



Important Notes

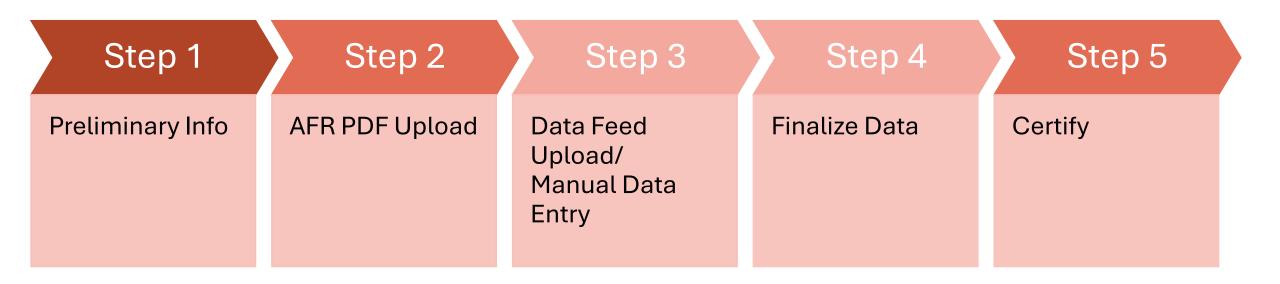


- \$ Audit 2.0 will be available for all submissions beginning **January 15, 2026**.
- All users can apply for access to the new Audit 2.0, beginning **November 1, 2025.**
- No prior access from the legacy Audit application will be transferred over to the new Audit 2.0.
- Roles and access will be very similar to legacy Audit application.
- CPA Roles will still have ability enter and review data feed schedules.
- Only Charter School, Gov CS, ESC and ISD personnel will be able to finalize and certify the AFR submission.

AFR Submission Overview



- > The AFR Submission is now a five-step process.
- Each step must be completed, in order, before moving on to the next step.
- > A Progress Bar will indicate progress and completion of submission.





Audit 2.0 Home Page

Home Page (ISD User Role) – Header



Some user roles, such as ISD User, Charter User etc., will have only one school in the drop-down list.

Role: ISD User

Home

Audit 2.0

Home

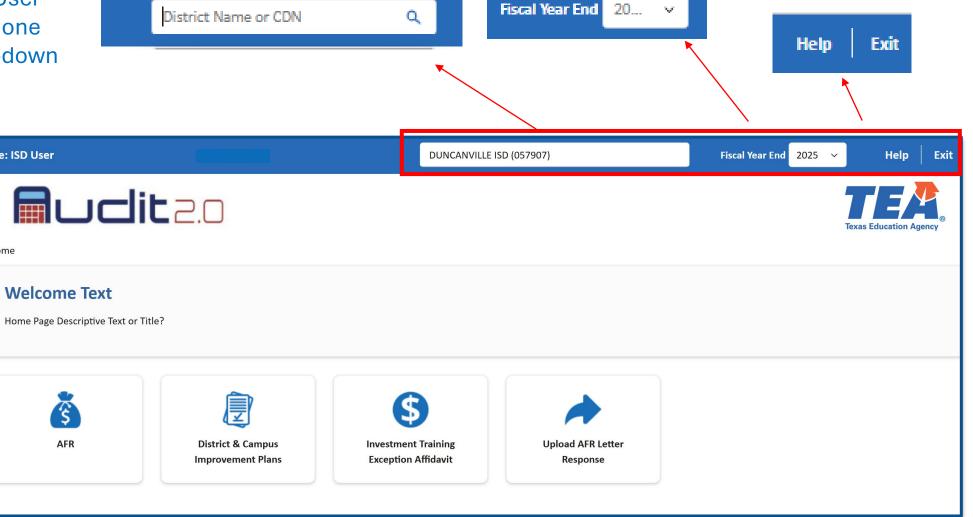
District & Campus Impro...

Investment Training Exce...

Upload AFR Letter Resp...

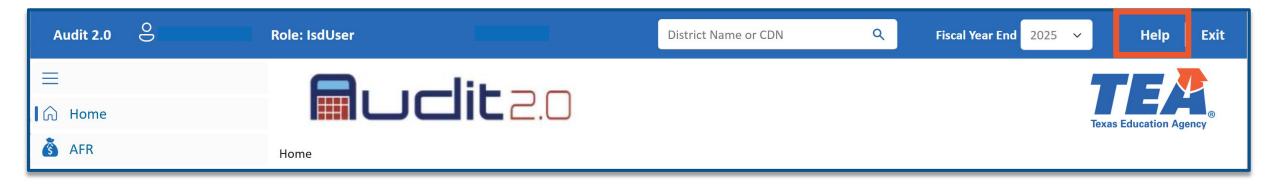
AFR

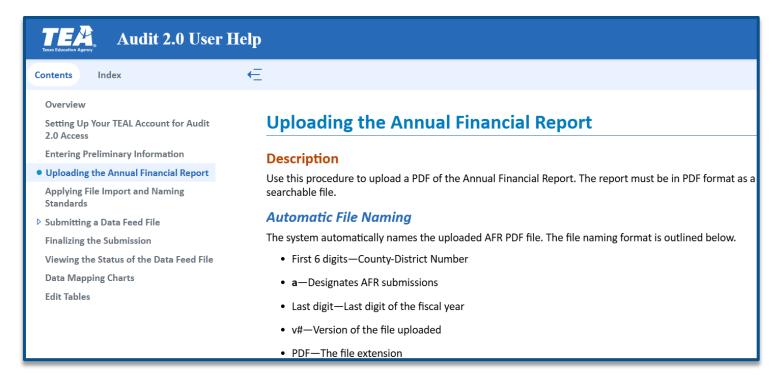
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Homepage - Help Link



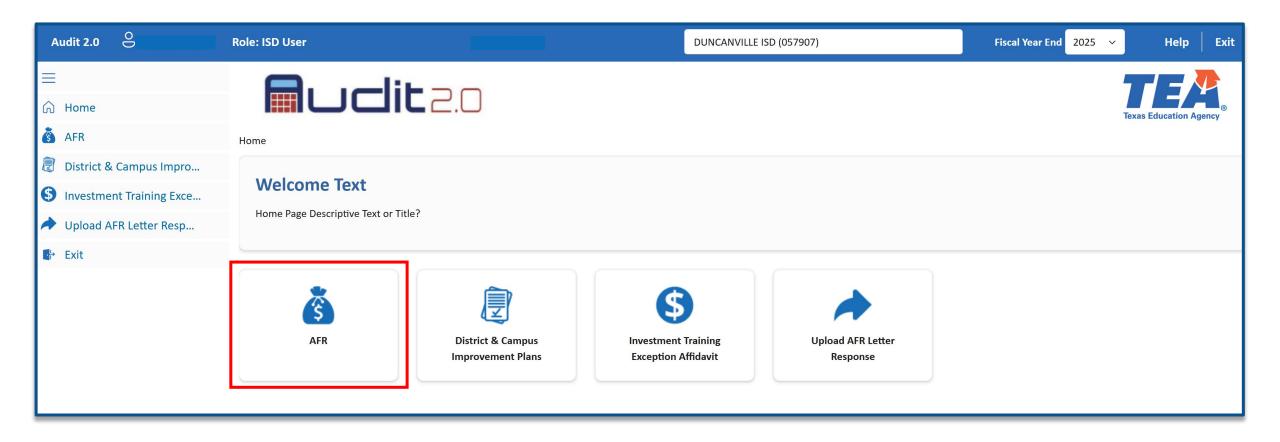




A link to the Help page will now be available as an additional resource to support users in learning the new Audit 2.0.

