

Guidance Related to the Assignment of Accreditation Statuses



PART 1. Accreditation Statuses Based on Accountability Ratings

A. Academic Accountability Ratings Only

An unacceptable academic performance rating includes:

Academically Unacceptable, Improvement Required, F, or, as applicable, D¹.

Accredited-Warned

Two consecutive school years of an overall academic accountability rating of unacceptable performance, as defined in the applicable accountability manual.

Accredited-Probation

Three consecutive school years of an overall academic accountability rating of unacceptable performance, as defined in the applicable accountability manual.

Not Accredited-Revoked

Four consecutive school years of an overall academic accountability rating of unacceptable performance, as defined in the applicable accountability manuals

B. Financial Accountability Ratings Only

An unacceptable financial performance rating includes: F-Substandard Achievement.

Accredited-Warned

Two consecutive school years of a financial accountability rating of unacceptable performance.

Accredited-Probation

Three consecutive school years of a financial accountability rating of unacceptable performance.

Not Accredited-Revoked

Four consecutive school years of a financial accountability rating of unacceptable performance.

C. Combination of Individual Academic and Financial Accountability Ratings Across Years

Accredited-Warned

Two consecutive school years of any one of the academic or financial ratings referenced above.

Accredited-Probation

Three consecutive school years of any one of the academic or financial ratings referenced above.

Not Accredited-Revoked

Four consecutive school years of any one of the academic or financial ratings referenced above.

¹ An overall D rating following an overall F rating is considered unacceptable performance (TEC, §39.054). However, the first or second overall D rating following an overall F rating is subject to a pause of increased interventions, if the overall D rating is the first or second overall D rating since receiving an overall C rating or higher but does not break the chain of unacceptable performance (TEC, §39A.118). Three overall D ratings equal an unacceptable performance rating, which is treated as an overall F rating (TEC, §39A.118). After the third D, any additional Ds following an F or third D are considered further unacceptable ratings (TEC §§39.054 and 39.0543).

D. Combined Academic and Financial Accountability Ratings in a Single Year

Accredited-Warned

For one school year, a combination of the academic and financial ratings referenced above.

Accredited-Probation

For two consecutive school years, a combination of the academic and financial ratings referenced above.

Not Accredited-Revoked

For three consecutive school years, a combination of the academic and financial ratings referenced above.

PART 2. Accreditation Statuses Based on Compliance and Reporting Requirements

For each condition in this part, any of the three accreditation statuses (Accreditation-Warned, Accreditation-Probation, or Not Accredited-Revoked) may be assigned if the commissioner determines that the action is reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of TEC §§39.051 and 39.052.

- Failure to comply with requirements related to the integrity of assessment or financial data used to measure performance
- Failure to comply with requirements related to reporting of PEIMS data
- Failure to comply with requirements related to other reports required by state or federal law or court order
- Failure to comply with requirements related to awarding high school graduation under TEC §28.025
- Failure to comply with any applicable requirement under TEC §7.056(e)(3)(C)-(I)
- Other Action Reasonably Necessary

PART 3. Accreditation Statuses Based on Serious or Persistent Deficiencies and Legal Compliance

A. Serious or Persistent Deficiencies

Accredited-Warned

After review or investigation under TEC §39.056 or §39.003, the commissioner finds serious or persistent deficiencies that, if not addressed, may lead to probation or revocation of the district's accreditation.

Accredited-Probation

After review or investigation under TEC §39.056 or §39.003, the commissioner finds serious or persistent deficiencies that, if not addressed, may lead to revocation of the district's accreditation.

Not Accredited-Revoked

After review or investigation under TEC §39.056 or §39.003, the commissioner finds serious or persistent deficiencies that require revocation of the district's accreditation.

B. Legal Compliance with Statutes and Rules Specified in TEC

§39.052(b)(2)

For **Accredited-Warned**, **Accredited-Probation**, or **Not Accredited-Revoked**: Notwithstanding satisfactory or above-satisfactory performance on other measures, a district's accreditation status may be assigned based on its legal compliance alone, to the extent the commissioner determines necessary.

Notes and References

- An accreditation status may be withheld pending final data necessary for the completion of the status assignment.
- For additional information on the assignment statuses see 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §97.1055 at: <https://tea.texas.gov/laws-and-rules/commissioner-rules-tac/coe-tac-currently-effect/ch097ee.pdf>

This guidance does not replace the legal requirements in statute or administrative code.