



Cycle 1 Group 3

Dates: October 2020-December 2020

Texas Education Agency 2020-2021 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT

Local Education Agency (LEA) Name: Stamford Independent School District

CDN: 127906

LEA Compliant ☒

Non-Compliance Identified ☐

Corrective Actions Completed: Not applicable

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to Stamford 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 December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a policy review of Stamford Independent School District (ISD). On December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of Stamford ISD. The total number of files reviewed for the Stamford ISD comprehensive desk review was 18. The review found overall that 18 files out of 18 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for Stamford ISD are organized in the chart below by indicating the number of compliant findings within the reviewed file submissions related to the compliance area.

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

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 2—Needs Assistance	COMPLIANT	Not applicable

*Indicator 11: Child Find
Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition
Indicator 13: Secondary Transition

2020-2021 COVID-19 IMPACT NARRATIVE SUBMISSION

In the 2020-2021 academic year, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) had an opportunity to share the practices incorporated to support Child Find and FAPE for students being served by special education during the COVID-19 pandemic by completing the COVID 19 Impact Narrative.

Stamford ISD submitted a COVID-19 Impact Narrative as a supplement to their Cyclical Review:

☐ Yes* ☒ No

* If yes, 2020-2021 COVID-19 Impact Narrative is attached following the Appendix of this report.

2020-2021 CYCLICAL REVIEW PARENT, TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR SURVEYS

Staff and Family Surveys

Minimum size requirements not met. Results not published within this report due to the limitation of the sample size.

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

- All monitored special education policies and practices follow federal and state requirements and are linked to the Legal Framework.
- Service logs, progress reports, and teacher feedback forms are highly detailed and used as important data points in the IEP development process.
- The student artifacts reviewed for Stamford ISD indicated compliance across the seven critical areas of the Differentiated Monitoring and Support Diagnostic Framework.

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 Stamford ISD:

- Consider the review of campus and district structures for analyzing data to inform instruction/intervention.
- Consider the linked technical assistance resources related to IEP development and state assessment to support improving student outcomes.

Technical Assistance

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

Topic	Resource
IEP Development	Child Find, Evaluation, and ARD Support Network NCII-Set High-Quality IEP Goals
STAAR/EOC Passing Rate	Literacy Strategies for Students with Disabilities Instructional and Testing Supports for Students with Disabilities Inclusion in Texas Network

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, Stamford ISD will receive formal notification of noncompliance in addition to this report.***

The TEA Division of Special Education Monitoring 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.

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	12/18/2020		Universal	90 days
CAP	Not applicable	Not applicable		Not applicable

For more information about cyclical monitoring and the Differentiated Monitoring and Support process, please visit the [Review and Support website](#)

**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](#)