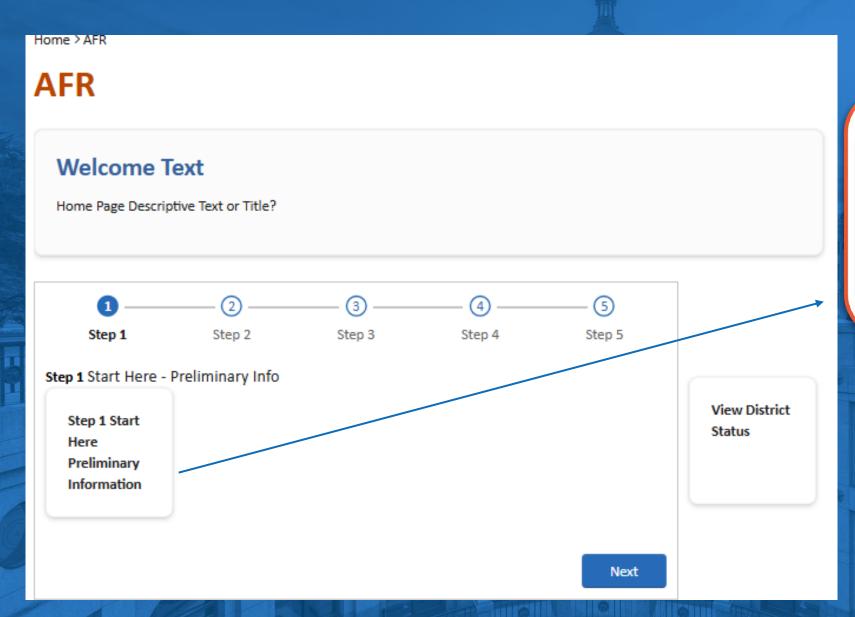
Home Page





> To begin the AFR submission, select AFR to be taken to the AFR Homepage.

Step 1 Preliminary Info

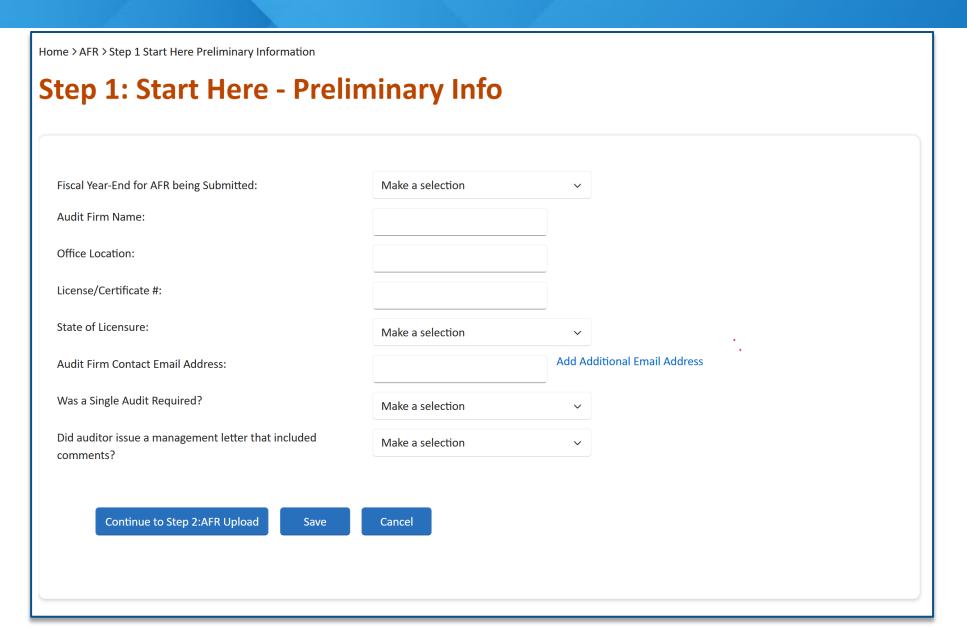


Step 1 Start Here - Preliminary Info

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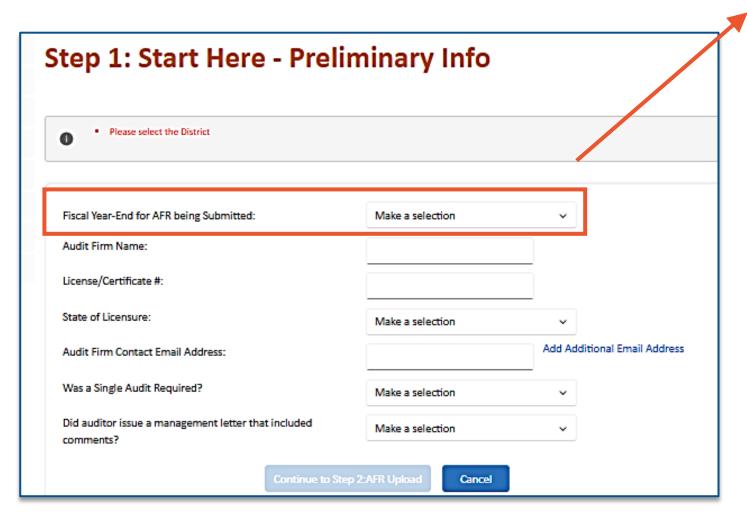
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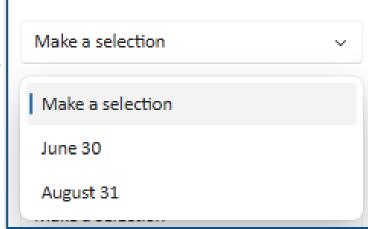




