

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZING & ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

2020 CHARTER SCHOOL WAITLIST REPORT

MARCH 2021

This page intentionally left blank.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

In 2019, the 86th Legislature passed Senate Bill 2293, which added Section 12.1174 to the Texas Education Code (TEC) and required open-enrollment charter schools to report the following:

- the number of students enrolled;
- the enrollment capacity;
- if a charter holder uses a waiting list of admission to campus: the total number of students on the waitlist and the number of students on the waiting list disaggregated by grade level;
- the information described by Subdivision aggregated for all campuses operating under the charter holder's charter; and
- any information required by the commissioner as necessary to identify each student admitted to or on a waiting list for admission to a campus operating under the charter holder's charter who is or was previously enrolled in a public school in this state.

This information must be reported to the agency's Internet website no later than March 15 of each year. The information contained within this report fulfills the statutory requirement outlined in Texas Education Code (TEC) §12.1174.

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 2293, authored by Senator Fallon in the 86th Regular Legislative Session, added Sections 12.1173 and 12.1174 to the TEC. Section 12.1173 required the commissioner to adopt a common admission application form and a waiting list of admission for use by all open-enrollment charter schools in the state of Texas. Section 12.1174 required the annual reporting of data referred to as the Charter School Waitlist (CSW). The Charter Student Admission Application (CSAA) creation allows for a uniform admission form to be utilized portfolio-wide. Additionally, this common admission application form provides for eliminating questions or fields that may have an inherent bias. The CSAA helps gather the required CSW data for submission by charter schools in the state's portfolio.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) employs the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) to collect data from local education agencies (LEAs). The Texas Student Data System is a statewide data collection system utilized to collect, manage, and report Texas education data. Local education agencies (LEAs) load their data into the system, and the data is stored in a central repository.

CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT POLICIES

Charter schools authorized in Texas must create admission and enrollment policies per the Texas Education Code (TEC). The requirements for these policies are outlined in Sections 12.111 and 12.117. Charter schools that receive more applications than available seats are considered 'oversubscribed' and must conduct a lottery to determine accepted enrollees. Applicants who do not receive enrollment during a lottery are placed on a waiting list.

PROCEDURE

The CSAA was released to all open-enrollment charter schools on July 1, 2020, with a required implementation by August 1, 2020. All charter schools are required to use the CSAA for admission of students, and all students applying for admission to an open-enrollment charter school in Texas are required to submit the CSAA to the charter school(s) they are applying to, thus ensuring the collection of necessary CSW data each year.

The required CSW data is gathered through a special collection with a snapshot of data taken on the last Friday in September and finalized reporting submitted no later than the last Friday in October. The 2020 CSW special collection snapshot date was Friday, September 25, 2020, with final reporting no later than Friday, October 30, 2020.

LIMITATIONS

Due to the initial implementation of the TSDS CSW Collection for the first time in the fall of 2020 conceivably, charter schools had not previously collected the required data for the charter school waitlist in the manner prescribed by the TSDS. A majority of charter schools may have held their application, lottery, and enrollment window before implementing the CSW Collection; consequently, most application data was likely collected before the implementation of the CSAA. These timelines may have resulted in the under-reporting of data.

The following may have also posed limitations in reporting. All public schools rely on a software matching system to identify individual student data. TSDS utilizes the 'Unique ID' (UID) system in which each student in the state of Texas is assigned a unique identification number. This UID is generated or 'matched' based on the student's social security number or alternative state assigned ID (S-number; when a social security number is not provided). Consequently, each charter school registrar uses a student's social security number (SSN) or S-number to match the student to their UID. The CSAA does not require the submission of a social security number for privacy purposes (Privacy Act, 1974, 5 USC § 552a), and this requirement is not required in Texas statute (TEC §25.002). The CSAA form provides a field for voluntary submission of an SSN to facilitate a match between an individual student and their UID. These requirements may pose limitations in reporting, particularly in the first year of the collection and report.

KEY FINDINGS

The 2020 CSW resulted in 98.43% (185) charter school holders reporting. Three charter school holders did not report data (one was revoked, one had not yet opened, and one was a designated Human Resource Code (HRC) charter for incarcerated students). Of the charter school campuses in the state's portfolio, 65.48% (552) reported having a waitlist; 34.52% (291) of campuses reported no waitlist. The total reported charter school waitlist count was 72,430, which contains approximately 17,371 duplicated students who may have applied to and been reported by multiple charter schools on their respective waitlists.

