Processing of District Six-Year Extended Longitudinal Graduation and Dropout Rates, Class of 2018

Introduction

This document describes the steps taken by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to build the 2018 cohort and to calculate the class of 2018 six-year extended longitudinal graduation, continuation, Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency (TxCHSE) recipient, and dropout rates used in agency publications and for accountability. The processing decisions in the document are final. Find more information on longitudinal rates at http://www.tea.texas.gov/acctres/dropcomp_index.html.

Definitions and Uses

The six-year extended class of 2018 consists of students who began Grade 9 in Texas public schools for the first time in 2014-15, or who transferred into the cohort, and either graduated by August 31, 2020, continued high school in the fall of 2020, received a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020, or dropped out of high school as of the fall of 2020. Students qualified to graduate by means of an individual graduation committee (IGC) determination were included as graduates.

TEA calculates several six-year extended longitudinal rates, including longitudinal graduation rates and longitudinal graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE recipient rates which are used for accountability. Whereas the four-year longitudinal rates for the class of 2018 were based on tracking students into the fall of 2018, the six-year extended longitudinal rates were based on tracking the same students an additional two years into the fall of 2020. The class of 2018 six-year extended longitudinal graduation rate was calculated by dividing the number of students in the class who graduated by August 31, 2020, by the total number of students in the class (i.e., graduates, continuers, TxCHSE recipients, and dropouts).

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\text{graduates} \div (\text{graduates} + \text{continuers} + \text{TxCHSE recipients} + \text{dropouts})
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The class of 2018 six-year extended longitudinal graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE recipient rate was calculated by dividing the number of students in the class who graduated by August 31, 2020, continued in high school in fall 2020, or received a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020, by the total number of students in the class (i.e., graduates, continuers, TxCHSE recipients, and dropouts).

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In 2021, the six-year extended longitudinal graduation rate and the six-year extended longitudinal graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE recipient rate were used in the Student Achievement domain of the state accountability system. Students who met one or more of eight state accountability exclusion criteria, outlined on pages 10 and 11, were excluded from campus and district rate calculations used for the Student Achievement domain. Find more information on the Student Achievement domain at https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/accountability/academic-accountability/performance-reporting/2021-accountability-rating-system.
Please note, per the April 6, 2021 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Waiver Approval & 2021 State Academic Accountability correspondence (https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/tx-acct-waiver-response.pdf), TEA received approval to waive accountability requirements under ESSA. All districts and campuses received a label of Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster for the 2021 accountability cycle.

In addition, a six-year extended graduation rate was calculated for federal reporting purposes. One group of students, outlined on page 11, was excluded from campus and district rate calculations used for this purpose.

Processing

Overview. Processing six-year extended graduation and dropout rates for the class of 2018 involved three steps: (1) gathering data, including: (a) attendance, demographic, and leaver records for the 2014-15 through 2019-20 school years; (b) enrollment records from the fall of 2018, 2019, and 2020; and (c) TxCHSE records from January 1, 2015 through August 31, 2020; (2) determining the district responsible for each student, or accountable district, and the student’s final status in that district (e.g., graduate, continuer, TxCHSE recipient, dropout); and (3) calculating six-year extended rates at the campus and district levels.

Determining cohort membership and gathering student records. The 2018 cohort was established when four-year longitudinal rates were calculated for the class of 2018. No students were added to or subtracted from the statewide cohort to calculate the six-year extended longitudinal rates. However, a student may have been added to or subtracted from a district’s six-year extended cohort if the student changed districts during the 2018-19 or 2019-20 school years or in the fall of 2020.

Seven years of data were used to calculate the class of 2018 six-year extended longitudinal rates. Records from the first five years were identical to those gathered in the five-year extended rates, but records from the sixth and seventh years were different (Table 1).

