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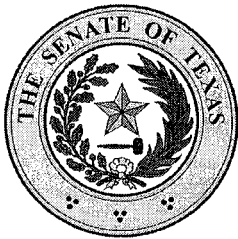
This teacher did not want to reveal his name since he is employed at EPISD.

How students are hidden -- or preventing from taking the Sophomore test:

- Students who fail both parts of Algebra I are held back;
- They are classified as freshman
- The following year they take more classes and accumulate more credits so they are considered Juniors
- They totally skip the 10th grade and therefore do not take the federal test
- Majority are LEP students -- but not all

Graduation rates:

For seniors who miss most of the semester, schools offer "credit recovery" which consists of a 5 or 6 week minimester. Instead of 5 or 6 weeks, students are given a one day minimester which teachers call a "turbomester" and students are given credit so they can graduate. Some students are absent 20 or 30 days and they still get credit.



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