

Chapter 11—Local Accountability Systems

Overview

The Local Accountability System (LAS) allows districts and open-enrollment charter schools to develop local accountability system plans for their campuses. A district's local accountability plan provides stakeholders with detailed information about school performance and progress over time. Local accountability plans may vary by school type (elementary school, middle school, high school, and K–12) and by school group (magnet schools, early college high schools, etc.) but must apply equally to all campuses by school type and group. In 2021, districts and campuses receive a *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster* label overall and in each domain.

LAS Implementation

The implementation of a local accountability system is optional. Districts and open-enrollment charter schools that choose to participate must follow the procedures for implementation outlined in the applicable *Local Accountability System Guide*.

The LAS process includes a planning year during which districts and open-enrollment charter schools will work with TEA LAS staff to design and refine a LAS plan, including LAS domains, components, scaling methodologies, and metrics. Once the LAS plan is final, it is reviewed and approved or denied by TEA staff.

Ratings Under LAS

Districts and open-enrollment charter schools produce campus ratings for each LAS domain, which are used to calculate an overall LAS rating. These ratings consist of a scaled score and a corresponding letter grade. Upon implementation of a TEA approved LAS plan, participating districts submit LAS scaled scores and corresponding letter grades for the agency to combine with the state overall campus ratings. Districts and open-enrollment charter schools must submit scaled scores and letter grades assigned for each domain, each component, and an overall grade for each LAS campus, as approved in the LAS plan. Eligible LAS campuses that receive a C or higher state overall rating have their LAS overall scaled score combined with their state overall scaled score. The LAS plan specifies the proportion the LAS rating contributes to the overall campus rating, which may be up to 50 percent.

TEA calculates overall ratings for LAS campuses by combining the LAS overall scaled score at the proportion determined by the district with the state accountability overall scaled score. The overall scaled score and rating produced is displayed on the txschools.gov and TEA websites along with the overall and domain scaled scores and ratings for both LAS and state accountability.

2021 LAS Ratings

In 2021, districts and campuses receive a *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster* label overall and in each domain. Therefore, the 2021 state and LAS ratings are not combined.

LAS Appeals

In 2021, districts and campuses receive a *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster* label overall and in each domain. Therefore, neither 2021 state nor LAS rating labels can be appealed.