

### **Charter School Finance Update**

STATE FUNDING DIVISION
JUNE 2017



### Agenda

85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Updates

Foundation School Program (FSP) Reports and Deadlines

ADA Projection Report Interface

Staff Salary User Interface

Summary of Finances (SOF)

Estimate of State Aid Template



# 85<sup>th</sup> Session Legislative Updates

### House Bill 1081 New Instructional Facility Allotment (NIFA)

- Refer to the June 1, 2017, To The Administrator Addressed (TAA) Letter available on TEA Correspondence page of TEA website.
- Defines New Instructional facility as:
  - a newly constructed instructional facility,
  - a repurposed instructional facility, or
  - a leased facility operating for the first time as an instructional facility with a minimum lease term of not less than 10 years.
- Increases reimbursement for each student in average daily attendance (ADA) at new instructional facility.



# 85<sup>th</sup> Session Legislative Updates

#### House Bill 2442 Minutes Bill

Refer to the June 27, 2017 TTAA letter: Minutes of Operation – Updates to HB 2442

#### 2017-2018 school year

- To receive full funding, school districts and charter schools are required to provide 75,600 minutes of operation.
- Exceptions automatically granted to the requirement above:
  - Prekindergarten programs (comply with 2-hour instruction rule/120 min)
  - Treatment facilities, AEP, DAEP, Dropout recovery campuses (comply with 4-hour instruction rule/420min)
  - Charter schools in operation prior to January 1, 2015 (comply with 180 days of attendance and 4-hour instruction rule/240 minutes)

#### 2018-2019 school year

TEA will release TTAA letter September 2017.



# **Legislative Updates**

### State Average Funding Rate Estimates

	State Average Estimate 2016-2017	State Average Estimate 2017-2018
Basic Allotment	\$5,041	\$5,089
Adjusted Basic Allotment	\$5,325	\$5,376
Adjusted Allotment	\$6,453	\$6,519
DTR Level I	0.0540	0.0568
DTR Level 2	0.0518	0.0445



#### Reminders

- Login to web-based Foundation School Program (FSP) System, part of the Texas Education Agency Secure Environment (TEASE).
- Select applicable "Programs" module to access, complete, and submit report (ex. Charter Schools, Transportation, NIFA, Staff Salary, etc.)
- Use Internet Explorer 9 as your browser when entering data into the report. You may not be able to open and access all needed data screens using another browser.
- Always ensure report is in SUBMITTED (to TEA) or APPROVED (by TEA) status by your deadline date.



#### 2016-2017

- Transportation Route Services
- Staff Salary Report
- Transportation Operations

#### Deadline

August 1, 2017

August 31, 2017 & March 31, 2018

December 1, 2017



#### 2017-2018

- Transportation application (new applicants only)
- New Facility Instructional Allotment (NIFA)
- Estimate Data Report
- Accelerated Payment Schedule
- Six-Week District Summary Attendance Report
- State Compensatory Alternative Basic Monthly Claim
- Transportation Route Services
- Staff Salary Report
- Transportation Operations

#### Deadline

July 15, 2017

July 17, 2017

August 1, 2017

September 1, 2017

10 days after reporting period ends

November 30, 2017

August 1, 2018

August 31, 2018 & March 31, 2019

December 1, 2018



Date	Report Submission	Notes
August 1, 2017	Transportation Route Services	Reporting of 2016-2017 data.
August 31, 2017	Staff Salary Report (for near final)	Only applicable to charter holders that participated in Texas Retirement System (TRS) Active Care program in 2005-2006.
		Must be active, contributing member of TRS.
		Full and part-time nonprofessional staff only.
		Not applicable to employees subject to Minimum salary schedule.
		\$500 per full-time staff and \$250 for part-time staff.



Date	Report Submission	Notes
December 1, 2017	Transportation Operations	Reporting of 2016-2017 data.
March 31, 2018	Staff Salary Report (for Final)	See Notes from previous slide.



