

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY 2020-2021 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT CLEBURNE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

CDN: 126903

Non-Compliance Identified

Corrective Actions To Be Completed

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to Cleburne ISD for their efforts, attention, and time committed to the completion of the review process.

The TEA has developed a monitoring approach that reviews compliance-based indicators while also looking for best practices. In commitment to the approach, the cyclical monitoring report will provide the results of the LEA's compliance review related to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and federal and state statutes, a summary of data related to Results-Driven Accountability (RDA), State Performance Plan (SPP), Significant Disproportionality (SD), and dyslexia program evaluation will recommend targeted technical assistance and support for LEAs related to special education, and highlight best practices of LEAs that demonstrate success.

CYCLICAL MONITORING

The TEA conducts cyclical reviews of all LEAs statewide over six years. The purpose of cyclical monitoring is to support positive outcomes for students with disabilities and to determine compliance with special education regulations and dyslexia program regulations.

LEAs are required to submit artifacts and/or sources of evidence for compliance and promising practices review in the following areas:

- Child Find/Evaluation/FAPE
- IEP Development
- IEP Content
- IEP Implementation
- State Assessment
- Properly Constituted ARD Committees
- Transition

2020–2021 CYCLICAL REVIEW COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

On April 22, 2021, the TEA conducted a policy review of Cleburne ISD. On May 28, 2021, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of Cleburne ISD. The total number of files reviewed for the Cleburne ISD comprehensive desk review was 24. The review found overall that 14 files out of 24 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for Cleburne ISD are Copyright © 2020. Texas Education Agency. All Rights Reserved.

organized in the chart below by indicating the number of compliant findings within the reviewed file submissions related to the compliance area. Itemized details of these findings are in the appendix.

Compliance Area	Policy Review (# compliant of # reviewed)	Student File Review (# compliant of # reviewed)
Child Find/Evaluation/FAPE	19 of 19	24 of 24
IEP Development	5 of 5	18 of 24
IEP Content	3 of 3	24 of 24
IEP Implementation	21 of 21	24 of 24
Properly Constituted ARD	8 of 8	24 of 24
State Assessment	4 of 4	23 of 24
Transition	6 of 6	4 of 6

2020–2021 DYSLEXIA COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

The dyslexia monitoring process focuses on three-core elements: early identification and intervention, program of instruction, and parent notification. The TEA Department of Review and Support: Dyslexia Monitoring reviewed Cleburne ISD artifacts using a program evaluation protocol which is aligned to Senate Bill 2075 of the 86th Legislature, Texas Education Code (TEC) 38.003 (c-1), and 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 74.28. The 2020-2021 school year results for Cleburne ISD are in the table below.

Areas of Implementation	Compliance Status		
Dyslexia Procedures	Met Compliance		
Parent Communication	Met Compliance		
Screening	Met Compliance		
Reading Instruments	Met Compliance		
Evaluation and Identification	Met Compliance		
Instruction	Met Compliance		
Dysgraphia	Met Compliance		
Professional Development and Training	Met Compliance		
Progress Monitoring	Met Compliance		

DATA SUMMARY OF RESULTS-DRIVEN ACCOUNTABILITY, STATE PERFORMANCE PLAN INDICATORS, AND SIGNIFICANT DISPROPORTIONALITY

The following supplemental data may be used to support development of the Strategic Support Plan (SSP) for continuous improvement and/or a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) if noncompliance is identified.

Year	Results-Driven Accountability (RDA) Determination Level	SPP Indicators 11, 12, 13 Compliance*	Significant Disproportionality
2020	DL 1—Meets Requirements	COMPLIANT	SD Year 1
	1: Child Find 2: Farly Childhood Transition	11	

Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition

2020-2021 COVID-19 IMPACT NARRATIVE

In the 2020-2021 academic year, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) were provided an opportunity to complete a COVID-19 impact narrative form documenting the practices incorporated to support Child Find and FAPE for students being served by special education programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020-2021 CYCLICAL REVIEW PARENT, TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEWS/SURVEY

Staff and Family Surveys

On June 30, 2021, the TEA Review and Support team received 176 surveys during the comprehensive desk review.

The Review and Support surveys focused on the following review areas:

Sixty three percent of participants felt they receive sufficient communication from their school. The best way the school/district provides information about trainings, online trainings, support groups and other available resources concerning special education services is via email followed by notices sent home, phone calls and the school website.

The majority of parent/family member participants felt they would be most comfortable attending special education information sessions at the school campus.

