

Purpose: The 2009 – 2010 official school year for students is from August 24, 2009 until June 4, 2010. However, students this year will have an opportunity to qualify for an “*early end of school year*” by meeting the criteria listed on this sheet and the same criteria listed on the Early Dismissal Guidelines. Parent letters have been sent out by students on May 29, 2009 and August 24, 2009 with one change. The change is that students who qualify for an early end of school year will *not* have the opportunity to attend enrichment activities.

Optional Flexible Year Program

Kilgore Independent School District

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Who is required to attend Tier II?** May 26, 2010 – June 4, 2010 (7 School Days)

A student who fails any portion of the state assessment or who fails a core course (reading/ELA, math, science, or social studies). Students must also be in compliance with attendance. Please see early dismissal guidelines for grade levels that do not take TAKS tests.

- 2. If a parent has more than one student in the district, but only one is assigned to Tier II, may the other children also attend the instruction?**

No. Tier II is designed for intensive remediation. Only students who have failed a portion of the state assessment or who have failed a course or grade level are required to attend Tier II.

- 3. If a student passes the grade level or course but wishes to attend Tier II as an attempt to raise a passing average, may the student do so?**

No. Tier II is designed for intensive remediation.

- 4. If a student passes the state assessment but fails a core course and is required to attend Tier II, does the student still have to attend Tier III (summer school)?**

*To gain credit for a course, a student has an opportunity to demonstrate mastery before Tier III-(summer school) begins. The student may demonstrate mastery in Tier II (**by June 4th**). If the student is not successful in Tier II, the student may continue in Tier III (summer school). The student’s final opportunity to demonstrate mastery before the next school year is in Tier III (summer school). Grade changes should be recorded on the grade change form and submitted to the designated campus administrator. Summer school criteria for students will not change from the previous year.*

- 5. If a student is not successful in Tiers II-III, is there any way the student can be placed in the next grade?**

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Yes. The Grade Placement Committee may make this determination.

6. How and when are parents notified that students need to attend Tier II?

The district will develop a letter template for campuses to use in notifying parents. Principals should distribute these letters as soon as state assessment data is received and last day of instruction for student (May 25th or June 4th).

7. How and when are parents notified that students need to attend Tier III?

The district will develop two letter templates for campuses to use at the end of Tier II: one for successful completion and another letter containing the requirement for summer school. These letters should be completed after testing and should be sent home with students. This same procedure will be used for all tiers of instruction.

8. Can a student's grade be changed at the end of Tier II?

Yes. Students that are placed in Tier II for failing a course may have the opportunity to bring their grade up to passing standards. The teacher responsible for assigning the original grade is also responsible for making any grade changes.

9. If a student has been placed in AEC or assigned to Elder, but meets the "early end of school year" criteria is the student still required to attend school during Tier II?

Yes. The student must also complete discipline placements along with eligibility requirements.

10. If a student is absent on the day of the TAKS test(s), how will the determination be made whether or not the student is eligible for an "early end of school year"?

Campuses will develop a local assessment in order to see if the student is making satisfactory progress. The final authority of whether or not a student is eligible will be made by the campus administration.

11. If a student is required to attend Tier II (May 26 – June 4) will district transportation still be provided?

Yes. Some of the pick up times may change due to fewer students attending.

***Completion of summer school does not automatically mean that a student will be promoted to the next grade. Students must perform at a satisfactory level in summer school in order to move to the next grade or the Grade Placement Committee may make the recommendation.**