Step 1 Preliminary Info – Fiscal Year End Date

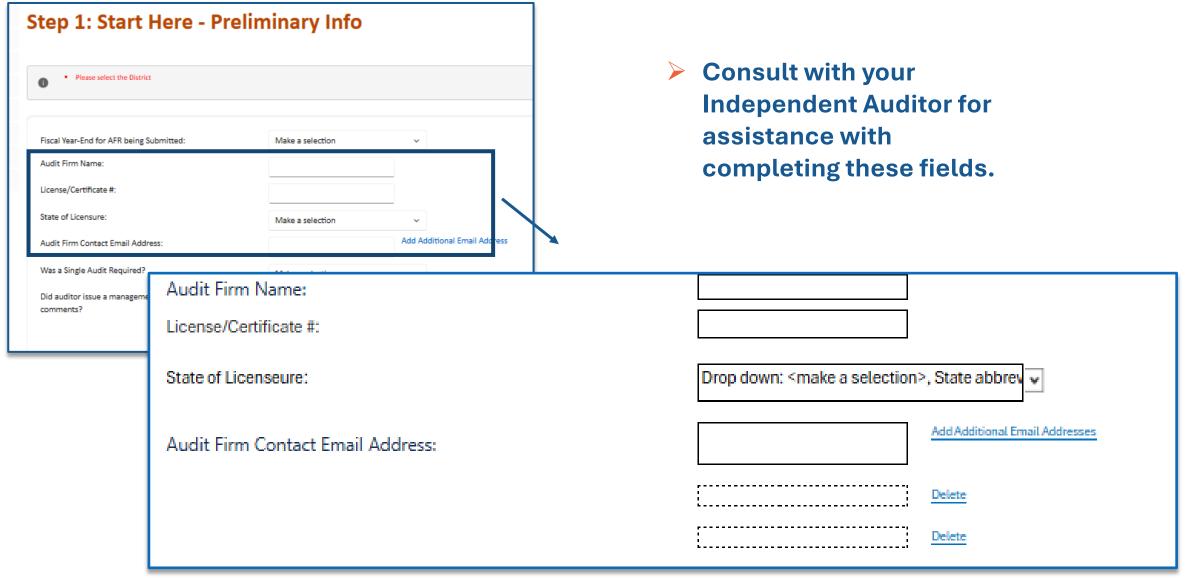






Step 1 Preliminary Info – Audit Firm Info

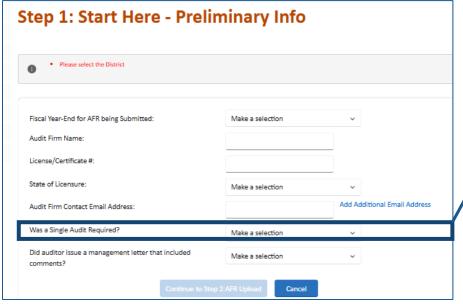




Step 1 Preliminary Info – Single Audit?

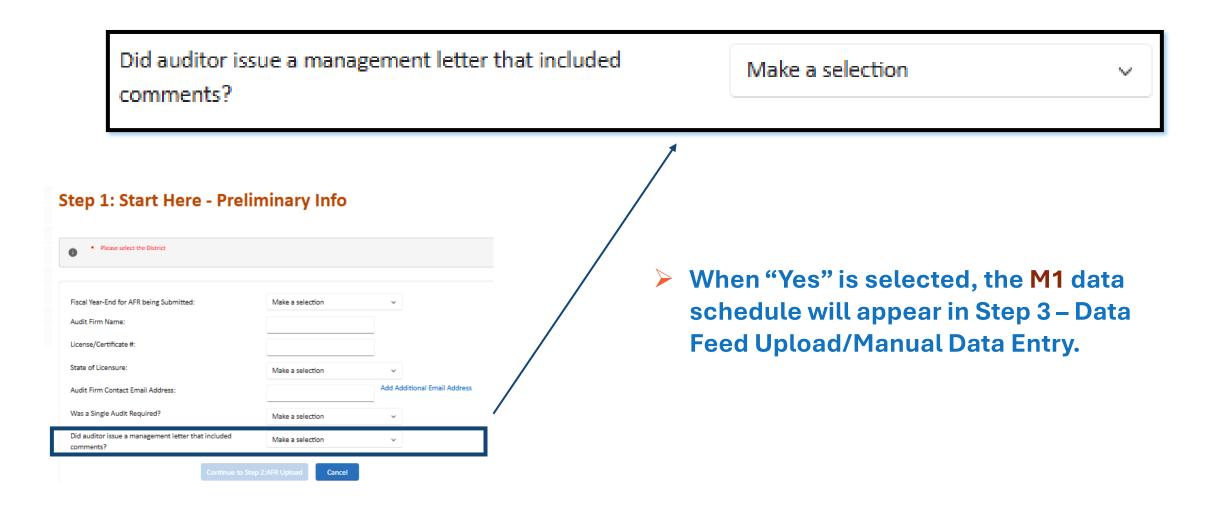






▶ When "Yes" is selected, the K1 data schedule will appear in Step 3 – Data Feed Upload/Manual Data Entry.







What is a Management Letter?

- It is a formal communication issued by an independent auditor to an organization's management at the conclusion of a financial audit.
- It serves to highlight internal control deficiencies, operational inefficiencies, or areas for improvement that, while not severe enough to be classified as material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in the audit report, still warrant attention.



Where can I find the management letter comments in the management letter?



Example 1

Current Year Comments

Athletic and Student Activity Cash Receipts

Comment: During the current year, the District discovered that athletic gate receipts and student activity deposits had been misappropriated. The misappropriations occurred as the District was in a transition period for staff in the Administration Office.

Recommendation: We recommend that the District monitor and adhere to internal control procedures related to any cash receipts to minimize the opportunity for such acts.

Expenditure Approval Process

Comment: During our audit procedures, several expenditures we tested were noted by District officials as "purchasing procedures not followed." Generally, this involved purchases made without approved purchase orders.

Recommendation: We recommend that the District inform and remind all staff of the District's purchasing procedures to ensure that all purchases made follow District established internal controls.

Closing Comments

We wish to thank management and all of those with whom we worked for their support and assistance during our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees, management, and others within the District and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,



Example 2

Not a Management Letter Comment: (This is more like a reminder.)

Accounting For Long-Term Leases / Subscription Based Technology Arrangements

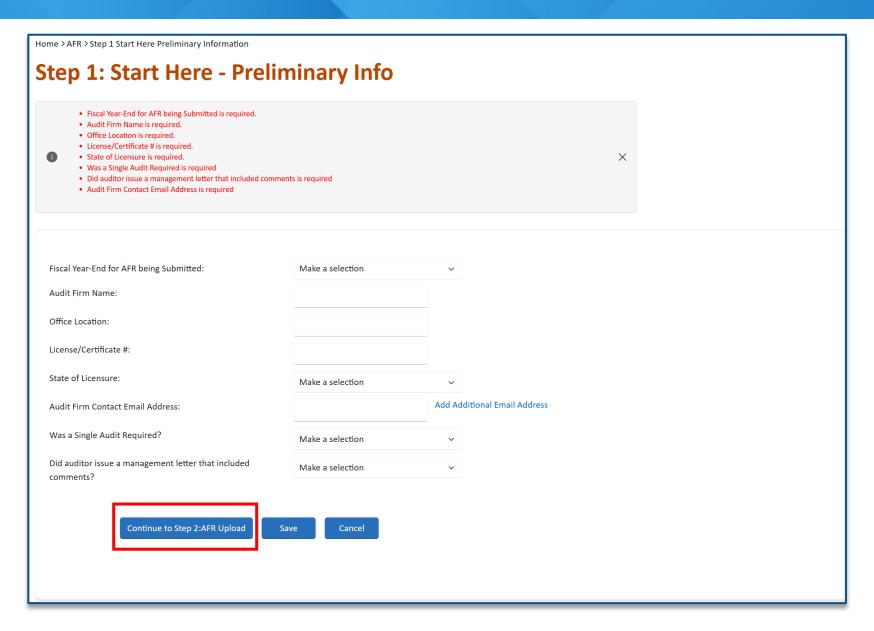
The District should continue identifying and accounting for lease contracts and software subscription arrangements that have terms exceeding one year as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 87 and 96. The reporting requirements are unusual for those contracts and often not considered capital expenditures in traditional accounting methodology. In reviewing these contracts and considering the applicability of GASB Standards, materiality in relation to the financial statements should be considered.

