SEPTEMBER 9, 2010
ANNOUNCEMENTS

2010-2011 Accommodations Manual: Changes/updates/reminders
- page 16 – Documentation;
- page 53 - Linguistic Accommodations;
- page 58 - NEW PAGE - Special Provisions for Unschooled ELL Asylees and Refugees;
- Appendix D: Supplemental Aids;
- page 93 - 94 Mathematics;
- page 95 - Reading/ELA;
- page 96 - Writing/ELA; page 97 - Social Studies;
- page 98 - Science

2010-2011 Bilingual/ESL Year-At-A-Glance
FYI when you are meeting on students served by BE/ESL and SPED.

2010-11 ESC Public Input and Information Meetings
- February 16, 2011 in Georgetown at Georgetown Community Center
- March 31, 2011 in Fredericksburg at inn on Baron’s Creek
- April 6, 2011 in Austin at ESC Region XIII

2010-2011 eGrant Applications
Special Education Consolidated & ARRA initial applications via eGrants closed September 10 (Tomorrow!) at 5 PM.

ARRA Funds
VERY IMPORTANT – Expenditures from ARRA funds must be clearly tied to the four reform goals.
1. Increasing teacher effectiveness and equitable distribution of effective teachers
2. Adopting rigorous college and career-ready standards and high-quality assessments
3. Establishing data systems and using data for improvement
4. Turning around the lowest-performing schools

Compliance Letter
TEA will be sending the compliance letter regarding SPP indicators 11, 12, and 13 to LEAs on September 14. If LEA is noncompliant on the indicators, the LEA will receive a letter saying action required. TEA is hoping LEAs are already developing plans to become compliant.

LEAs with 100% compliance will receive letter indicating for information only. The state is 95% compliant for 11 and 13 and 88% compliant for 12. This is progress for 11 and 13 but no movement for 12. LEAs

98% of LEAs statewide certified data on time. Two weeks before deadline only 50% of LEAs had data certified. Because the telephone system in the capital complex was shut down on August 31, TEA is opening the SPP Indicators system for data entry until September 14.
High Cost Application - The High Cost Fund Eligibility application closes at 5:00 pm on October 1, 2010.

Initial Non-Ed Community Based Services applications due to ESC Region XIII on September 30
Contact Linda McDaniel for questions.

New this year: A Teacher Training Series just for new resource teachers
The network will meet 5 Saturdays throughout the year and participants will receive materials, educational books and an additional ESC training of their choice.
Workshop ID: FA1019556
Contact Cathy Miller 512-919-5160

New Transition Coordinator training
This workshop is designed to help new and novice transition specialists understand and organize their work.
Date: Sept. 14
Time: 1:00 - 4:00

PBMAS
- PBMAS Staging Due from TEA: September 24
- PBMAS Data Review Training on September 28, 9AM-12 NOON, FA1018476 Presenter: Craig Henderson. LEAs to bring data regarding NCLB, CTE, Special Education, Bilingual
- PBMAS Overview Special Education, October 18, 9AM-12NOON, FA1018478, SPED Presenters: Yvette Alvarado and Linda McDaniel
- PBMAS Stage 1A Deadline-October 22
- PBMAS Stage 1B Deadline-November 19
- PBMAS Stage 2 Deadline-December 10
- Stage 3 Deadline-January 14
- Stage 4 Deadline--TBD case by case

Proposed Commissioner’s Rules
Comment period is closed and special education rules received the most comments (approximately 300 comments total). TEA will have focused groups in Sept – Nov to review the comments and make comments to the commissioner who will make the final decisions on changes.

Rule 89.1070 Being Revised
TEA is moving forward with revisions to 89.1070 in order to align this rule with end of course tests. There will public comment meeting on October 19 at the ESCs through the TETN system. TEA will take comments Oct through Nov. More information to come soon.

Special Education Director’s Calendar
Locate the Special Education Director Calendar for 2010--2011 at http://www5.esc13.net/spedsteercom/ This calendar is update frequently by Linda McDaniel.

Special Education Monitoring TETNs
Next TETN September 23, 2010 from 1:00 to 3:00. View at your LEA or come to ESC. Power powerpoint and any handouts will be mailed out prior to the start of the meeting. Contact Joy Hunsucker for information.
**SPP 7**
This indicator will open November 7. TEA will be providing more guidance hoping that LEAs will get an early start on entering data.

**TAKS-Alt Training with TEA**
Two TAKS-Alt workshops are scheduled on October 7.
- FA1020124 Understanding the Nuances of TAKS-Alt
- FA1020128 Helping Teachers Implement TAKS-Alt

**TEA Grant Resources/Grant Opportunities Web Site**
Lots of valuable information at this web site.
To access the TEA Grant Resources page from the TEA home page, select Funding from the left navigation bar and then Grnats from the sub menu.

**Time and Effort Requirements**
Time and effort must be completely on a monthly basis for staff split funded with federal funds and state and/or local funds. Staff funded 100% from federal funds must complete monthly time and effort at least twice a year.