

Overview:

- Local Improvement Plans (LIPs) are **locally developed and maintained improvement plans** that are meant to address areas of low performance on a campus.
- These plans are not required to be submitted to the agency unless requested (federal accountability only).

Who is Required to Develop a LIP?

- **Federal Accountability:**
 - Campuses with an Additional Targeted Support (ATS) identification
 - Campuses with a Targeted Support (TSI) identification
- **State Accountability:**
 - A school district, open-enrollment charter school, district campus, or charter school campus that is assigned a rating of D in 2026, with a D count of 0, 1, or 2.
- A Targeted Improvement Plan (TIP) or a Turnaround Plan (TAP) submission will fulfill the Local Improvement Plan requirement. **The campuses submitting a TIP or TAP will not need to write a LIP and maintain it locally.**
 - **Example:** A campus earns a D in 2026 state accountability, which would initially trigger the need to develop a LIP. The same campus has a Comprehensive Support and Improvement identification in 2026 federal accountability, triggering the need to develop and submit a TIP. The TIP submission would fulfill the LIP requirement.
- Per Texas Education Code (TEC) [11.253](#), all campuses must develop a campus improvement plan (CIP). The CIP may substitute for the LIP if the requirements outlined in this guidance are met in the CIP.
- Please refer to the [2026 Accountability Manual](#) for more information regarding campus ratings.

LIP Content Requirements:

- The Local Improvement Plan must include:
 - An evidence-based school improvement strategy that will improve student outcomes and result in the campus no longer being D rated or having an ATS/TSI designation,
 - A description of how district and campus leaders will monitor the implementation of the plan,
 - A description of additional actions the school system will take if the plan is not successfully implemented,
 - A description of the reallocation of resources (time, funding, staffing) that are needed to implement the school improvement strategy, and
 - Student performance goals

- LIPs must be developed, board-approved, and implementation underway by November 20, 2026.

Methodology for Selection For TEA Submission:

All campuses listed above must develop and implement a LIP and maintain it locally. The agency will request submissions of LIPs from campuses with a federal ATS or TSI designation and will randomly select:

- 50% of ATS Track Year 2 campuses
- 3% of the total campuses that are ATS Track Year 1 or any year of TSI

Campuses that are selected to submit a LIP will be notified in Spring of 2027. All campuses required to submit their LIP will upload it to the 806 platform.

Local Improvement Plan Escalation:

If a campus receives an Additional Targeted Support rating for a third year in a row, TEA recognizes this as a failure to implement the Local Improvement Plan. Thus, the campus intervention will escalate to the submission of a Targeted Improvement Plan in lieu of maintaining a LIP locally.

Submission Format:

LIPs can be developed and submitted in any format (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, PDF, etc.) if the requirements in the “LIP Content Requirements” section above are met.