Table 1
Students in the 2018 Six-Year Extended Cohort

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<tr>
<th>Cohort year</th>
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<tr>
<td>Year 1</td>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>First-time ninth graders in Texas public schools (TPS)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>2015-16</td>
<td>Students from year 1 still in TPS in year 2, regardless of grade, and students new to TPS in Grade 10 in year 2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>2016-17</td>
<td>Students from year 1 or 2 still in TPS in year 3, regardless of grade, and students new to TPS in Grade 11 in year 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 4</td>
<td>2017-18</td>
<td>Students from year 1, 2, or 3 still in TPS in year 4, regardless of grade, and students new to TPS in Grade 12 in year 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 5</td>
<td>2018-19</td>
<td>Students from year 1, 2, 3, or 4 still in TPS in year 5, regardless of grade</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 6</td>
<td>2019-20</td>
<td>Students from year 1, 2, 3, or 4 still in TPS in year 6, regardless of grade</td>
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<tr>
<td>Year 7</td>
<td>2020-21</td>
<td>Students from year 1, 2, 3, or 4 still in TPS in year 7, regardless of grade</td>
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Year 1: 2014-15
The 2018 cohort was based on first-time ninth graders from the 2014-15 school year. In order to identify first-time ninth graders, Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) Submission 3 attendance data from the 2014-15 school year were obtained for all Grade 9 students. Then, PEIMS Submission 3 attendance data from the preceding five school years were reviewed to identify and exclude students who attended Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 previously. A student who first attended Grade 9 in a Texas public school for any length of time, at any time during the 2014-15 school year, became part of the cohort. Once the cohort was established, program participation and student characteristic information, such as gifted and talented or special education program participation, were added to each student's record (see Table 6 for sources of this information), along with 2014-15 graduate, dropout, and other leaver information. The last district a student attended in 2014-15 became the accountable district for the student for that year. If a student left Texas public schools in year 1 and did not return, earn a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020, or graduate by August 31, 2020, the student's leaver status in year 1 became his or her final status in the cohort (see section “Assigning final student statuses” for more information).

Year 2: 2015-16
Once the 2018 cohort was determined, PEIMS attendance records from the 2015-16 school year were added for students in the cohort. By this time, most students in the cohort were in Grade 10, but students who began Grade 9 in year 1 remained part of the cohort, regardless of grade level. For example, a student who began Grade 9 in 2014-15 and was still in Grade 9 in 2015-16 remained in the cohort. Similarly, a student who skipped a grade and was in Grade 11 in 2015-16 remained in the cohort. Students who entered Texas public schools in Grade 10 in 2015-16 (i.e., the year the 2018 cohort was expected to be in Grade 10) were added to the cohort (see "Transfer Students and Movers" later in this section for information about how students who transferred into Texas public schools were identified and added to the cohort). Program participation, student characteristic, graduate, dropout, and other leaver information were added to each student’s record. The last district a student attended in 2015-16 became the accountable district for the student for that year (see "Transfer Students and Movers" later in this section for information about how students who move from one Texas public school district to another are removed or added to a district’s cohort). If a student left Texas public schools in year 2 and did not return, earn a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020, or graduate by August 31, 2020, the student's leaver status in year 2 became his or her final status in the cohort (see section “Assigning final student statuses” for more information).

Year 3: 2016-17
PEIMS attendance records from the 2016-17 school year were added for students in the 2018 cohort. Students already in the cohort remained in the cohort, regardless of grade level. Students who entered Texas public schools in Grade 11 in 2016-17 (i.e., the year the 2018 cohort was expected to be in Grade 11) were added to the cohort (see "Transfer Students and Movers" later in this section for information about how students who transferred into Texas public schools were identified and added to the cohort). Program participation, student characteristic, graduate, dropout, and other leaver information were added to each student’s record. The last district a student attended in 2016-17 became the accountable district for the student for that year (see "Transfer Students and Movers" later in this section for information about how students who move from one Texas public school district to another are removed or added to a
district’s cohort). If a student left Texas public schools in year 3 and did not return, earn a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020, or graduate by August 31, 2020, the student's leaver status in year 3 became his or her final status in the cohort (see section “Assigning final student statuses” for more information).

**Year 4: 2017-18**

PEIMS attendance records from the 2017-18 school year were added for students in the 2018 cohort. Students already in the cohort remained in the cohort, regardless of grade level. Students who entered Texas public schools in Grade 12 in 2017-18 (i.e., the year the 2018 cohort was expected to be in Grade 12) were added to the cohort (see "Transfer Students and Movers" later in this section for information about how students who transferred into Texas public schools were identified and added to the cohort). Program participation, student characteristic, graduate, dropout, and other leaver information were added to each student’s record. The last district a student attended in 2017-18 became the accountable district for the student for that year (see "Transfer Students and Movers" later in this section for information about how students who move from one Texas public school district to another are removed or added to a district’s cohort). If a student left Texas public schools in year 4 and did not return, earn a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020, or graduate by August 31, 2020, the student's leaver status in year 4 became his or her final status in the cohort (see section “Assigning final student statuses” for more information).