Date	Report Submission	Notes	
July 15, 2017	Transportation application	New applicants only.	
July 17, 2017	New Instructional Facility Allotment	Review June 1, 2017 TAA Correspondence for information.	
August 1, 2017	Estimate Data Report	<ul> <li>2016-2017 roll-over to 2017-2018.</li> <li>Required for new charter schools and charters reporting material increases.</li> <li>First six-week estimate only.</li> <li>Estimate data used for FSP payment until first six-week district summary report approved by TEA.</li> </ul>	



Date	Report Submission	Notes
September 1, 2017	Accelerated Payment Schedule	• 10% or greater in enrollment growth.
(Payment Class	(Payment Class 5)	Compares school's first day enrollment with the prior year PEIMS Fall enrollment.
		<ul> <li>Locks Payment Class 5 schedule for three years.</li> </ul>
		Charter may apply to reestablish eligibility every three years.
		Distributes 49.5% of Foundation School Funding remaining balance in first three payments and 50.5% over last 9 payments.



Date	Report Submission	Notes
10 days after last track in reporting period ends	Six-Week District Summary Attendance Report	Non-school days count towards the 10-day deadline.
		Comply with Student Attendance     Accounting Handbook Section II audit     requirements (Signed report and     available upon requests by TEA or external     auditors).
		Submit through FSP ADA Projection Report interface.
		Review FSP ADA Projection Report thoroughly before submitting Six-Week District Summary Attendance Report.



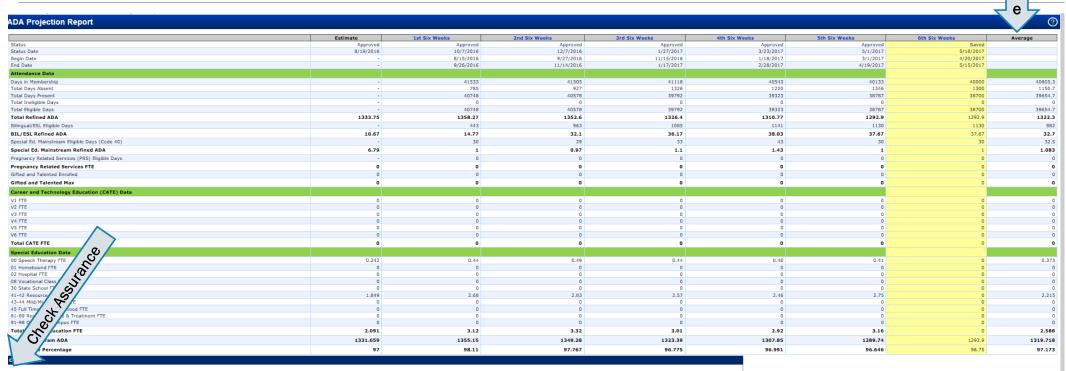
Date	Report Submission	Notes
November 30, 2017	State Compensatory Alternative Basic Monthly Claim	Alternative reporting procedures available on the Charter School Finance webpage of TEA website.
		<ul> <li>Only applies to campuses who are not participants in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program through Texas Department of Agriculture.</li> </ul>
		Critical reporting for charter schools that were new charters in the 2016-2017 school year.



## **ADA Projection Report**

- From the Six-Week Detail Report, select GO TO ADA Projection button.
- Report includes columns with FSP Estimate Data Report, Six-week District Summary Attendance Reports, and "Average" column of the Six-week District Summary Attendance Reports.
- Values used to update the Summary of Finances (SOF) report found on "Average" column.
- Review the highlighted current Six-week District Summary Attendance Report for reasonableness, accuracy, and missing data.
- Submit (to TEA) your Six-Week District Summary Report from the ADA Project Report Interface only.
  - Charter User role id must acknowledge and certify to assurance to activate Submit to Superintendent button.
  - District Approver role id must acknowledge and certify to assurance to activate Submit to TEA button.

# **ADA Projection Report Interface**



1, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge that in order to earn full funding, schools must operate calendar tracks that provide students with a minimum 75,600 total minutes including waivers. Daily minute calendar information will be submitted by track via the PEIMS Summer submission. Non-Compliance with this requirement will cause monthly foundation payments to be overstated and those funds will be recovered as a result of an audit or during the settle-up process.

I, the undersigned, hereby offer assurances that I have taken measures to verify the accuracy, authenticity, and completeness of the information being reported. I further affirm that the charter school has procedures in place to assure the accuracy of the mathematical computations of the Six-Week Totak Chistric Summary report and that these computations accurately summarative the information appearing on the Six-Week Totak Summary, the Six-Week Totak Summary, the Six-Week Totak Summary, the Six-Week Totak Summary, and the Six-Week Campus Summary reports. Additionally, I understand that it is the school's responsibility to ensure that all back up documentation for this information is maintained and available for audit purposes, For additional information on these reports, Pleaser erfer to the Student Attendance Accounting Handbooks, For additional information on these reports, Pleaser erfer to the Student Attendance Accounting Handbooks, For additional information on these reports, Pleaser erfer to the Student Attendance Accounting Handbooks.

