consideration. North Carolina is awaiting a letter from the USED which will outline the changes the State Board of Education can make to the State's Accountability Workbook. The SBE will be sent a copy of the Workbook with the appropriate changes highlighted prior to the SBE meeting. The amended Workbook will be submitted to the USED as soon as possible for their final review and approval.

Resources:

Staff programming changes

Input Process:

USED letter, discussions with DPI staff

Stakeholders:

LEAs, administrators, teachers, students, parents, General Assembly

Timeline For Action:

The changes are presented for Action on First Reading at the May 2009 SBE meeting.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions to the North Carolina Accountability Workbook.

Audiovisual equipment requested for the presentation:

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

Seconded By: _____

Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____
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Policy Identification

Priority: Effective and Efficient Operations

Category: State Plans

Policy ID Number: EEO-I-005

Policy Title: Policy regarding the No Child Left Behind Consolidated State Plan for ESEA Reauthorization

Current Policy Date: 06/30/2005

Other Historical Information: Previous board dates: 06/06/2002, 08/25/2003, 01/08/2004, 03/04/2004, 5/06/2004, 06/30/2004, 07/01/2004, 02/03/2005

Statutory Reference: PL 107-110 (No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)

Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Reference Number and Category:

Please refer to the insert **No Child Left Behind Consolidated State Plan Application**. This document is available from the:

NC Department of Public Instruction
State Superintendent's Office
6301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-6301

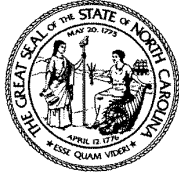
Questions regarding the **No Child Left Behind Consolidated State Plan Application** should be directed to:

Coordinator of Federal Programs at (919) 807-3443.

All components of the plan, listed below, may be found at the following url:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb/federal/> .

- Consolidated State Application – 6/3/04
- Consolidated State Application Baseline Data and Performance Indicators — Updated 5/1/03
- Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook – 5/11/04
- Consolidated State Application – Assurances – 6/7/02
- Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook—2/3/2005



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January 15, 2009

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Dear Dr. Stevenson:

The North Carolina State Board of Education (SBE) is considering several possible amendments to the North Carolina Accountability Workbook for the 2008-09 school year. We request approval to proceed on these issues before making formal amendments to the Accountability Workbook for submission to your office.

For the 2008-09 School Year:

1. **Students with Disabilities Who Exit the Program** – The SBE wants to apply the same process to students with disabilities (SWD), who are no longer classified as SWD for the last two years, that is used for incorporating students, who are no longer limited English proficient (LEP) students within the last two years, in the calculations for determining adequate yearly progress (AYP). The inclusion of these students in the AYP calculations will occur only in those instances where the school or district already has an existing subgroup that has not made AYP.
2. **Retesting Results in Grades 3 through 8** – The SBE at its last meeting voted to allow schools and districts to use retest results in grades 3 through 8 in the calculations of the ABCs Performance Composites and (pending USED approval) AYP. All students that do not score Achievement Level III (proficient) or higher on the initial test administration will be afforded the opportunity to retake the test. The NC Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) will use the higher of the two scores from the student (either from the initial test or the first retest) in making the determinations. The use of the standard error of measurement (SEM) to exclude students from being retested has been eliminated by the SBE and the scores from the schools and districts must be submitted to NCDPI before July 1 in order for AYP determinations to be made prior to the opening of schools in the fall.
3. **Redundancy in End-of-Course (EOC) and End-of-Grade (EOG) Testing** – Allowing EOC scores to count as EOG scores in the middle grades would eliminate the need for

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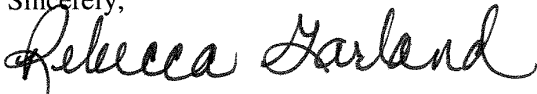
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students to be tested with two different tests in the same grade level within the same content area. For example, students in the eighth grade who take Algebra I would take the Algebra I EOC assessment and not have to take the eighth grade mathematics EOG. Once these students are in the tenth grade, their Geometry or Algebra II EOC score would count as the high school mathematics indicator for determining AYP. This prevents the same test score from being used in two grade levels (i.e. Algebra I counting in the eighth grade and then as a banked score when the student is in the tenth grade).

Please contact Dr. Lou Fabrizio, Director of Accountability Policy & Communications, at (919) 807-3770 or Lfabrizio@dpi.state.nc.us if you have any questions. We look forward to receiving feedback on the possible amendments to our Accountability Workbook so we can complete our plans for this school year.

Sincerely,



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