

**Changes to the Title III Accountability System Required by the US Department of Education Notice of Final Interpretations (NOFI) and Approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) in January 2010**

In order to be consistent with the NOFI, the following changes were approved by the SBE in January 2010 and will be implemented for the 2009-10 annual measurable achievement objectives (AMAO) determinations.

**AMAO 1**

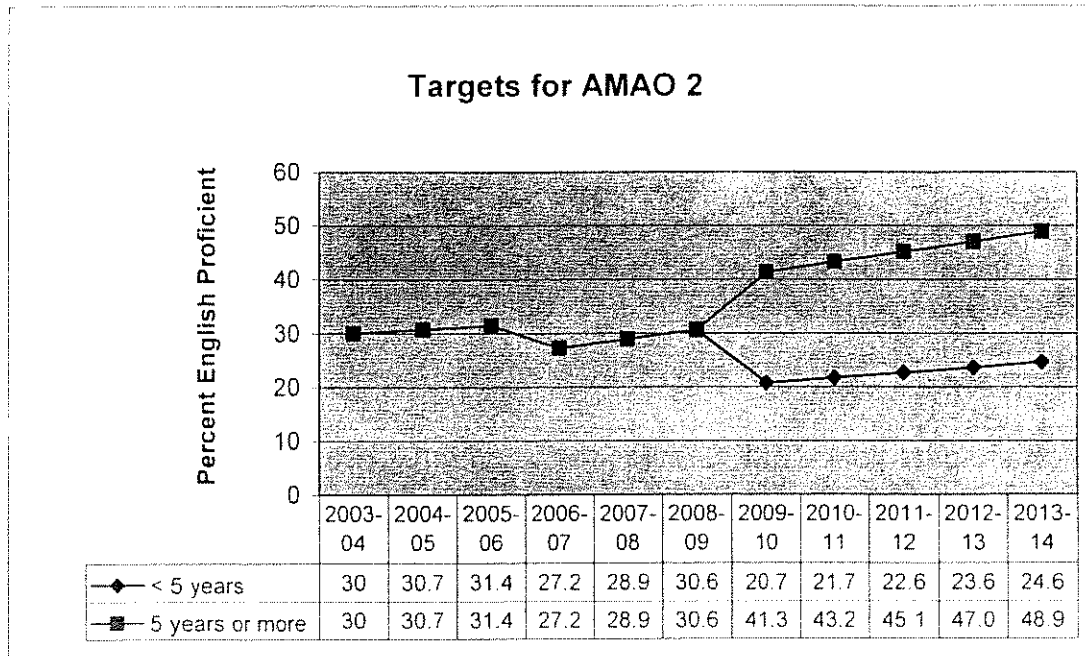
- Allow the prior year CELDT scores to come from a year other than the immediately preceding year, but no earlier than 2006-07. The prior year score should be from the most recent year in which the student was tested.
- No changes to targets for AMAO 1.

**AMAO 2**

- New federal requirements for AMAO 2 affecting California include the following: All ELs need to be included in the calculation of AMAO 2 including students who take the initial CELDT and are classified as EL.
- Cohorts for AMAO 2 can only be established based on the length of time in language instruction educational programs.
- If multiple cohorts are established for AMAO 2, a Title III subgrantee has to meet the targets for each cohort in order to meet AMAO 2.

As a result of these requirements the following changes are being made to AMAO 2:

- Include initial CELDT takers tested during the annual testing window if they are classified as an EL. Assign these initial ELs a weight of 0.1 if they have been in language instruction educational programs in US schools for less than one year.
- Establish two cohorts for AMAO 2: (1) ELs who have been in language instruction educational programs for less than five years, and (2) ELs who have been in language instruction educational programs for five years or more.



**Data Review Module for 2009-10 CELDT (initial and annual) Feb 15, 2010 - March 8, 2010**

The following data elements are needed to compute AMAOs for 2009-10:

- Most recent previous scale scores (Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking, Overall)
- Grade during previous CELDT administration
- English learner date first enrolled in US schools
- Previous CELDT administration date
- Date CELDT testing completed
- Test purpose (Annual or initial)