

The Texas Education Agency adopts new §97.1007 and §97.1008, concerning the school report card and the Texas Academic Performance Report. The new sections are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the May 16, 2025 issue of the *Texas Register* (50 TexReg 2885) and will not be republished. The new sections relocate existing requirements from 19 TAC Chapter 61 with no changes to the content of the rules.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION: New §97.1007 moves existing language from 19 TAC §61.1021, which establishes requirements for a campus's dissemination of the annual school report card. The relocation is necessary due to a comprehensive reorganization of Chapter 61. No changes from the existing rule were proposed.

New §97.1008 moves existing language from 19 TAC §61.1022, which establishes requirements for a school district's dissemination of the annual Texas Academic Performance Report, including holding a public hearing on the report. The relocation is necessary due to a comprehensive reorganization of Chapter 61. No changes from the existing rule were proposed.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND AGENCY RESPONSES: The public comment period on the proposal began May 16, 2025, and ended June 16, 2025. No public comments were received.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The new sections are adopted under Texas Education Code (TEC), §39.305, which requires the commissioner of education to adopt rules requiring dissemination of campus report cards annually to the parent or person standing in parental relation to each student at the campus; and TEC, §39.306, which authorizes the commissioner to adopt rules concerning dissemination of the annual school district and campus performance report.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The new sections implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §39.305, for §97.1007; and TEC, §39.306, for §97.1008.

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§97.1007. School Report Cards.

- (a) The campus report card disseminated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) under Texas Education Code, §39.305, shall be termed the "school" report card (SRC).
- (b) The intent of the SRC is to inform each student's parents or guardians about the school's performance and characteristics. Where possible, the SRC will present the school information in relation to the district, the state, and a comparable group of schools. The SRC will present the student, staff, financial, and performance information required by statute, as well as any explanations and additional information deemed appropriate to the intent of the report.
- (c) The SRC must be disseminated within six weeks after it is received from TEA.
- (d) The campus administration may provide the SRC in the same manner it would normally transmit official communications to parents and guardians, such as: including the SRC in a weekly folder sent home with each student, mailing it to the student's residence, providing it at a teacher-parent conference, enclosing it with the student report card, or sending it via electronic mail.
- (e) The school may not alter the report provided by TEA; however, it may concurrently provide additional information to the parents or guardians that supplements or explains information in the SRC.

§97.1008. Texas Academic Performance Report.

- (a) The performance report provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) under Texas Education Code, §39.306, shall be termed the Texas Academic Performance Report.
- (b) The intent of the Texas Academic Performance Report is to inform the public about the educational performance of the district and of each campus in the district in relation to the district, the state, and a comparable group of schools. The Texas Academic Performance Report will present the campus

performance information as well as student, staff, and financial information required by statute. It will also include any explanations and additional information deemed appropriate to the intent of the report.

- (c) The hearing for public discussion of the Texas Academic Performance Report must be held within 90 days after the report is received from TEA. This hearing may take place during a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the local board of trustees.
- (d) The Texas Academic Performance Report must be published within two weeks after the public hearing. It must be published in the same format as it was received from TEA.
- (e) The district may not alter the report provided by TEA; however, it may concurrently provide additional information to the public that supplements or explains information in the Texas Academic Performance Report.
- (f) The local board of trustees shall disseminate the report by posting it on the school district website and in public places, such as each school office, local businesses, and public libraries.