



Texas Education Agency Updates



Good afternoon, Performance Reporting bulletin members.

Welcome to this week's update.

Have a coworker who needs to sign up? Bulletin subscriptions can be managed on TEA's website at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTEA/subscriber/new>.

What's New in Performance Reporting

A–F Development

This week the Accountability Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC) met to make recommendations on the A–F accountability system. The Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (APAC) is scheduled to meet in mid-February to review ATAC recommendations and make final recommendations to the commissioner.

Current modeling methodology calculates the score for the STAAR component of the Student Achievement domain like this:

The percentage of tests at the Approaches Grade level standard or above is added to the percentage of tests at or above the Meets Grade level standard or above and the percentage of tests at the Masters Grade level standard. This sum is divided by three to get the score for the STAAR portion of the Student Achievement domain.

Agency research has shown that the average of tests at the three performance levels is highly correlated to the percentage of tests at or above the Meets Grade level standard.

You can follow the development of the 2018 accountability system on our website at <https://tea.texas.gov/2018AccountabilityDevelopment/>.

Do you have feedback related to the development of the A–F accountability system? We have an email account set up just for that. Send feedback related to development of the new accountability system to feedbackAF@tea.texas.gov.

Local Accountability Systems FAQ

If, after a local accountability system is approved, a district discovers that applying that plan to its campuses would result in a lower overall accountability rating than the one assigned using just the three state-mandated domains, can the district choose not to use the plan?

No. According to TEC, §39.0544 (e), for 2018–19 accountability and beyond, once a plan has been submitted and approved, the plan must be applied as described in the submission that was approved. Once a plan is approved, it must be used to assign accountability ratings that year.

Please submit comments about the local accountability system pilot program to feedbackLAS@tea.texas.gov.

Please direct questions about local accountability systems or the pilot program to Performance Reporting at performance.reporting@tea.texas.gov or (512) 463-9704.

Assessment Scoring and Reporting Update

December 2017 STAAR EOC preliminary statewide reports are now available [here](#).

For questions or help with accessing and interpreting STAAR results, districts and parents can email assessment.reporting@tea.texas.gov or call (512) 463-9704.

Employment Opportunities in Performance Reporting

The Performance Reporting Department is looking for an accountability policy specialist (Program Specialist V).

The person chosen to fill [this position](#) will support schools and improve student outcomes through overseeing the development of the state accountability system and the adoption of administrative rules that govern the state's public school accountability system. He or she will also assist with training and outreach to ensure that ESCs, district staff, and other stakeholders understand and benefit from the accountability system. Interested and qualified candidates can apply for the position at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/tea/default.cfm> until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2017.

Please forward this information to any qualified colleagues or friends that you think might be interested.

This Week's FAQ

Are districts still required to conduct and post the results of Community and Student Engagement surveys?

No, Community and Student Engagement (CaSE) ratings were repealed by House Bill 22. Data elements associated with CaSE will no longer be collected by the agency and are no longer required to be reported or posted. Additional information about the repeal of CaSE can be found in the [June 23 To the Administrator Addressed letter](#).

Performance Reporting Calendar

Late winter—Commissioner's final decisions for 2018 accountability released

March 26—AEA Registration opens (TEASE)

April 6—AEA Registration closes

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