

OPERATING GUIDELINES

(Addressing Alternative Assessments During the ARD Meeting)

1. The chairperson of the Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) Committee should make a statement regarding the Texas Assessment Program and the ARD Committee members should determine which state assessment is appropriate for the student to take.
2. Students with disabilities have four assessment options: TAKS, TAKS accommodated (TAKS-A), TAKS modified (TAKS-M), and TAKS alternative (TAKS-Alt). The ARD Chairperson and Committee must determine based on educational needs and academic ability which assessment option is best for the student to take.
3. The ARD Chairperson and the ARD Committee Members need to address special requirements, modifications and accommodations the student will need regarding the Texas Assessment program.
4. When completing the ARD paperwork, the ARD Chairperson and ARD Committee Members must document in writing the appropriate assessment option for the student with disabilities.
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