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Submit TO TEA

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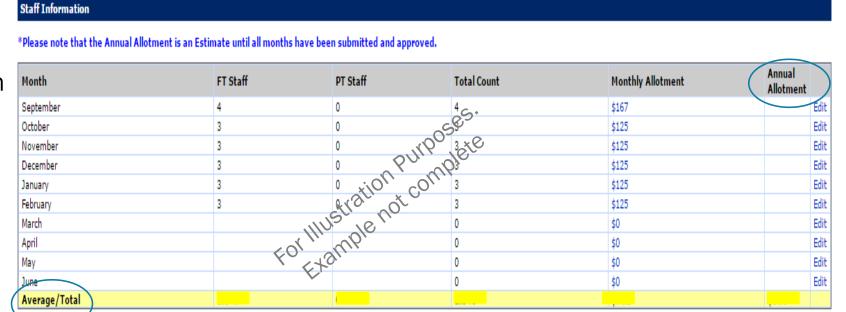
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## 2017-2018 Staff Salary User Interface

#### **New Additions:**

- Annual Allotment column
- Average/Total row
- User comments section
- Data validations



**User Comments** 



# **Summary of Finances (SOF)**

#### LPE and DPE column

Foundation School Program

- Legislative Payment Estimate (LPE) = basis for Payments
- District Planning Estimated (DPE) = basis of Earnings

FSP Funding Texas Schools 2017-2018 Summary of Finances				
		ABC CHARTER ACADEMY (2278 Last Update: APR 27, 2017	846)	
Paym	ent Cycle: Preliminary	Payment Class: 4		Run Id: 20045
Fun	ding Elements			
Stud	dents		LPE	DPE
1.	Refined Average Daily Attendance (ADA)		4,474.074	4,474.074
2.	2. Regular Program ADA (Ref ADA - Spec Ed FTEs - CT FTEs)		4,310.078	4,310.078
3.	3. Special Education FTEs		83.593	83.593
4.	4. Career & Technology FTEs		80.403	80.403



# **Summary of Finances**

Date/Month	SOF Status	Description of SOF Updates
Prior to June 19, 2017	Preliminary	Biennial Attendance Projection Data.
June 19, 2017	Preliminary	Rollover of 2016-2017 June SOF/ADA Projection data to 2017-2018 Estimate Data Report.
September 10, 2017	Preliminary	Charter Revised Estimate Data Report.
10 <sup>th</sup> of each month	Preliminary	FSP Six-week ADA Projection Average calculated with current six-week district attendance.
January 2018	Preliminary	New Instructional Facilities Allotment Estimated posted.
March 2018	Preliminary	ACTUAL State Compensatory Education Enrollment data from Texas Department of Agriculture NSLBP and FSP Alternative Monthly Claims of prior Federal Fiscal Year (October 2016 – September 2017).



# **Summary of Finances**

Month	SOF Status	Description of SOF Updates
September 2018	Near Final (settle-up)  Positive ledger balance generates a payment to charter school  Negative ledger balance generates an adjustment to 2018-2019 ledger	<ul> <li>PEIMS summer attendance collection         (Optional Flexible School Year, Advanced         Career and Technology, Virtual Schools)</li> <li>Actual Transportation (if in Approved         status)</li> <li>Actual Staff Salary (if in Approved status)</li> <li>High School ADA</li> <li>School District Tax Collection Survey         estimate updated</li> </ul>



# **Summary of Finances**

Month	SOF Status	Description of SOF Updates
April 2019	Final (settle-up)  Positive ledger balance generates a payment to charter school  Negative ledger balance generates an adjustment to 2018-2019 ledger	<ul> <li>PEIMS extended year attendance collection (Special Education Extended Year Services, Optional Flexible School Year credit recovery)</li> <li>State Compensatory Education (if new charter in prior year)</li> <li>School district audited tax collections (actual)</li> <li>Actual Transportation (allotment zeroed if not approved)</li> <li>Actual Staff Salary (allotment zeroed if not approved)</li> <li>Actual NIFA Instructional allotment (allotment zeroed if not approved)</li> </ul>



Download from Charter School Finance webpage of TEA website.

