§ 30.106 How does a tribal governing body or school board propose an alternative definition of AYP?

If a tribal governing body or school board decides that the definition of AYP in §30.104 is inappropriate, it may decide to waive all or part of the definition. Within 60 days of the decision to waive, the tribal governing body or school board must submit to the Secretary a proposal for an alternative definition of AYP. The proposal must meet the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 6311(b) and 34 CFR 200.13–200.20, taking into account the unique circumstances and needs of the school or schools and the students served.

§ 30.107 What must a tribal governing body or school board include in its alternative definition of AYP?

(a) An alternative definition of AYP must meet the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2) of the Act and 34 CFR 200.13–200.20, taking into account the unique circumstances and needs of the school or schools and the students served.

(b) In accordance with 20 U.S.C. 6311(b) of the Act and 34 CFR 200.13–200.20, an alternative definition of AYP must:

(1) Apply the same high standards of academic achievement to all students;
(2) Be statistically valid and reliable;
(3) Result in continuous and substantial academic improvement for all students;
(4) Measure the progress of all students based on a high-quality assessment system that includes, at a minimum, academic assessments in mathematics and reading or language arts;
(5) Measure progress separately for reading or language arts and for mathematics;
(6) Unless disaggregation of data cannot yield statistically reliable information or reveals personally identifiable information, apply the same annual measurable objectives to each of the following:

(i) The achievement of all students; and
(ii) The achievement of economically disadvantaged students, students from major racial or ethnic groups, students with disabilities, and students with limited English proficiency;
(7) Establish a starting point;
(8) Create a timeline to ensure that all students are proficient by the 2013–2014 school year;
(9) Establish annual measurable objectives;
(10) Establish intermediate goals;
(11) Include at least one other academic indicator which, for any school with a 12th grade, must be graduation rate; and
(12) Ensure that at least 95 percent of the students enrolled in each group under §30.107(b)(6) are assessed.

(c) If a Bureau-funded school’s alternative definition of AYP does not use a State’s academic content and student achievement standards and academic assessments, the school must include with its alternative definition the academic standards and assessment it proposes to use. These standards and assessments must meet the requirements in 20 U.S.C. 6311(b) and 34 CFR 200.1–200.9.

§ 30.108 May an alternative definition of AYP use parts of the Secretary’s definition?

Yes, a tribal governing body or school board may take part of the Secretary’s definition and propose to waive the remainder. The proposed alternative definition of AYP must, however, include both the parts of the Secretary’s AYP definition the tribal governing body or school board is adopting and those parts the tribal governing body or school board is proposing to change.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

§ 30.109 Will the Secretary provide assistance in developing an alternative AYP definition?

Yes, the Secretary through the Bureau, shall provide technical assistance either directly or through contract to the tribal governing body or the school board in developing an alternative AYP definition. A tribal governing body or school board needing assistance must submit a request to the Director of