The majority of parents/family members participants indicated they have a clear understanding of special education services.

The most selected areas of special education the participants would like to know about were the Texas Sensory Support Network.

The majority of participants felt training in Differentiated Instruction was effective or somewhat effective to help meet the needs of students with disabilities.

Fifty six percent of participants felt there were frequent opportunities to collaborate with related Copyright © 2020. Texas Education Agency. All Rights Reserved. service providers and almost forty percent felt there were not frequent opportunities to collaborate with service providers.

The obstacles concerning student's special education programming and services were reported as:

- Timely updates on student progress
- Knowledge of available services and programming
- Assuring students receive accommodations and/or modifications as outlined in the IEP

Nearly all participants agree with the importance of including students' interests/life goals in the transition process with 52% of participants strongly agreeing.

The majority of participants indicated they chose the In-Person learning model. Those participating in remote learning indicated that the students interacted with teachers consistently. They reported that remote learning for students receiving special education was somewhat effective or ineffective.

COVID

Almost 60% of participants felt that during COVID school closures/remote learning, the Emergency Contingency Plan was effective in student progress.

During COVID closures, the top three methods teachers used to provide support to students with moderate to severe disabilities were:

- Teachers provided supports needed for students to be successful.
- Teachers made regular contact with students and parents to meet academic and emotional needs.
- Teachers modified work.

Participants indicated that during current COVID school closures/remote learning they needed professional development in how to teach virtually and how to use virtual platforms.

Participants indicated that during COVID school closures/remote learning strategies the top two supports used by the district that did not work well for students with disabilities were a shared device and Online submission of assignments.

The majority of participants indicated they somewhat agreed, agreed, or strongly agreed that they worked with parents/guardians in addressing severe behavior and work refusal.

This survey was approved by the Texas Education Agency's data governance board. Participation in this survey was both voluntary and anonymous. No data was collected identifying a name so that individual responses cannot be linked to any respondent. Participants were given the option to stop the survey at any time.

Strengths

Based on results of the policy review and student file review, along with data collected from LEA staff

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and family surveys, the Review and Support team identified the following strengths for Cleburne ISD:

- The completion of Full and Individual Evaluations within timeline
- Ensuring all parents receive a 5-day Prior Written Notice to ARD/IEP Meetings
- Inviting all required members to participate in ARD/IEP Meetings

Considerations

Based on results of the policy review and student file review, along with data collected from LEA staff and family surveys, the Review and Support team identified the following considerations for Cleburne ISD:

- Training related to the development of PLAAFPs for all students to include a statement of the impact of the student's disability on their participation in general education
- Ensuring all students have a transition plan in place prior to their 14th birthday

Technical Assistance

As a result of monitoring, the TEA has identified the following technical assistance resources to support Cleburne ISD engaging in **universal** support as determined by the RDA performance level data and artifacts within the compliance review:

Торіс	Resource
IEP Content	The Inclusion in Texas network and the Texas Sensor Support Network (TxSSN): The Inclusion in Texas Network is working to promote a statewide culture of high expectations for students with disabilities and significantly improve academic and functional outcomes for students served by special education. The network assists LEAs build capacity to develop and appropriately implement instructional programs that provide meaningful access to inclusive environments and grade-level standards, where appropriate
Transition	www.transitionta.org. National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT): A resource supported by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA). Resources related to transition planning, graduation, post-school success, and data analysis and use are linked in this resource. Effective practices for transition are delineated into evidence-based, research-based, promising practices, and unestablished practices.

FINDINGS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

A finding is made when noncompliance is identified with the Review and Support report findings, SPP notification, and/or individualized education program (IEP) requirements. Noncompliance that is systemic in nature must be included in a comprehensive corrective action plan (CAP) with action steps to address each of the noncompliance findings. *When noncompliance has been identified as part of this cyclical review, Cleburne ISD will receive formal notification of noncompliance in addition to this report.*

The TEA Department of Review and Support will further advise the LEA on the corrective action process, if applicable.

The TEA follows procedures for the correction of noncompliance consistent with federal guidelines (OSEP Memo 09-02.)

Before the TEA can report that noncompliance has been corrected, it must first verify the LEA:

- Has corrected each individual case of noncompliance (Prong 1); and
- Is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., subsequently achieved 100% compliance) (Prong 2).

