

Exceptions to the High Stakes testing policy

1. Policy Override – 4th and 8th grades

The local school system (LEA) may override the State policy for students scoring at the *Unsatisfactory* level in English language arts or mathematics, if the student scores at the *Mastery* or *Advanced* level in the other, provided that

- the decision is made in accordance with the local Pupil Progression Plan, which may include a referral to the School Building Level Committee (SBLC);
- the student has participated in **both** the spring and summer administrations of LEAP and has attended the summer remediation program offered by the LEA (the student shall participate in the summer retest only on the subject that he/she scored at the *Unsatisfactory* achievement level during the spring test administration); and
- parental consent is granted.

Policy Override – 8th grade only

The local school system (LEA) may override the State policy for 8th grade students scoring at the *Unsatisfactory* level in English language arts or mathematics, if the student scores at the *Basic* level in the other, provided that the following criteria are met:

- the student scored **Approaching Basic** or above on the Science and Social Studies components of LEAP;
- the student had an overall 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale;
- the student had a minimum 92% attendance during the school year;
- the decision is made in accordance with the local Pupil Progression Plan, which may include a referral to the School Building Level Committee (SBLC);
- the student has participated in **both** the spring and summer administrations of LEAP and has attended the summer remediation program offered by the LEA (the student shall participate in the summer retest only on the subject that he/she scored at the *Unsatisfactory* achievement level during the spring test administration); and
- parental consent is granted.

If a student meets the criteria for this override, and is promoted with an *Unsatisfactory*, the student must enroll in and pass a high school remedial course in the *unsatisfactory* subject before enrolling in or earning Carnegie credit for English or mathematics.

2. Students with Disabilities Eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) participating in LEAP Alternate Assessments

- Students with disabilities who participate in the LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 1 (LAA 1), shall have promotion decisions determined by the SBLC.
- Students with disabilities who participate in the LEAP Alternate Assessment, Level 2 (LAA 2), shall have promotion decisions determined by the SBLC.