

Physical Fitness Assessment Initiative (PFAI) Data Submission FAQs

For detailed information and assistance, please see the **Quick-Start Guide: Physical Fitness Assessment Initiative (PFAI)** posted at <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/physical-fitness-assessment-initiative>.

General

1. What physical fitness assessments are required?

All six of the tests are required: aerobic capacity, body composition, three on muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility.

2. What do I do if students are absent on the testing day?

You should make every effort to have a make-up date.

3. What is the deadline for submitting physical fitness data to the TEA?

Physical Fitness Data for 2020-21 is due on August 13, 2021 by 5:00 pm.

4. Can districts request a waiver from the Commissioner from the physical fitness assessment requirements for the 2020-2021 school year?

No. TEC §7.056 establishes that a school campus or district may not receive an exemption or waiver from the Commissioner for health and safety requirements in TEC, Chapter 38.

5. Are students who are receiving remote instruction still required to be tested under the physical fitness assessment?

Yes. State law requires school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to annually assess the physical fitness of students in grades three and higher who are enrolled in a physical education course or substitute activity. The physical fitness assessment requirement applies to all students whether they are receiving instruction remotely or in person.

6. Are students required to come to campus to be administered the physical fitness assessment?

There is nothing in law or rule that limits the location of the physical fitness assessment or that guides who may administer the assessment. Consequently, school districts have the authority to determine where physical fitness assessments will occur, including using remote options.

7. Does TEA have guidance for how to administer the physical fitness assessment components in a remote setting?

Local districts and schools may determine that some or all of the assessment components may be assessed remotely. Schools are encouraged to provide detailed guidance to parents for how to conduct each component safely in a remote setting. Schools implementing remote instruction when they would normally conduct physical fitness testing may wish to conduct some components of the physical fitness assessment in a virtual setting, and then complete the rest upon return to in-person instruction. If all components are not completed during the school year, schools should still report the data they have available for each student. For additional information on the six components of the physical fitness assessment, see the [Physical Fitness Assessment Initiative Testing Information and Standards](#).

8. Are schools required to submit fall and spring fitness data?

The decision to assess a student’s physical fitness during the fall and spring is a local district decision. Schools are only required to submit physical fitness data to TEA once per year. The most recent assessment results should be reported.

9. What if parents request their student’s physical fitness assessment results?

The district is responsible for providing requested fitness assessment results to parents using district data.

10. If I need technical assistance, who do I contact for support?

For assistance with PFAI, please email pfaiprogramsupport@tea.texas.gov.

Accessing the PFAI Application

11. How do I access the PFAI application?

See “Accessing the PFAI in the Quick-Start Guide: Physical Fitness Initiative (PFAI)”.

12. Do I need a TEAL account?

Yes, see “Accessing the PFAI in the Quick-Start Guide: Physical Fitness Initiative (PFAI)”.

13. How do I get a TEAL account?

See “Applying for a New TEAL account in the Quick Start Guide”.

14. Can I expedite the process when applying for a TEAL account?

Once the application is completed, the district superintendent or designee responsible for approving TEAL accounts must approve the request before TEA staff can make the final approval. The TEA approves requests daily.

15. How do I reset my password if I have a TEAL account?

Your username or email address must be registered with the system to retrieve your password. A reset password option is available from the TEAL login page at <https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/>.

16. How do I retrieve my username if I have a TEAL account?

A retrieve username option is available from the TEAL login page at <https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/>.

Using the PFAI System

17. How do I upload a data file to TEA via PFAI?

See “Using the PFAI Application in the Quick Start Guide”.

18. Can the physical fitness data file be re-uploaded in PFAI? What if our district uploaded the wrong data or incomplete data?

Data files that are uploaded in PFAI **cannot** be overwritten. If data must be deleted to allow for a new upload, please contact pfaiprogramsupport@tea.texas.gov and include the district and/or campus name of data to be deleted.