The TEA is required to monitor the completion of a corrective action plan if any noncompliance is discovered. The corrective action plan must be designed to correct any and all areas of noncompliance *as soon as possible, but in no case later than one year from the date of notification.*

Corrective Action Plan (CAP)

The LEA will develop a CAP to address any items identified as noncompliance in this summary report. An approved form for the CAP can be accessed on the Review and Support website or in the resources located in Ascend Texas.

The LEA must submit the CAP in Ascend within 30 school days from the date of this report and/or formal notification of noncompliance. The TEA will review the CAP submitted by the LEA for approval. If the TEA determines that a revision(s) is necessary, the LEA will be required to revise and resubmit. The Review and Support team will contact the LEA to provide notification when the CAP has been approved.

Individual Correction

The educational agency has **60 school days** from the date of this summary report to correct all identified findings of noncompliance for individual students, unless noted otherwise in the report.

2020–2021 DYSLEXIA PROGRAM EVALUATION FINDINGS

As a result of the program evaluation review, the TEA Department of Review and Support: Dyslexia Monitoring has identified the following strengths, considerations, and technical assistance recommendations for Cleburne ISD.

An area of strength includes a comprehensive district-wide procedure manual that includes program procedures for evaluating, identifying, instructing, and screening students with dyslexia. In addition, documentation is thorough and well-organized revealing a strong dyslexia program at Cleburne ISD.

Your current dyslexia program is in alignment with state and federal mandates. The following resources are recommended for reflection of current dyslexia program to strengthen internal systems and procedures.

The following technical assistance resource(s) are recommended for Cleburne ISD.

Торіс	Resource
TEA Review and Support	Dyslexia Monitoring
TEA Special Education	Dyslexia and Related Disorders
Dyslexia: TEA Professional Learning Course	TEALearn Dyslexia Modules

Corrective Action

The TEA reviews data collected from the dyslexia program evaluation to ensure compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements. In accordance with Senate Bill 2075 of the 86th Legislature, TEC 38.003 (c-1), and 19 TAC 74.28 regarding noncompliance identified through the dyslexia program evaluation, a finding of noncompliance is identified by the citation (i.e., program or process) that is violated.

Dyslexia Performance Plan (DPP)

If noncompliance is identified, the LEA is required to demonstrate correction of all noncompliance in the Dyslexia Performance Plan (DPP). This tool guides LEAs through a continuous improvement process. It addresses areas of growth that will positively impact students with dyslexia or other related disorders. LEAs should complete the DPP no later than 120-days after receiving notification of noncompliance. This document will be provided by the TEA or can be accessed in the resources section of the <u>Review and Support website</u>.

LEA ACTIONS

Timeline for Strategic Support Plan (SSP) and/or Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Below:

Required Actions	Submission Due Date	Completion Due Date	Support Level	Communication Schedule
SSP				Not applicable
САР	9/14/2021	7/29/2022		30 days
DPP				

For more information about cyclical monitoring and the Differentiated Monitoring and Support process, please visit the <u>Review and Support website</u> **LEA may have previously identified corrective actions in addition to findings in this report.

REFERENCES

- Differentiated Monitoring and Support System
- Review and Support General Supervision Monitoring Guide
- State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report and Requirements
- Results-Driven Accountability Reports and Data
- Results-Driven Accountability District Reports
- **Results-Driven Accountability Manual**

APPENDIX

IEP Development

Student File Review

	IDEA	TEC/TAC	Evidence of		Must Be
Item	Citation	Citation	Findings	Required Actions	Addressed in CAP
ID2	34 CFR §300.320 (a)(1)		Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed. Systemic—Yes	Yes
				Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue. Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff. Develop processes that allow for self-monitoring this area of noncompliance.	
ID3	34 CFR §300.320 (a)(2)(i)		Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed. Systemic—Not Applicable	No
ID6	34 CFR §300.320 (a)(2)(ii) 34 CFR §300.320 (a)(6)	TAC §89.1055 (b)	Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed. Systemic—Not Applicable	No

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State Assessment

Student File Review

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
SA2		TAC §89.1055(b)		Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed. Systemic-Not Applicable	No

Transition

Student File Review

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
TR1	34 CFR §300.320 (b)	TAC 89.1055(j) TEC §29.0111	Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed. Systemic—Yes Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue. Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff. Develop processes that allow for self-monitoring this area of noncompliance	Yes
TR2	34 CFR §300.321 (a)		Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed. Systemic-Not Applicable	No
TR14	34CFR §300.320 (c)	TAC §89.1049(a)	Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed. Systemic—Not Applicable	No

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