The comments and recommendations documented in this letter have been presented for consideration in naintaining and improving internal controls and operating efficiency of the Merkel Independent School District. We are required to review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement.

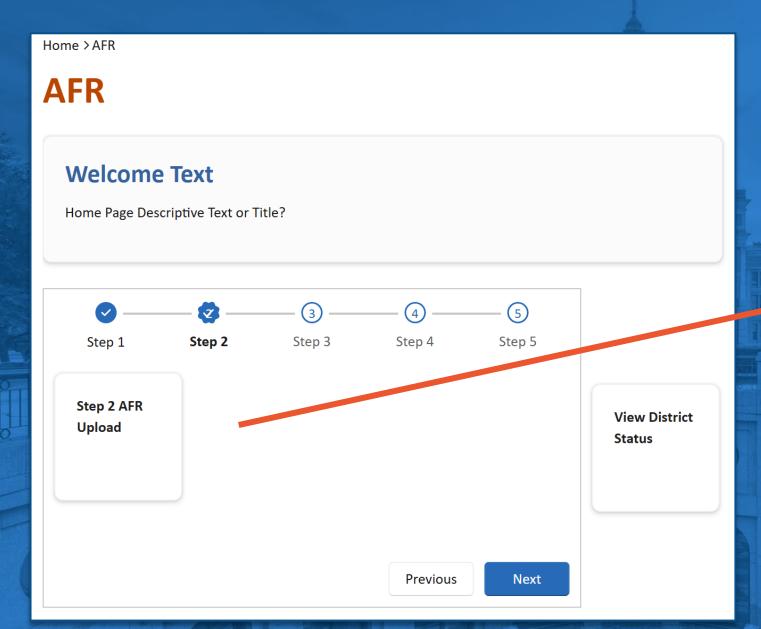
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Step 1 Preliminary Info





- When the "Continue to Step 2: AFR Upload" button is pressed, an error message will pop up if any of the boxes remain empty.
- It is required to complete all boxes prior to proceeding to the next step.

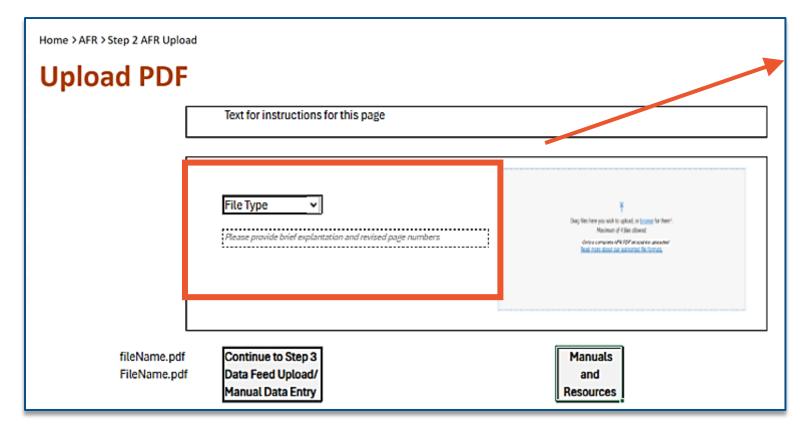


Step 2 AFR Upload



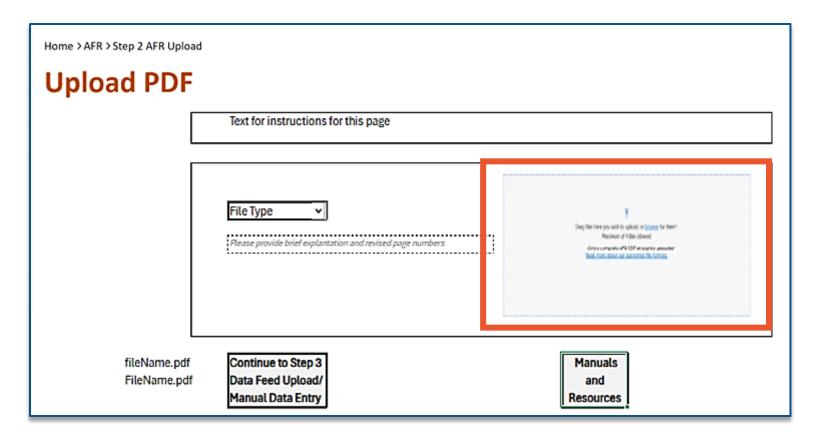






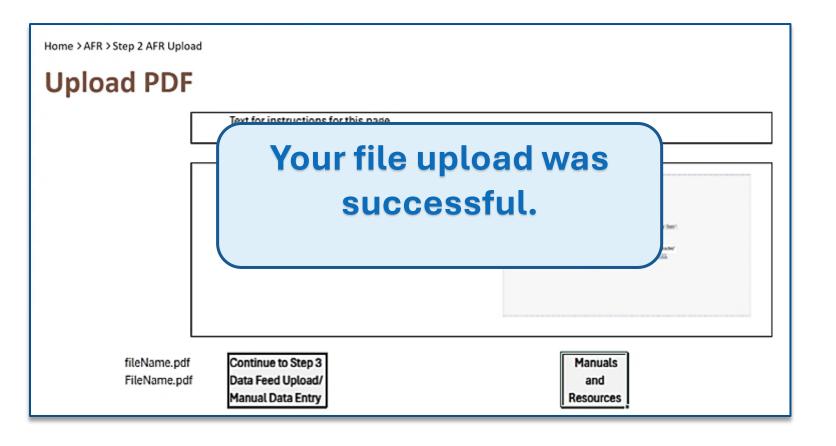
- Users should first select the appropriate File Type.
- Document File Types:
 - AFR (for public view)
 - AFR Signed Pages (internal TEA only)
 - Management Letter
 - L1 PDF
- If more than one version of a file type is uploaded, a comment box will appear.



