

Commissioner's Charges for the Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (APAC) and the Accountability Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Purpose

The committees will consider complex, technical issues related to accountability in order to develop recommendations that ensure that Texas achieves the goals of the accountability system for 2016 and beyond.

Scope of Work

The committees will be responsible for recommendations for assigning *Met Standard and Improvement Required* ratings, district and campus distinction designations, requirements of House Bill (HB) 2804, transition from four performance indexes to five domains, and application of the A–F rating labels in the 2017–18 school year. The committees will also develop recommendations that allow Texas to align the state and federal accountability systems to the greatest extent possible.

Charges for the committees do not include the following:

- The Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) or Program Monitoring and Interventions (PMI), although decisions made for the state accountability system will inform the development of these systems
- The design and content of statutorily-required performance reports
- State assessment program, graduation, or curriculum policies
- Specific details of certain components needed for implementation of the system (e.g., campus pairing; appeals process; small numbers analysis)

Ground Rules

1. State accountability recommendations must be in compliance with agency interpretation of statute.
2. Assume the state assessment program and state accountability system for 2016 will be implemented under statute that is currently in effect.
3. To the extent possible, recommendations should cover the current rating year as well as the subsequent two years.

ATAC Member Duties

Members of the ATAC are Texas public school educators who will work with TEA staff and national experts to develop recommendations or options related to the state accountability system. ATAC members may participate in one or more small work groups formed around specific topics. Members will also solicit comment on committee issues from peers within their geographic region.

APAC Member Duties

The APAC will consist of educators representing campuses, school districts, and education service centers; legislative representatives; business and community leaders; representatives of higher education; and parents of children attending Texas public schools. In addition to providing guidance during the development process, the APAC will review final proposals from the ATAC and provide its responses to these proposals to the commissioner of education. The commissioner will make final accountability decisions in spring 2016.