

Campus Pairing

All campuses serving prekindergarten (PK) through grade 12 must receive an academic accountability rating. Campuses that do not serve any grade level in which STAAR assessments are administered are paired with another campus in the same district or the district itself, and are evaluated on the results of the paired campus/district for accountability purposes.

Key Points

- The Texas Education Agency (TEA) analyzes TSDS PEIMS fall enrollment data to determine which campuses must be paired.
- Alternative education campuses (AECs) participating in alternative education accountability (AEA) provisions are not paired with another campus and may not serve as a paired campus for a traditional campus.
- Paired data are not used for distinction designation indicators; therefore, paired campuses cannot earn distinction designations.

General Guidelines

- Campuses that are paired should have a “feeder” relationship and should serve students in contiguous grades.
- A campus may be paired with its district instead of another campus. This option is recommended for situations where the campus has no clear relationship with another campus within the district.
- Multiple pairings are possible. For example, if several K-2 campuses feed into the same 3-5 campus, they may all pair with the 3-5 campus.
- Early Education (EE) campuses are excluded from pairing and paired data.
- Districts may change pairings from year to year; however, any changes should be based on establishing the most appropriate pairing relationship.
- For a full explanation of the campus pairing process and guidelines, please see [2026 Accountability Manual—Chapter 7: Other Accountability System Processes](#).

Action Required

The annual campus pairing process occurs annually in late spring, usually from late April to early May.

Information about the annual campus pairing registration process is shared through a To The Administrator Addressed (TAA) correspondence.

Districts may use the prior-year pairing relationship or select a new relationship by completing the pairing form in the [Texas Education Agency Login](#) (TEAL) Accountability application.

TEA will determine campus pairings if a district does not submit a preference by the annual deadline.