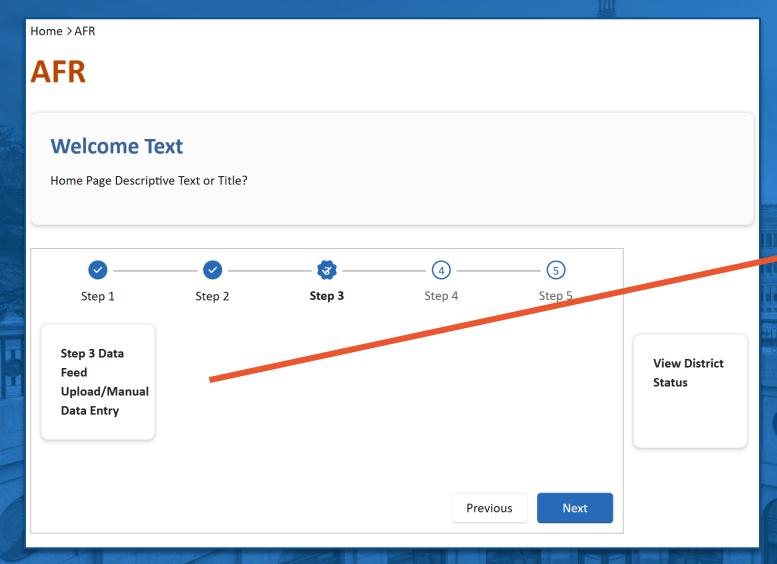


Users may upload AFR PDF files by selecting browse or by drag and drop the file into the upload widget.



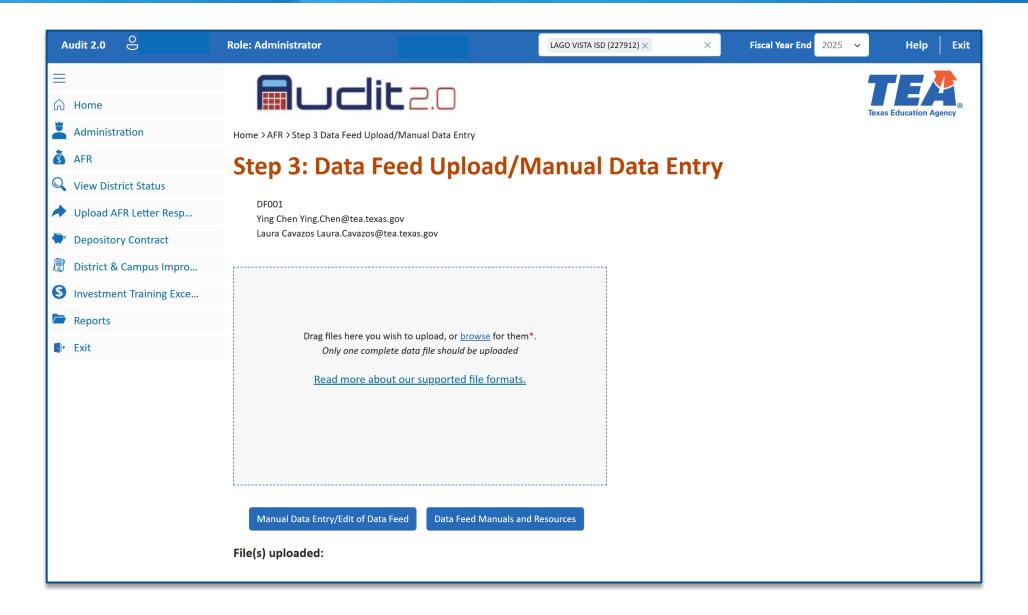


- Success
 Message
 displays if
 upload was
 successful.
- Successful
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 message will
 also be emailed
 to TEAL user.

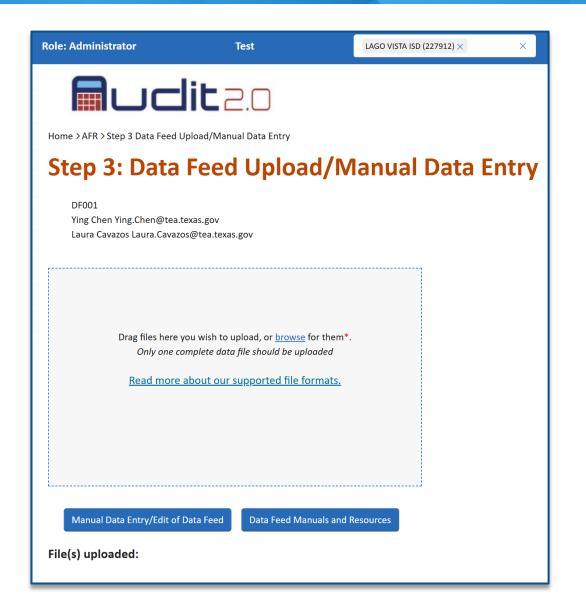


Step 3 Data
Feed
Upload/Manual
Data Entry





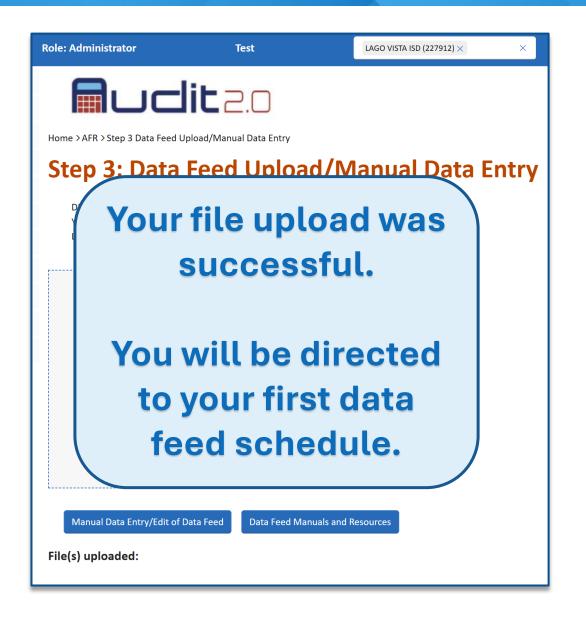




- Users may upload data feed files by selecting browse or by drag and drop into the upload widget.
- System will automatically name the file.

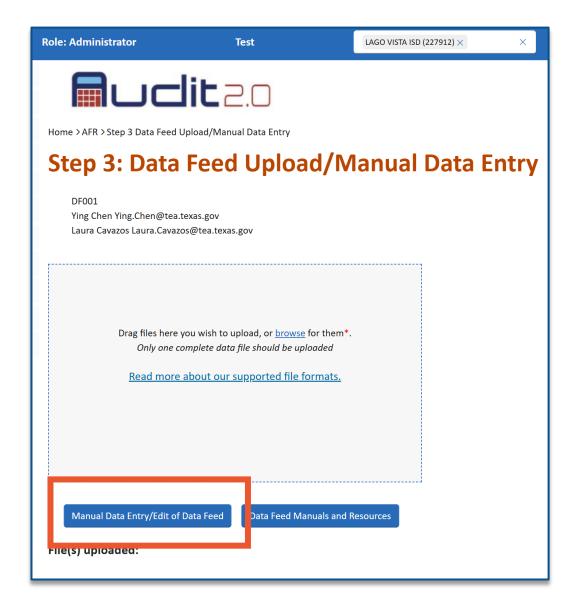
Example: Data feed file for Austin ISD (# 227901) for fiscal year 2025 = 227901df5.txt





- Success Message popup if upload was successful.
- Successful upload message will also be emailed to TEAL user.
- Upon selecting 'OK' on the popup, user will need to review every schedule prior to finalizing.

