

Charter School Attendance

Texas Education Code (TEC) and Texas Administrative Code (TAC) References

TEC, §42.004; 19 TAC §129.1023 and §129.1025

History/Relevant Background Information

Charter schools report charter level attendance information at the end of each six-week attendance reporting period by using a web-based application supported by the Division of State Funding in the Texas Education Agency (TEA). This attendance reporting application is designed in accordance with the District Six-Week Attendance Report requirements outlined in the *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook*.

Description of Procedure

Following each web-based attendance submission, an updated annual ADA is estimated and used as the basis for determining each charter school's Foundation School Program (FSP) payments during the school year. The purpose of this process is to ensure that charter school funding is based on actual attendance as much as possible. This helps to avoid material settle-up adjustments that could cause hardships to charter schools.

At the end of the school year, charter schools are required to submit attendance data through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS). The data reported through the PEIMS are used to calculate the actual FSP earnings of charter schools and to determine the near-final settle-up amounts.

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