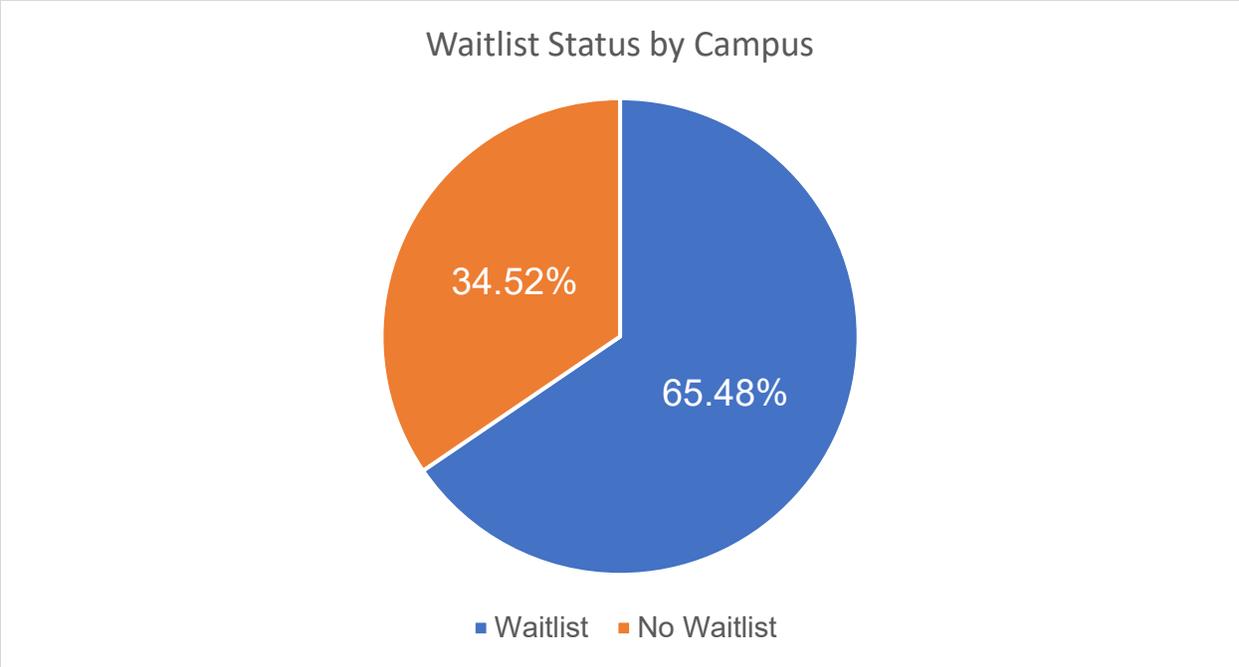


Figure 1

Currently, there are 336,745 students enrolled in charter schools in the state of Texas. This represents roughly 6.3% of all public-school enrollment. Within the CSW collection, charter schools reported a facility enrollment capacity of 441,293. Enrollment capacity is defined as the number of students to which the charter school's campus can provide instruction without exceeding staffing and facility limitations and the approved charter holder's maximum enrollment.

While there appears to be a difference of 104,548 seats or enrollment between actual and enrollment and enrollment capacity, upon the aggregation and analysis of statewide totals, there is no causal relationship between these data points. For instance, a charter campus may report a larger enrollment capacity than actual enrollment with no waitlist. In contrast, another charter campus may report a limited enrollment capacity and an extensive waitlist. When combined, this data is not necessarily a reflection of seats available at individual charter campuses. The 104,548 seats are disseminated across the state's charter portfolio and fourteen grade levels (PK-12). When filtering for duplicative students reported on multiple waitlists, the total number of individual students reported on charter schools with waitlists for the 2020-2021 school year was 55,059.

Actual Enrollment	Enrollment Capacity	Waitlist Count
336,745	441,293	55,059

Figure 2

Notably, upon the disaggregation of data by grade-levels, waitlist numbers peak during primary transition periods such as the entrance to Kindergarten, sixth grade, and ninth grade. Additionally, as grade levels increase, waitlist numbers tend to decline.

The following table shows the reported waitlist count by grade-level. There were 91 waitlist students reported with no associated grade-level.

PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
5403	7434	5616	5895	5445	5031	3400	6002	3133	2520	2120	1448	696	552

Figure 3

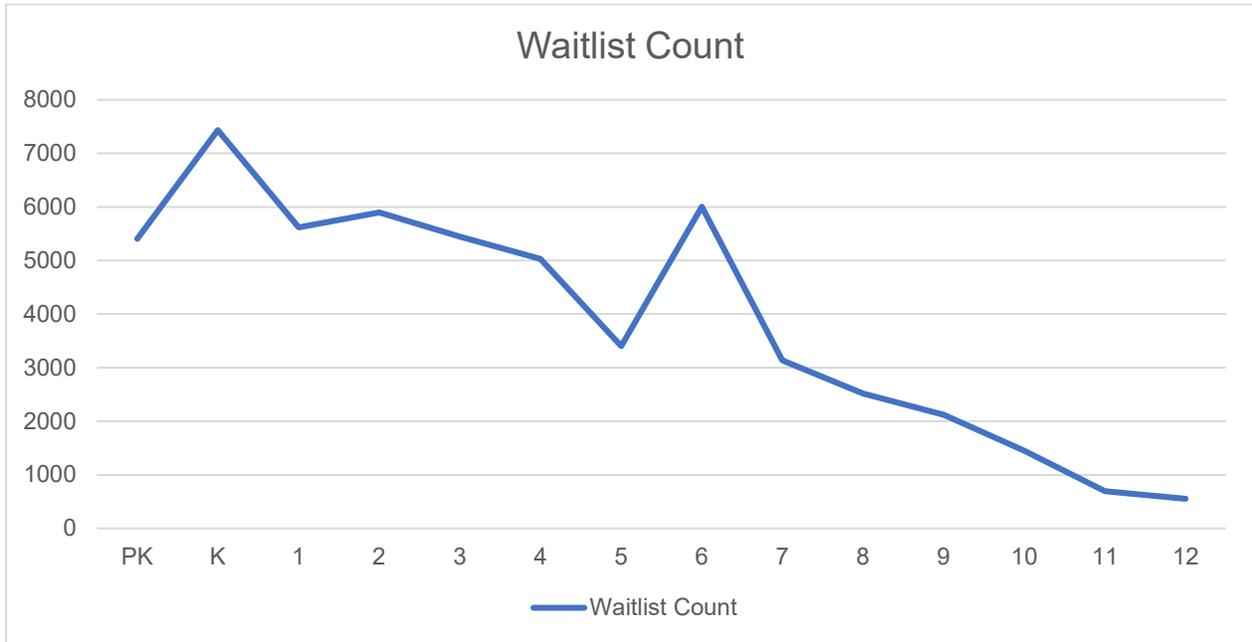


Figure 4

Charter schools are public schools or Local Education Agencies (LEAs) operated by eligible entities such as 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, governmental entities, and colleges or universities. At a minimum, charter schools will have one charter school campus associated with the charter LEA and in many instances, there are multiple charter school campuses associated with a charter LEA.

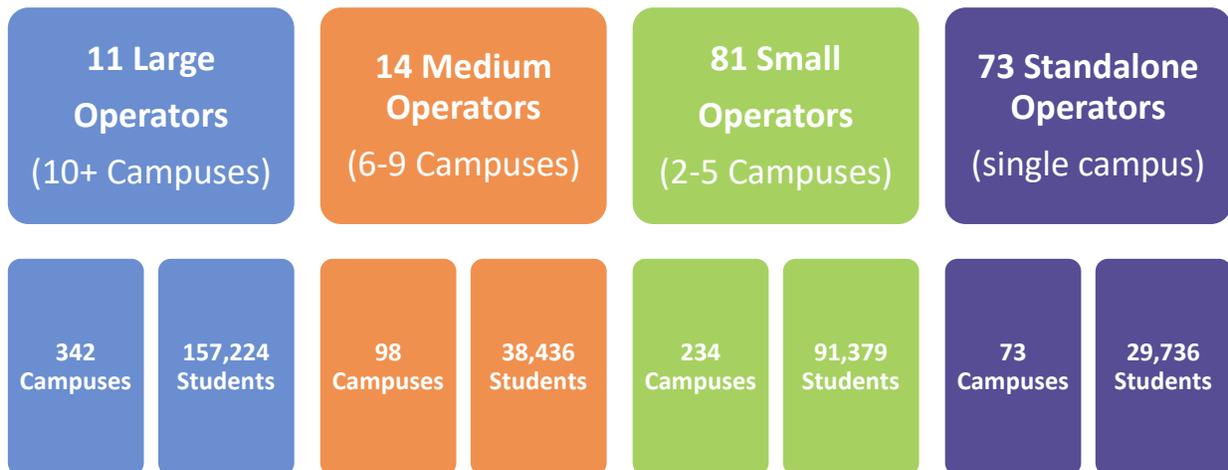


Figure 5

The graph below represents the ten charter schools with the largest submitted waitlists in the state of Texas. Charter schools have been grouped according to their Charter Management Organization (CMO) when appropriate. The totals within this graph contain duplicate unique student-ids as reported by the charter school. Duplication occurs when a Texas student applies to multiple charter schools in a given year.