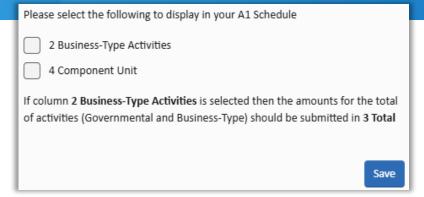




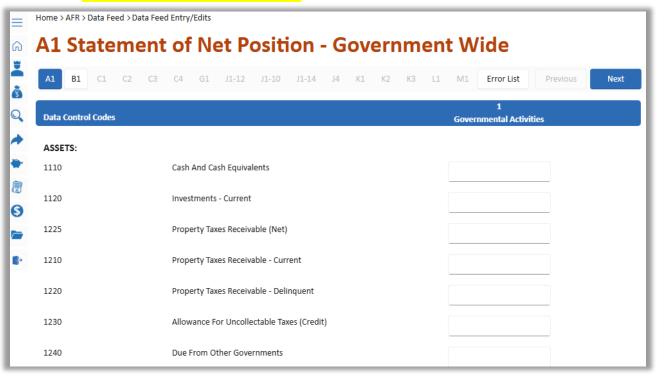
- Users may select 'Manual Data Entry/Edit' button to complete their data schedules manually.
- For manual data entry, users may need to complete prompts before accessing a particular data schedule.
- After all applicable schedules have been completed and passed all edit checks, users will move on to Step 4.



> ISD A1 Data Schedule Prompt:

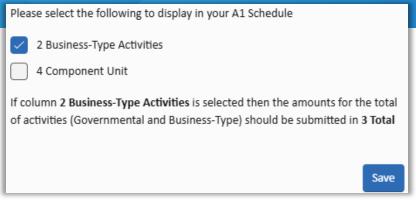


Example of no columns selected: 1 column displays





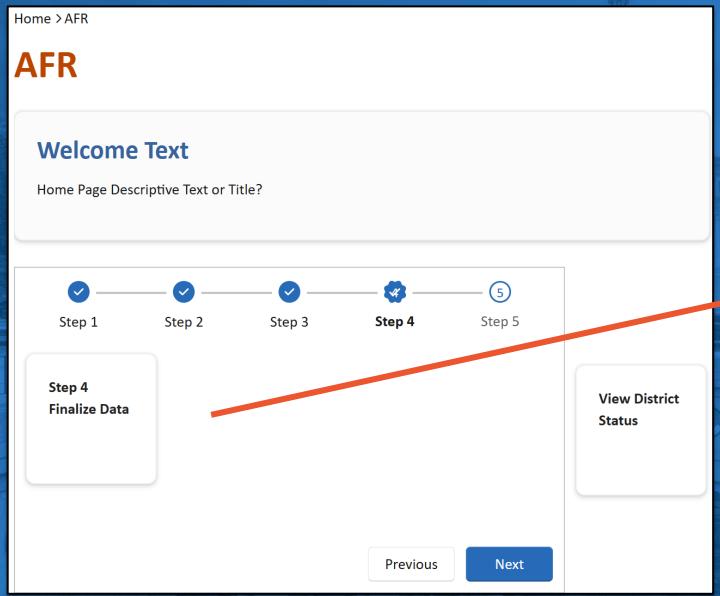
> ISD A1 Data Schedule Prompt:



Example of column 2 Business-Type Activities selected: 3 columns display



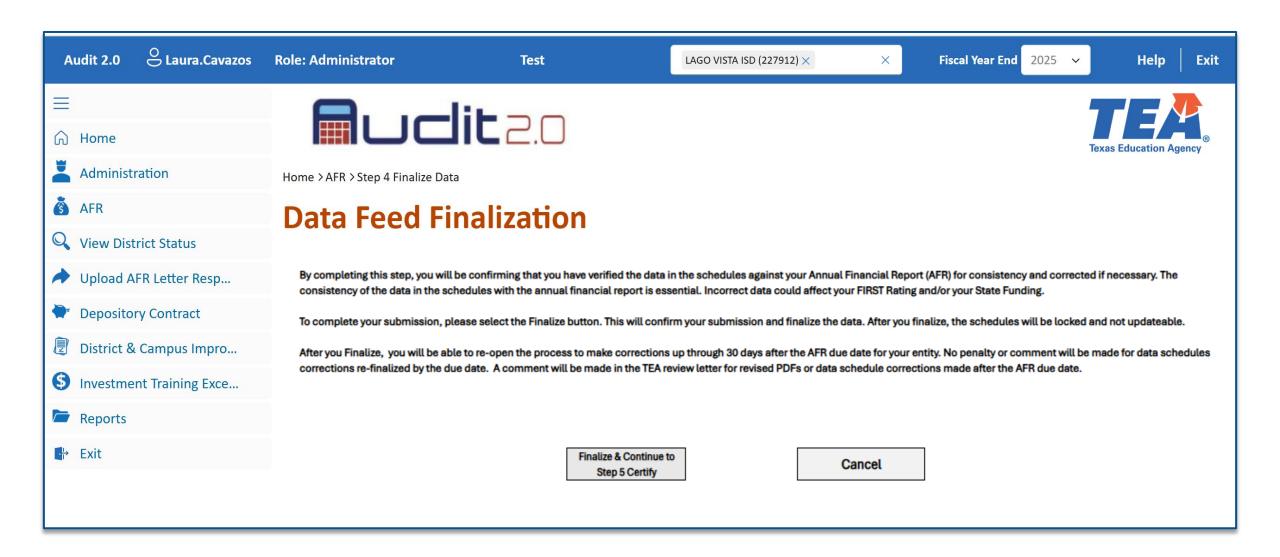
Step 4 Finalize Data



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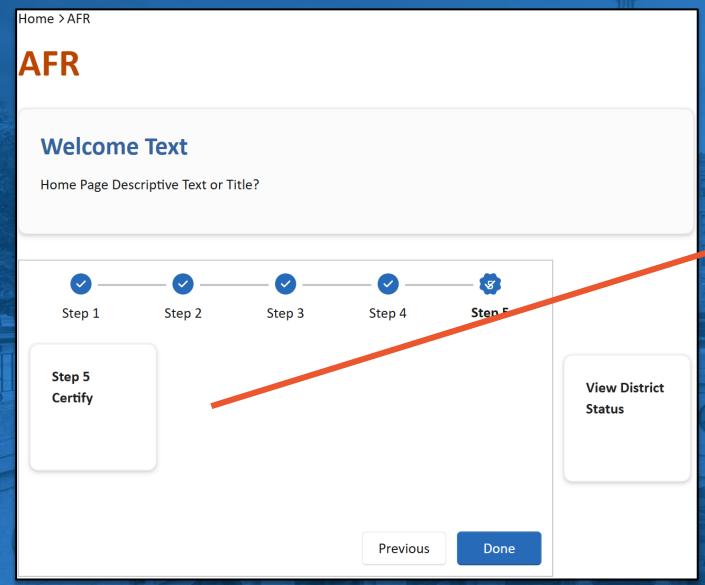


Step 4 Finalize Data



- ➤ By completing this step, you will be confirming that you have verified the data in the schedules against your Annual Financial Report (AFR) for consistency and corrected, if necessary. The consistency of the data in the schedules with the annual financial report is essential. Incorrect data could affect you FIRST rating and/or State Funding.
- After you Finalize, you will be able to re-open the process to make corrections up through 30 days after the AFR due date for your entity. A comment will be made in the TEA Review Letter for revised PDFs or data schedule corrections made after the AFR due date.