The template for the school year is posted annually by July 1. (In general a few days prior to July 1)

Requires working knowledge of Student Attendance Accounting

Handbook

#### Utilize template to:

- Prepare for FSP Estimate Report.
- Reconcile to latest Summary of Finances.
- Determine or project cash flow/payments.
- Plan your budget.
- Determine final settle-up for the school year.

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#### **Charter School Finance**

#### **Estimate of State Aid Template**

The charter school estimate of state aid template is published annually by July 1. For prior year, templates, contact the Division of State Funding.

- 2017-2018 Estimate of State Aid Template (Excel, 430 KB) (PDF, 905 KB)
- 2016-2017 Estimate of State Aid Template (Excel, 260 KB) (PDF, 190 KB)
- 2015-2016 Estimate of State Aid Template (Excel, 245 KB) (PDF, 190 KB)



#### Excel workbook with 6 worksheet tabs.

- 1. Data Elements
  - To prepare submission of FSP Estimate Report.
- SCE Worksheet
  - To prepare accurate estimate of the highest 6-month average of State Compensatory Education (SCE) enrollment for FSP Estimate Report.
- State Aid
  - To reconcile to the latest Summary of Finance (SOF).
- 4. Membership Report

  Demonstrates membership calculation.
- Payment Calculator
  - To determine payments based on approved six-week district summary attendance reports.
- 6. FSP ADA Projection Report (NEW) Models the FSP ADA Projection Report interface.



Let's Go Live to Estimate of State Aid Template!



#### **Data Elements**

- $^{\circ}$  For use in entering new enrollment estimates for  $1^{\text{st}}$  six-week only in preparation for FSP Estimate Report.
- To load prior year in column C of State Aid tab, enter charter school's 6-digit county district number.
- Your updates in the Data Elements tab feeds into column D of the State Aid tab.
- Data entry validation warnings for exceeded maximum approved enrollment cap.
- Any charter reporting data in the FSP Estimate Data Report should complete Estimate of State Aid Template before submitting to TEA.
- In general, the Data elements tab is used one-time only. However, you may return for the purpose of determining per-student funding estimate information.



#### **SCE** Worksheet

- Assists charter schools in arriving at accurate estimate of the highest 6-month average of State Compensatory Education (SCE) enrollment.
- Enter YES or NO to this question: Is this the Charter School's First Year in Operation?
  - If NO enter October 2016 through September 2017 actual and estimate SCE data.
  - If YES enter an estimate of October 2017 through September 2018 SCE data.
- Complete SCE worksheet before entering SCE high six-month average in the Data Elements tab or State Aid tab.
- Utilizing this worksheet is beneficial because it should minimize adjustments to the State Compensatory Education allotment. Failure to do so may result in over/under reporting for majority of school year (September – March).



#### State Aid

- For use in reconciling to the latest Summary of Finance (SOF) and taking your FSP ADA Projection Report (interface report before Six-week District Summary Attendance is submitted) for modeling the next iteration of the SOF.
- Multiple columns (A through L) and rows (1 through 96) with the following major column descriptions:
  - Weight or Rate Column B (NEW effective with 2017-2018 estimate of state aid template)
  - Preliminary SOF Column C (loads prior year data after CDN number is entered in Data Elements tab)
  - Foundation School Program (FSP) Estimate (From Data Elements) Column D (based on revised/new data populated in Data Elements tab)
  - FSP ADA Projection Average Columns E through J
  - Near Final SOF Column K
  - Final SOF Column L
- Hover over individual cells for exact location on SOF to assist in completing data entry (Columns E through L).



### Payment Calculator

- Assists charter school determine cash flow and next payment based on approved six-week district summary attendance reports.
- Enter data in the field according to your Payment Class which is either Payment Class 4 (Regular) or Payment Class 5 (Accelerated).
- Obtain your Payment Ledger Report and your most recent SOF or Estimate of State Aid template updated with FSP ADA projection data to complete.
- Allows charter school to also determine Final settle-up payments or adjustment.



### **FSP ADA Projection Report**

- Models the ADA Projection Report found in the FSP system which calculates the annualized average of Six-Week District Summary Attendance Reports values.
- In the FPS system, TEA calculates the annualized average using:
  - Approved Six-Week District Summary Attendance Reports, and
  - Projected Six-Week District Summary Attendance Reports for the remaining six-week district reporting periods based on the last "Approved" report.
- Therefore, this tool was created for the charter school to factor trends that are not known by TEA to assist with budgeting purposes.



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