

Appendix E – TEASE Accountability

The Texas Education Agency Secure Environment (TEASE) is an authentication portal through which authorized users access sensitive or confidential TEA information resources. The TEASE portal includes several web applications for district and education service center (ESC) administrators. The *ACCT–Accountability* application provides authorized users with state accountability products, Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) and data validation products, and products pertaining to graduation and dropout summary reports and student lists.

Additionally, the *ACCT–Accountability* application is the location for first access to the performance reports, listings of schools identified under the Public Education Grant (PEG) program, and information specific to alternative education accountability (AEA), pairing, and campus comparison groups.

District and ESC administrators are encouraged to apply for access to the TEASE portal.

Access to TEASE Accountability

District staff need a TEASE account to access any TEASE application. Even if approved district personnel currently have access to other TEASE applications (e.g., PEIMS Edit+, eGrants, etc.), they may need the Accountability application added to their TEASE accounts. Staff in need of access to TEASE Accountability must complete the following form:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/forms/tease/accountability.htm>

The form must be completed, signed by the district superintendent (or equivalent for charter operators), and mailed or faxed to the contact information provided on the form. Depending on the volume of requests, it may take several days for a request to be processed (if the request was mailed, additional days should be allowed for the request to reach TEA). District staff receive an email from TEA Security once Accountability is added to their TEASE accounts.

Confidentiality

TEASE is intended for authorized district and ESC use only. Data on the TEASE Accountability application are not masked and are not presented in a way that protects student confidentiality. The data, therefore, should be handled in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Multiple District Access

Certain charter operators and ESC staff may need access to multiple school district or charter operator information. To gain access to TEASE Accountability information, multiple district users must obtain the superintendent's signature for each district the user requests access to (one request form per district/charter). Multiple-district login accounts do not provide access to all districts in any single ESC region, only to those districts that have granted access for the user. In some cases, it may not be possible to obtain a single login with access to multiple-school-district or charter information because some applications do not support multiple-district users. For information about new single- or multiple-district TEASE user accounts, please contact the Division of Performance Reporting at (512) 463-9704.

Products Available

The Accountability application contains products for districts produced by several divisions in the TEA Department of Assessment and Accountability. Once a user logs into TEASE and selects the Accountability application from the list of authorized applications, the main Accountability index screen appears, listing the products available from the site. This screen also contains recent announcements related to accountability. Therefore, users must always be sure to read the main screen carefully for updated announcements and products.

The following accountability releases are planned for the 2016 cycle in chronological order. See *Chapter 10 – Calendar* for specific dates.

- AEA Campus Registration Process (Data Collection)
- Pairing Application (Data Collection)
- Graduation and Dropout Data
 - Lists of students who are dropouts
 - Campus and district dropout rates
 - Lists of students in the 4-, 5-, and 6-year longitudinal cohorts
 - Campus and district 4-, 5-, and 6-year graduation rates
- Campus Comparison Groups
- Lists of students included in the Index 4 Postsecondary Component: College and Career Readiness indicator
- Preview accountability data tables without ratings
- Accountability data tables with ratings, distinction designations, and system safeguards
- Ratings appeal registration system
- Lists of students for all indices of the accountability system
- List of Public Education Grant (PEG) schools
- Appeals response letters
- Updated accountability data tables with ratings and distinction designations
- Updated preliminary longitudinal cohorts
- Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR)

Most Recent Products Only

The TEASE *ACCT–Accountability* site is not an archive; it is intended to contain only the most recent products released. When a reporting cycle begins for a new year, the prior year's final products are removed from the site. Districts are encouraged to save the products provided on this site to a secure local location.