

SEC. 1. ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Texas Leadership Public Schools shall establish instructional objectives that relate to the essential knowledge and skills for grade-level subjects or courses. These objectives shall address the skills needed for successful performance in the next grade or next course in a sequence of courses.

Assignments, tests, projects, classroom activities, and other instructional activities shall be designed so that the student's performance indicates the level of mastery of the designated curriculum objectives. The student's mastery level shall be a major factor in determining the grade for a subject or course.

SEC. 2. GUIDELINES FOR GRADING

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each campus or instructional level develops guidelines for teachers to follow in determining grades for students. These guidelines shall ensure that grading reflects a student's relative mastery of an assignment and that a sufficient number of grades are taken to support the grade average assigned. Guidelines for grading shall be clearly communicated to students and parents.

In accordance with grading guidelines, a student shall be permitted a reasonable opportunity to redo an assignment or retake a test for which the student received a failing grade.

SEC. 3. PROGRESS REPORTING

Grade/progress reports shall be issued on a form approved by the Superintendent or designee within the time period approved by the Superintendent or designee. Supplemental progress reports may be issued at the teacher's discretion.

SEC. 4. REPORT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE TO PARENTS

Texas Leadership Public Schools shall provide a record of the comparisons of student performance made under Education Code 39.034 and provided to Texas Leadership Public Schools under Education Code 39.302 in a written notice to the student's parent or other person standing in parental relationship.

For a student who failed to perform satisfactorily as determined under either performance standard under Education Code 39.0241 on an assessment instrument administered under Education Code 39.023(a), (c), or (l), Texas Leadership Public Schools shall include in the notice specific information relating to access to educational resources at the appropriate assessment

instrument content level, including assessment instrument questions and answers released under Education Code 39.023(e).

Education Code 39.303.

SEC. 5. CONFERENCES

Conferences may be requested by a teacher or parent as needed.

SEC. 6. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to grade penalties on assignments or tests and disciplinary penalties in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Academic dishonesty includes cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination. The determination that a student has engaged in academic dishonesty shall be based on the judgment of the classroom teacher or another supervising professional employee, taking into consideration written materials, observation, or information from students.