Step 5 Certify





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Administration		Home > AFR > Step 5 Certify	Step 5: Certify						,	
å AFR		Certification	(AFR) PDF wh Center for co Incorrect info	By completing this step, you will be certifying that you have reviewed the Annual Financial Report (AFR) PDF which has been submitted for your Charter School, School District, or Education Service Center for completeness and accuracy. It is critical that the AFR PDF is correct and complete. Incorrect information could affect your FIRST Rating and/or your State Funding. To finalize your Annual Financial Report submission, all statements must be completed. By						
 ✓ View District Status ✓ Upload AFR Letter Resp ✓ Depository Contract ☑ District & Campus Impro ⑤ Investment Training Exce ✓ Reports ➡ Exit 			marking the for	A. The AFR PDF submitted is for <lea name=""> and <fiscal end="" year=""> as displayed in the header of this page and includes the following: j. Certificate of Board approved/disapproved</fiscal></lea>						
			Yes []	 contains the complete date: month, date, and year signatures of the Board President and Board Secretary (or other board member in place of) ii. Signed and dated Independent Auditor's Reports: Independent Auditor's Report Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial 						
				Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by Uniform Guidance and Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of						
			Yes [] N/A []	Federal Awards (if Single Audit is required) iii. Schedules (if a Single Audit is required): Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (SFQC) Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule K-1, SEFA) Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan, if applicable						
			Yes [] N/A [] Yes [] N/A []	_	etter, if applicable Required Responses to Selected School only)	FIRST				
			Yes []	50.000.000.000.000.000.000.000.000.000.	I in Step 2 is consistent with the information	on entered in				
			Yes []	C. The email addresses for a Certify & Complete Submission	Superintendent, CFO/Business Manager and Cancel	d Board President a	are current in AskTed			

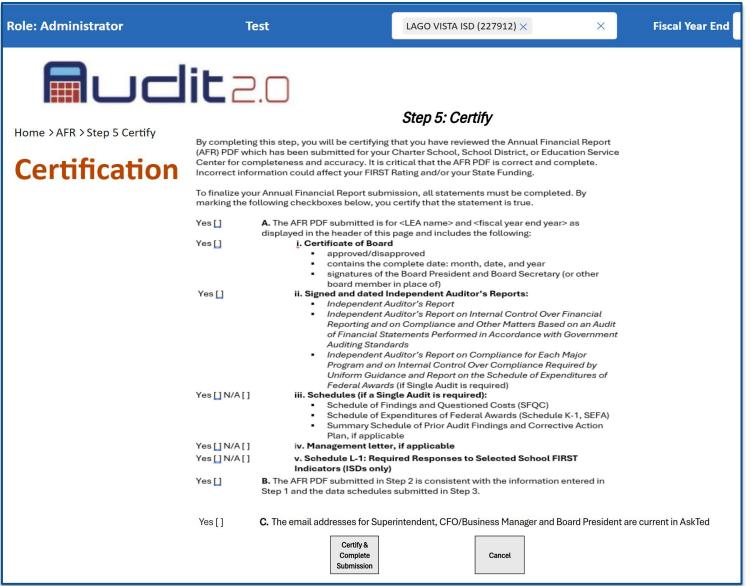


- ➤ A. The AFR PDF submitted is for <LEA Name> and <fiscal year> and includes the following:
 - Certificate of Board indicates approved/disapproved, contains a complete date, and required Board signatures
 - Signed and dated Independent Auditor Reports
 - Independent Auditor's Report,
 - Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards,
 - Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by Uniform Guidance and Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (if Single Audit is required).



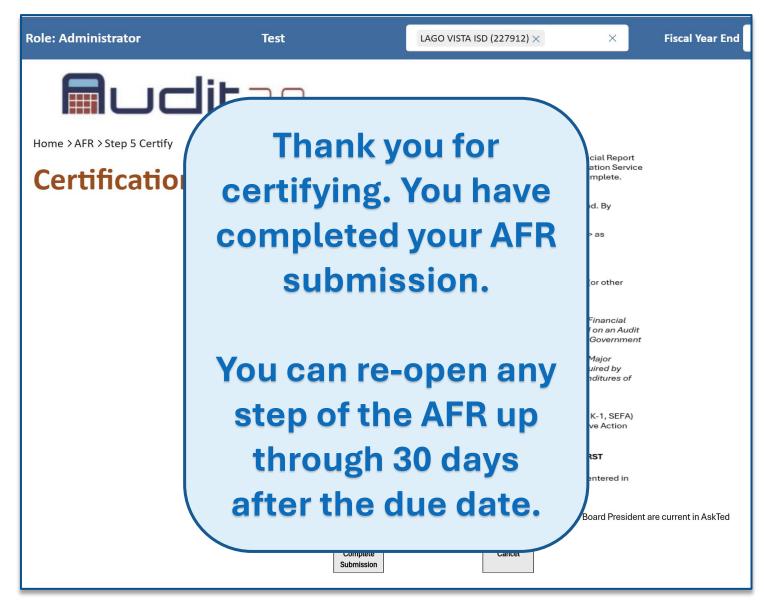
- ➤ Part A continued...
 - Other Schedules as required
 - Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (SFQC)
 - Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Schedule K-1)
 - Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings and Corrective Action Plan, if applicable
 - Management Letter, if applicable
 - Schedule L-1 Required Responses to Selected School FIRST Indicators (ISDs only)
- ➤ B. The AFR PDF submitted in Step 2 is consistent with the information entered in Step 1 (Prelim Info) and the date schedules submitted in Step 3.
- C. The email addresses for the Superintendent, CFO/Business Manager and Board President are current in AskTed.





- All statements with checkboxes must contain a selection.
- Upon selecting 'Certify' button, a Success message will appear if Certification was successful.