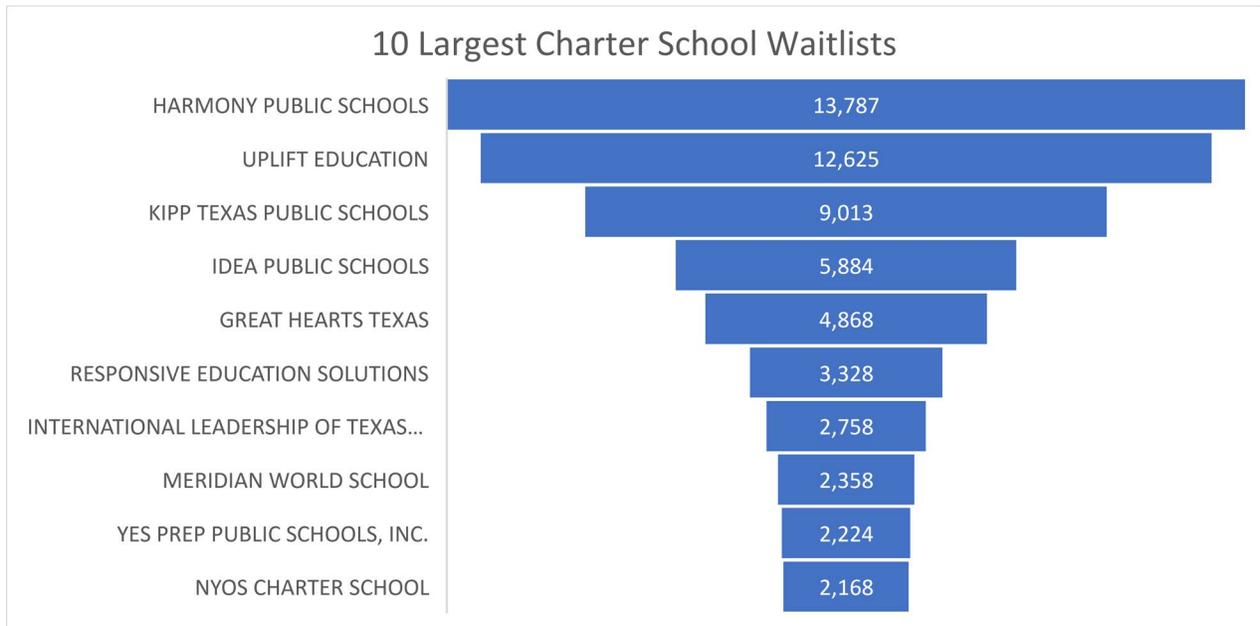


Figure 6

SUMMARY

In summary, this data represents the first year of this collection; subsequent collections should provide a more thorough glimpse of trends in the state’s charter portfolio. The agency anticipates a more thorough CSW collection in SY 2021-2022 after a full year’s implementation of the CSAA for 2020-2021.

The agency continues to evaluate and analyze methodology and collections. Several considerations are being evaluated to improve collection including moving the CSW collection to align with the PEIMS Fall Snapshot timeline providing consistency for data collection across LEAs.

APPENDIX

A. Future collection dates

Snapshot Date	Submission Date	Report Date
Friday, September 24, 2021	Friday, October 29, 2021	Tuesday, March 15, 2022
Friday, September 23, 2022	Friday, October 28, 2022	Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Friday, September 29, 2023	Friday, October 27, 2023	Friday, March 15, 2024

B. Charter school waitlist count by LEA

LEA (CDN)	CHARTER HOLDER	Count of Student UID
161807 015828 101846 071806 227816 101862 101858	HARMONY PUBLIC SCHOOLS	13,787
057803	UPLIFT EDUCATION	12,625
227820	KIPP TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS	9,013
108807	IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	5,884
015835	GREAT HEARTS TEXAS	4,868
221801 072801	RESPONSIVE EDUCATION SOLUTIONS	3,328
057848	INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP OF TEXAS (ILTEXAS)	2,758
246801	MERIDIAN WORLD SCHOOL	2,358
101845	YES PREP PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC.	2,224
227804	NYOS CHARTER SCHOOL	2,168
015834	BASIS TEXAS	1,655
220810	WESTLAKE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	1,414
014804	ORENDA CHARTER SCHOOL	1,070
015827 015831	RIVERWALK EDUCATION FOUNDATION	1,049
061804	LEADERSHIP PREP SCHOOL	1,018
227829	VALOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	768
123807	BOB HOPE SCHOOL	536
057841	CITYSCAPE SCHOOLS	448
227826	MONTESSORI FOR ALL	371
015822	JUBILEE ACADEMIES	326
057829 057830	A+ CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.	311

