

Dropout Recovery Plan Guidance Document

The Texas Education Code (TEC) §29.918 states that a district with a high dropout rate, as determined by the commissioner, must submit a plan each year describing how the district or charter school will use the compensatory education allotment and the high school allotment for developing and implementing strategies for dropout prevention.

At a minimum, the dropout prevention plan must include the following items: TEC §29.918(c)(1)(2)(3)

- 1. Career and Technology education courses or technology applications courses that lead to industry or career certification
- 2. Research-based strategies to assist students in becoming able academically to pursue postsecondary education, including:
 - a. High-quality, college readiness instruction with strong academic and social supports
 - b. Secondary to postsecondary bridging that builds college readiness skills, provides a plan for college completion and ensures transition counseling
 - c. Information concerning appropriate supports available in the first year of postsecondary enrollment to ensure postsecondary persistence and success
- 3. Plan to offer advanced academic and transition opportunities, including dual credit courses and college preparatory courses, such as advanced placement courses.

Submission options:

For districts with a longitudinal or annual dropout rate greater than or equal to 10%, the district will have the option of submitting one of the three documents to comply with the requirements of TEC §29.918.

- 1. Dropout Prevention Plan from the District's Chapter 11 improvement plan,
- 2. District created Dropout Prevention Plan with the required elements, or
- 3. Memorandum of Understanding with a public junior college to provide a dropout recovery program for the district's students.

Districts will be required to submit one of the previous three options via the Intervention, Stage, and Activity Manager (ISAM) application in <u>TEASE</u> by March 9, 2018.