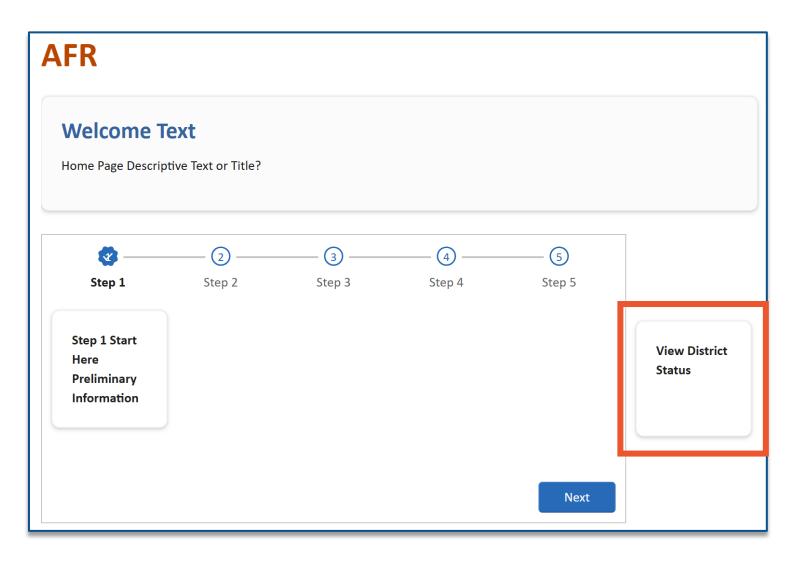


- AFR Certification message will be emailed to TEAL user.
- Upon selecting 'OK' on the popup, user will be directed to AFR homepage with Steps 1-5 marked as complete.



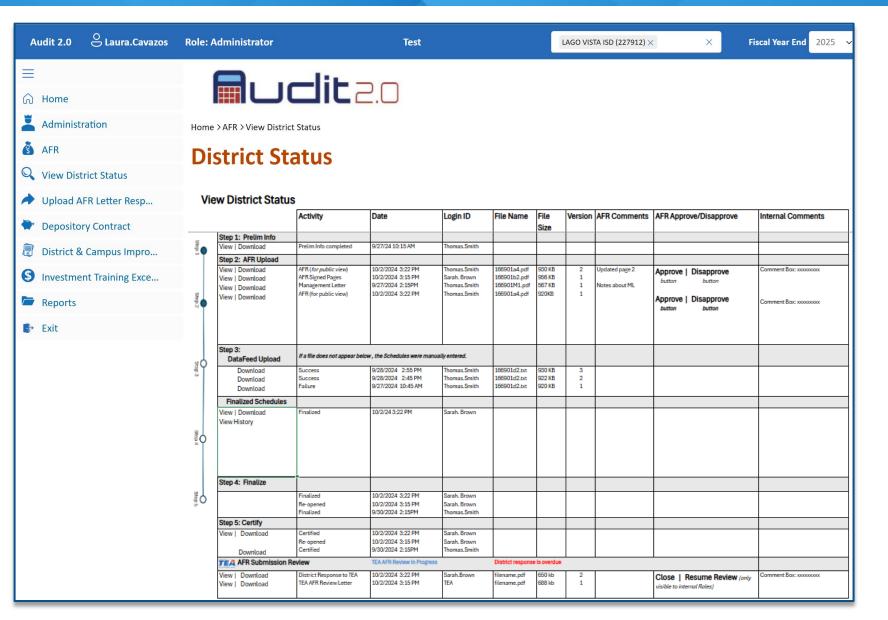
Other Features





LEAs may view the status of their submission anytime using the View District Status button from the AFR homepage.





- Users can track the completion of each step of the AFR submission.
- View the listing of submitted files including submission dates and times.
- View and/or download submitted files and data feeds



	Activity	Date	Login ID	File Name	File	Version	AFR
Step 1: Prelim Info					Size		Comments
View Download	Prelim Info completed	9/27/2024 10:15	Thomas.Smith				
Step 2: AFR Upload							
View Download	AFR (for public view)	10/2/2024 15:22	Thomas.Smith	166901a4.pdf	930 KB	2	Updated page 2
View Download	AFR Signed Pages	10/2/2024 15:15	Sarah. Brown	166901b2.pdf	956 KB	1	
View Download	Management Letter	9/27/2024 2:15PM	Thomas.Smith	166901M1.pdf	567 KB	1	Notes about ML
View Download	AFR (for public view)	10/2/2024 15:22	Thomas.Smith	166901a4.pdf	920KB	1	

➤ View links will allow user to view information, while download button will allow user to download file as a PDF.



	Activity	Date	Login ID	File Name	File	Version	AFR
					Size		Comments
Step 3:	If a file does not appe	ar below , the Schedules were man	nually entered.				
DataFeed Upload							
Download	Success	9/28/2024 14:55	Thomas.Smith	166901d2.txt	930 KB	3	
Download	Success	9/28/2024 14:45	Thomas.Smith	166901d2.txt	922 KB	2	
Download	Failure	9/27/2024 10:45	Thomas.Smith	166901d2.txt	920 KB	1	
Finalized Schedules							
View Download	Finalized	10/2/2024 15:22	Sarah. Brown				
View History							
View History							

➤ Within the DataFeed Upload section, the download button will allow user to download the TXT file that was uploaded on Step 3.



View District Stat	atus								
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Download	Failure	9/27/2024 10:45	Thomas.Smith	166901d2.txt	920 KB	1			
Finalized Schedules									
View Download	Finalized	10/2/2024 15:22	Sarah. Brown						
View History									

The View link within the Finalized Schedules will take the user to the Schedule UI page (in View Only mode). The download button will download the most recent version of the data schedules as a CSV file.



View District S	Status						
	Activity	Date	Login ID	File Name	File Size	Version	AFR Comments
Step 4: Finalize							
	Finalized	10/2/2024 15:22	Sarah. Brown				
	Re-opened	10/2/2024 15:15	Sarah. Brown				
	Finalized	9/30/2024 2:15PM	Thomas.Smith				
Step 5: Certify							
View Download	Certified	10/2/2024 15:22	Sarah. Brown				
	Re-opened	10/2/2024 15:15	Sarah. Brown				
Download	Certified	9/30/2024 2:15PM	Thomas.Smith				

➤ View links will allow user to view information on the Step 5 UI page, while download button will allow user to download file as a CSV.



View District Status	5							
	Activity	Date	Login ID	File Name	File	Version	AFR	
					Size		Comments	
TEA AFR Submission Review		TEA AFR Review in Progress			District response is overdue			
View Download	District Response to TEA	10/2/2024 15:22	Sarah.Brown	filename.pdf	650 kb	2		
View Download	TEA AFR Review Letter	10/2/2024 15:15	TEA	filename.pdf	688 kb	1		

AFR submission Review section will show progress of TEA's AFR review. Users will be able to view or download the TEA AFR Review Letter. Users will also be able to view uploaded District Response files, if applicable.



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	Activity	Date	Login ID	File Name	File Size	Version	AFR Comments
TEA AFR Submission Review		TEA AFR Review in Progress		District response is overdue			
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View Download	TEA AFR Review Letter	10/2/2024 15:15	TEA	filename.pdf	688 kb	1	

- > AFR Review Statuses include:
 - TEA AFR Review in Progress
 - TEA Waiting for Response to Letter (if District Response is required)
 - TEA Review of District's Response In progress (if District Response is required)
 - Closed.



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> System will also display alert message if District Response is overdue.

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To The Administrator Addressed Correspondence

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TEA Annual Financial and Compliance Report Website:

https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/financial-compliance/annual-financial-and-compliance-report

Contact: SchoolAudits@TEA.Texas.gov