057807	LIFE SCHOOL	294
220802	ARLINGTON CLASSICS ACADEMY	291
057845	UME PREPARATORY ACADEMY	264
101870	BETA ACADEMY	256
057847	VILLAGE TECH SCHOOLS	247
246802	GOODWATER MONTESSORI SCHOOL	237
108808	VANGUARD ACADEMY	233
108802	HORIZON MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOLS	228
101853	PROMISE COMMUNITY SCHOOL	218
101803	ARISTOI CLASSICAL ACADEMY	215
227825	AUSTIN ACHIEVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	174
212804	UT TYLER UNIVERSITY ACADEMY	153
123805	EHRHART SCHOOL	142
220817	NEWMAN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF ARLINGTON	120
220819	HIGH POINT ACADEMY	114
101847	BEATRICE MAYES INSTITUTE CHARTER SCHOOL	97
057813	TRINITY BASIN PREPARATORY	83
068803	UTPB STEM ACADEMY	73
212801	CUMBERLAND ACADEMY	72
021805	ARROW ACADEMY	70
236802	SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL	69
161802	RAPOPORT ACADEMY PUBLIC SCHOOL	64
174801	STEPHEN F AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL	58
057805	LUMIN EDUCATION	56
084802	ODYSSEY ACADEMY, THE	52
227814	CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY	50
101819	AMIGOS POR VIDA-FRIENDS FOR LIFE PUBLIC CHARTER SC	45
226801	TEXAS LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS	44
057819	JEAN MASSIEU ACADEMY	30
165802	MIDLAND ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	29
152802	RISE ACADEMY	28
015836	ELEANOR KOLITZ HEBREW LANGUAGE ACADEMY	27
068802	COMPASS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	26
057836	ST ANTHONY SCHOOL	24
101838	SOUTHWEST SCHOOLS	23
057846	LEGACY PREPARATORY	22
227819	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL	22
101815	ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL	21
057844	MANARA ACADEMY	19
071801	BURNHAM WOOD CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT	18
013801	ST MARYS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL	16
003801	PINEYWOODS COMMUNITY ACADEMY	14
070801	WAXAHACHIE FAITH FAMILY ACADEMY	14
101810	ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING, INC	14
101806	RAUL YZAGUIRRE SCHOOLS FOR SUCCESS	13
178808	SEASHORE CHARTER SCHOOLS	12

101861	RHODES SCHOOL, THE	10
015805	NEW FRONTIERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INC.	10
057839	LA ACADEMIA DE ESTRELLAS	9
015808	INSPIRE ACADEMIES	9
183801	PANOLA CHARTER SCHOOL	6
101802	SER-NINOS CHARTER SCHOOL	4
101814	VARNETT PUBLIC SCHOOL, THE	3
178807	CORPUS CHRISTI MONTESSORI SCHOOL	3
227817	CEDARS INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY	2
057810	ACADEMY OF DALLAS	2
061802	NORTH TEXAS COLLEGIATE ACADEMY	1
021803	BRAZOS SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY & CREATIVITY	1

C. Texas Student Data System (TSDS)

a. Sample Screen from TSDS: Validation Errors by Job

The screenshot shows the TSDS interface for SEDS LEARNING CHARTER (701803). The navigation bar includes links for Data Promotions, Validations, Prepare/Finalize Submission, View Reports, and Administration. The current page is titled "Validation Errors by Job" and shows 50 entries. The table below details the validation errors:

Category	Subc.	Sev.	Rule	Message
Education Organization	Campus	F	10020-0058: For a charter campus being reported for the Charter School Waitlist collection, NUMBER-CHARTER-STUDENTS-ENROLLED, CHARTER-EDUCATIONAL-ENROLLMENT-CAPACITY, and CHARTER-ADMISSION-WAITLIST-INDICATOR-CODE must not be blank.	Error Data: NUMBER-CHARTER-STUDENTS-ENROLLED: [NULL], CHARTER-EDUCATIONAL-ENROLLMENT-CAPACITY: [NULL], CHARTER-ADMISSION-WAITLIST-INDICATOR-CODE: [NULL] Identifying Info: DISTRICT-ID: 701803, CAMPUS-ID: 701803101, CAMPUS-NAME: SEDS CHARTER EL
Student	Student Basic Information	F	40100-0197: For each student reported by the LEA, there must be enrollment (student school association) data with a matching TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID.	Error Data: [Data is missing or invalid] Identifying Info: DISTRICT-ID: 701803, TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID: 3336115233, LAST-NAME: ECSEDIY, FIRST-NAME: MAXIMUS, DATE-OF-BIRTH: 25-FEB-2002
Student	Student Basic Information	F	40100-0197: For each student reported by the LEA, there must be enrollment (student school association) data with a matching TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID.	Error Data: [Data is missing or invalid] Identifying Info: DISTRICT-ID: 701803, TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID: 9972782645, LAST-NAME: MERRITT, FIRST-NAME: SEAN, DATE-OF-BIRTH: 12-APR-2007
Student	Student Basic Information	F	40100-0197: For each student reported by the LEA, there must be enrollment (student school association) data with a matching TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID.	Error Data: [Data is missing or invalid] Identifying Info: DISTRICT-ID: 701803, TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID: 4353992743, LAST-NAME: VILLARREAL, FIRST-NAME: JESSE, DATE-OF-BIRTH: 24-OCT-2007
Student	Student Basic Information	F	40100-0197: For each student reported by the LEA, there must be enrollment (student school association) data with a matching TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID.	Error Data: [Data is missing or invalid] Identifying Info: DISTRICT-ID: 701803, TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID: 6682632592, LAST-NAME: BURKETT, FIRST-NAME: PARKER, DATE-OF-BIRTH: 09-FEB-2002
Student	Student Basic Information	F	40100-0197: For each student reported by the LEA, there must be enrollment (student school association) data with a matching TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID.	Error Data: [Data is missing or invalid] Identifying Info: DISTRICT-ID: 701803, TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID: 9226787381, LAST-NAME: HERNANDEZ, FIRST-NAME: AVERY, DATE-OF-BIRTH: 03-AUG-2001

b. Sample Screen from TSDS: Prepare / Finalize Submission

ed.linden (0) edward.linden@lea.state.tx.us Support Help Exit

SEDS LEARNING CHARTER (701803) CSW 2020-2021 YRLY Single GO

tsds texas student data system

Home » Prepare / Finalize Submission

Prepare / Finalize Submission

LEA Overview

Organization Data Status: **PROMOTED** [Complete](#) [Reset](#)

Organization Name: SEDS LEARNING CHARTER
 Organization ID: 701803
 School Year: 2020-2021
 Submission: YRLY
 Total Fatal Errors: 0
 Total Subcategories Promoted: 4
 Total Subcategories Validated: 0

Show entries Search: [PDF](#) [XLS](#) [Print](#)

Category	Subcategory	Last Promoted on	Promoted By	Records	Error Report	F	SW	W	Data Status
Education Organization	Campus	12/18/2020 09:16 AM	ed.linden	3					PROMOTED
Education Organization	Local Education Agency	12/18/2020 09:16 AM	ed.linden	1					PROMOTED
Student	Enrollment (School Association)	12/18/2020 09:16 AM	ed.linden	0					PROMOTED
Student	Student Basic Information	12/18/2020 09:16 AM	ed.linden	10					PROMOTED

c. Sample Screen from TSDS: CSW Roster Report

Texas Education Agency TSDS CSW ROSTER REPORT Friday 12/18/2020 9:25 AM
 CBWG-100-001 LEA-level Data Page 2 of 2
 v21.1 AB
 *** CONFIDENTIAL *** 2020 - 2021 First Submission

LEA: 701803 - SEDS LEARNING CHARTER

Campus	Enrollment Capacity	# of Charter Students Enrolled	1234	Charter Admission Waitlist Indicator	N
Campus: SEDS CHARTER HS - 701803001	Enrollment Capacity: 5678	# of Charter Students Enrolled:	1234	Charter Admission Waitlist Indicator:	N
Campus: SEDS CHARTER MS - 701803041	Enrollment Capacity: 678	# of Charter Students Enrolled:	1234	Charter Admission Waitlist Indicator:	N
Campus: SEDS CHARTER EL - 701803101	Enrollment Capacity: 678	# of Charter Students Enrolled:	1234	Charter Admission Waitlist Indicator:	N