



Review and Support Stakeholder Survey FAQ

1) What is the purpose of including survey questions in the comprehensive desk review?

The Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) system includes quantitative and qualitative indicators, and considers data points that may include disability indicator(s), specific strategies or interventions listed in a student's individualized education program (IEP), student achievement, LEA staffing, local policies and practices related to special education programming, and compliance indicators in alignment with federal and state law (e.g., meeting timelines for evaluations, parent and family participation and inclusion, etc.).

2) Are the questions different for each stakeholder group?

The stakeholder survey questions disseminated during comprehensive desk review were designed as a branching survey to elicit specific responses from stakeholder groups. The questions are aligned with the three domains of the Diagnostic Framework. The framework is the foundation of the Differentiated Monitoring and Support (DMS) and supports local education agencies engaging in differentiated supports to promote compliance and continuous improvement of outcomes for students with disabilities.

3) How will the feedback obtained from the stakeholder survey be used?

In accordance with the Special Education Strategic Plan, LEAs may be asked to submit additional qualitative and quantitative indicators related to randomly selected students to allow for a holistic review of information when on-site visits are not scheduled (including Admission Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee information, IEP reviews, teacher interviews, and the opportunity for families to provide feedback). (Texas Education Agency Special Education Strategic Plan, 2018, pg. 9)

Qualitative indicators include, to the extent permitted by law, anonymous survey and interview results collected from educators and parents; therefore the results will be used as a qualitative indicator to allow for a holistic review of information when an onsite visit is not a required component of a LEA's monitoring activities. The survey and interview results will be shared with LEAs to support planning and programming within the LEA.

4) How many stakeholders should be selected to participate in the survey?

The Department of Review and Support does not have an expectation for a minimum number of surveys to be completed for any stakeholder group; however, the survey questions were designed to include a representative sample of LEA stakeholders consisting of the following individuals:



District Administrators
Campus Administrators
Evaluation Personnel
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Students Receiving Special Education Services
General Education Teachers
Special Education Teachers

5) Does the Department of Review and Support anticipate a specific response rate? If so, should LEAs continue to send the survey to stakeholders until the response rate goal is achieved?

The purpose of the survey is to afford stakeholders an opportunity to participate and offer feedback during the cyclical review process; thus, the Department of Review and Support does not have an expected rate of return.

6) Will the Department of Review and Support extend the survey window to provide adequate notification and opportunity for stakeholder participation?

The Department of Review and Support will extend the stakeholder survey window. The survey window will open on November 12, 2019 and close on December 16, 2019.

7) Will the stakeholder survey questions be available in a print format?

The stakeholder survey is a branching logic survey which allows participants to follow a customized pattern. The survey was designed to take in account an individual's response and construct the next question accordingly. If a question does not align with the participant's answer, the question is skipped, and the respondent is presented with a more relevant question. This type of survey allows stakeholders to connect with a specific set of questions based on their answers; thus, a printed version of the stakeholder survey will provide the reader with potential questions a participant may encounter.

Stakeholders will have an opportunity to review the survey questions on the Review and Support website.

8) How should LEAs disseminate the stakeholder survey questions to the various groups?

The distribution of the stakeholder survey is a site-based decision. The LEA will determine how the survey will be circulated and who will be invited to participate.