

Chapter 41 Districts 2011–2012 School Year

February 9, 2012

Subject: Preliminary *Cost of Recapture* Report Available for Review

To the Administrator Addressed:

An updated version of your district's 2011–2012 preliminary *Cost of Recapture* report is now available online at <https://wfspcprdap1b16.tea.state.tx.us/Fsp/Reports/ReportSelection.aspx>.¹ The Texas Education Agency is no longer mailing paper copies of the report to school districts. If your district has submitted its estimates of tuition paid, students in weighted average daily attendance (WADA) purchased, county appraisal district (CAD) costs, and maintenance and operations (M&O) tax collections via the Foundation School Program (FSP) System Chapter 41 subsystem, this updated report reflects those estimates (indicated by an asterisk [*] by the data element). Since the first preliminary *Cost of Recapture* report was generated, the following have been incorporated:

- If your district reported paying tuition to another district for educating some of its students, WADA credit has been given for that cost (line 28 or line 30, depending on the option). This credit reduces the number of WADA your district must purchase to equalize its wealth.
- If your district reported charging tuition to another district for educating some of its nonresident students, WADA has been reduced on line 7. This adjustment increases the number of WADA your district must purchase to equalize its wealth.

For Option 3 (or partial Option 3) districts, the payment schedule is as shown in the following table. The first payment due date is February 15, 2012. A link to a PDF copy of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts wiring instructions is available at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6796&menu_id=645 (second section, third bullet).

Payment Number	Payment Due Date
Payment 1	Wednesday, February 15, 2012
Payment 2	Thursday, March 15, 2012
Payment 3	Friday, April 13, 2012
Payment 4	Tuesday, May 15, 2012
Payment 5	Friday, June 15, 2012
Payment 6	Friday, July 13, 2012
Payment 7	Wednesday, August 15, 2012

For Option 4 districts, the *Cost of Recapture* report provides a comparison of the reported number of WADA being bought to the number of WADA needed to be purchased. In some

¹ Be sure to select the link for the most recently run preliminary report, which may appear at the end of the list instead of at the beginning.

cases, there is a significant difference between these two WADA numbers. Option 4 districts should review the report carefully and submit any necessary corrections via the Chapter 41 subsystem so that the state aid reduction to the partner district(s) can be more accurately determined. Please submit corrections, if any, as soon as possible.

If your district is a technology consortium district, it is imperative you review the "Comparison of WADA Acquired to WADA Needed for Chapter 41 District Exercising Some Form of Option 3" section of the report (the last section of the online report). In some cases, the gain has significantly exceeded the 10 percent limit. If your district has exceeded the limit, your district must reduce the number of WADA being bought from the partner(s) so that the limit is not exceeded. Districts that have not exceeded the limit may increase the number of WADA being bought as long as the limit is not exceeded. Please submit corrections, if any, as soon as possible. These changes will affect the Option 3 payment schedule as well.

Please note that the cost of buying WADA is not final until all data elements used in the calculations are final.

Also, I suggest you check your report monthly, before the due date, as the recapture cost is subject to change throughout the payment cycle.

If you have any questions concerning this updated preliminary report or any other Chapter 41 questions, please contact me by telephone at (512) 463-9214 or by email at nadia.bobb@tea.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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