

## **Commissioner's Rules Concerning Dropou**

- (1) A school district identified as having a high dropout rate under subsection (b) of this section shall submit a dropout prevention strategy plan to the commissioner describing the manner in which it intends to use its compensatory education allocation and high school allocation funds for the purpose of developing and implementing dropout prevention strategies.
- (2) A school district's dropout prevention strategy plan shall include the following components:
  - (A) analysis of factors that have had an impact on the school district or campus dropout rate using evaluation and needs assessment data available to the school district;
  - (B) description of programs and activities designed to reduce the school district and campus dropout rate to be funded in whole or in part with compensatory education allotment funds;
  - (C) description of programs and activities identified in §61.1093 of this title (relating to Use of Funds) designed to reduce the school district and campus dropout rate to be funded in whole or in part with high school allotment funds;
  - (D) quantifiable benchmarks to measure evidence of change;
  - (E) resources to be used in implementing programs and activities identified in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph;
  - (F) timeline for initiation of activities identified in subparagraphs (B) and (C) of this paragraph; and
  - (G) description of how activities will be coordinated with those identified in the school district's plan to increase college enrollment, if the school district is required by the TEC, §29.904, to submit such a plan.
- (3) The dropout prevention strategy plan shall include research-based programs and activities.
- (f) Dropout prevention strategy plan submission. In accordance with the TEC, §29.918(a), a school district shall submit its dropout prevention strategy plan not later than December 1 of each school year preceding the school year in which the school district will receive the compensatory education allotment or high school allotment. The plan shall be submitted to the TEA in a manner determined by the commissioner.
- (g) Dropout prevention strategy plan approval. In accordance with the TEC, §29.918(b), review of district dropout prevention strategy plans shall be completed by the commissioner not later than March 1 of the school year preceding the school year in which the district will receive the compensatory education allotment or high school allotment. Until a district receives commissioner approval in writing for its dropout prevention strategy plan, a district may not spend or obligate more than 25% of the district's compensatory education allotment or high school allotment funds as set forth in the TEC, §29.918(b).
- (h) Sanctions. The commissioner may impose sanctions under the TEC, §39.131 or §39.1321, if the district:
  - (1) fails to submit its dropout prevention strategy plan by December 1;
  - (2) submits a dropout prevention strategy plan that fails to meet the plan specifications set forth in subsection (e) of this section; or
  - (3) spends or obligates compensatory education allotment or high school allotment funds in excess of 25% of the allotment amount prior to receiving approval of the dropout prevention strategy plan by the commissioner.

*Source: The provisions of this §89.1701 adopted to be effective November 29, 2007, 32 TexReg 8500.*