

Develop items to fill gaps in alignment for reading and math, grades 4, 8, and 11 utilizing content standards and revised performance descriptors to ensure that higher order thinking skills are included.	December 31, 2002	Test items map and specifications	Title I Office Assessment Office	Title VI
Develop procedures for pilot test administration, scoring, and data analysis.	January 31, 2003	Testing Procedures Document	Title I Office Assessment Office	Title VI
Conduct item try-outs for reading and math, grades 4, 8, and 11 using an empirical sample.	February 28, 2003	Analysis of new item performance	Title I Office Assessment Office	Title VI
Complete review of these test items for bias to ensure that results measure the essence of the standards and do so for students of diverse backgrounds.	March 31, 2003	Results of item analyses (DIF)	Title I Office Assessment Office	Title VI
Conduct inservice for district test coordinators for pilot administration.	April 30, 2003	Schedule of training	Title I Office Assessment Office	Title VI
Administer pilot tests in reading and math, grades 4, 8, and 11 including new added items.	May 31, 2003	Pilot test schedule	Title I Office Assessment Office	Title VI
Complete any needed adjustments in the test forms and administration procedures for new tests in reading and math, grades 4, 8, and 11.	December 31, 2003	Report adjustments made	Title I Office Assessment Office	Title VI