**Year 5: 2018-19**

Students new to Texas public schools in year 5 are attributed to a later cohort, thus no students were added to the 2018 cohort. For students in the 2018 cohort, PEIMS Submission 3 attendance records from the 2018-19 school year were added. For students in the cohort who were not in attendance in 2018-19 but who were continuers in the four-year longitudinal rates, PEIMS Submission 1 enrollment records from the fall of 2018, the fall immediately after the cohort's expected graduation date, were added. Program participation, student characteristic, graduate, dropout, and other leaver information were added to each student’s record. The last district a student attended in 2018-19 became the accountable district for the student for that year (see "Transfer Students and Movers" later in this section for information about how students who move from one Texas public school district to another are removed or added to a district’s cohort). If a student left Texas public schools in year 5 and did not return, earn a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020, or graduate by August 31, 2020, the student’s leaver status in year 5 became his or her final status in the cohort (see section “Assigning final student statuses” for more information).

**Year 6: 2019-20**

Students new to Texas public schools in year 6 are attributed to a later cohort, thus no students were added to the 2018 cohort. For students in the 2018 cohort, PEIMS Submission 3 attendance records from the 2019-20 school year were added. For students in the cohort who were not in attendance in 2019-20 but who were continuers in the five-year longitudinal rates, PEIMS Submission 1 enrollment records from the fall of 2019, the fall one year after the cohort's expected graduation date, were added. Program participation, student characteristic, graduate, dropout, and other leaver information were added to each student’s record. The last district a student attended in 2019-20 became the accountable district for the student for that year (see "Transfer Students and Movers" later in this section for information about how students who move from one Texas public school district to another are removed or added to a district’s cohort). If a student left Texas public schools in year 6 and did not return, earn a TxCHSE by August 31,
2020, or graduate by August 31, 2020, the student’s leaver status in year 6 became his or her final status in the cohort (see section “Assigning final student statuses” for more information).

**Year 7: 2020-21**

Students new to Texas public schools in year 7 are attributed to a later cohort, thus no students were added to the 2018 cohort. For students in the 2018 cohort, PEIMS Submission 1 enrollment records from the fall of 2020, the fall two years after the cohort's expected graduation date, were used to determine which students continued high school in year 7. Those included students reported as enrolled within the 2020-21 school-start window as well as migrant students who returned by the January 2021 PEIMS resubmission deadline. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-20 school-start window for continuers was extended through Friday, October 30, 2020. The last district in which a student was enrolled became the accountable district for the student for that year (see "Transfer Students and Movers" later in this section for information about how students who move from one Texas public school district to another are removed or added to a district’s cohort). If a student had not graduated by August 31, 2020, and continued in Texas public schools in fall 2020, the student's final status in the cohort was continuer (see section “Assigning final student statuses” for more information).

*Transfer Students and Movers*

Students who did not begin Grade 9 in a given district were added to the district's cohort in one of two ways.

1. A student who did not begin Grade 9 in Texas public schools in 2014-15 but transferred into Texas public schools over the next three school years was considered a transfer student. Students were added to the cohort if they attended Grade 10 in 2015-16, Grade 11 in 2016-17, or Grade 12 in 2017-18. A transfer student who attended more than one high school grade in a school year was placed in a cohort based on the lowest grade attended that year. For example, a student new to Texas public schools in 2015-16 who attended both Grade 10 and Grade 11 that year was placed in the 2018 cohort based on Grade 10 attendance. Transfer students were placed in a cohort regardless of grades attended outside Texas public schools. For example, a student new to Texas public schools in 2015-16 who attended Grade 10 that year was placed in the 2018 cohort, regardless of the grade he or she attended prior to enrolling in Texas public schools.

2. A student who was a member of the 2018 cohort, either as a first-time ninth grader or as a transfer student, and moved from one Texas public school district to another was considered a mover. A mover was removed from the sending district's cohort and added to the receiving district’s cohort.

*Assigning final student statuses.* Once all data for the students were gathered and the accountable districts were determined, each student was assigned a final status in the accountable district based on the tracking of the student into the fall two years after expected graduation, or fall 2020. Each student was assigned one of seven final statuses: graduate, continued in high school, other leaver, TxCHSE recipient, dropout, underreported, or student identification error. A student’s final status was based on the hierarchy shown in Table 2 using PEIMS and TxCHSE records submitted to the agency and may have been a status assigned several years before fall 2020. For example, a student who dropped out of Texas public schools
in 2015-16 and did not return, earn a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020, or graduate by August 31, 2020, was assigned a final status of dropout (see Table 2 for final status definitions and statuses included in longitudinal rate calculations, and see Table 3 for leaver reason codes used for the 2018 cohort). A student's status in the last district he or she attended became his or her final status, with two exceptions: (1) if a student graduated in any cohort year, the student's final status was graduate; and (2) if a student dropped out of the last district he or she attended but also earned a TxCHSE by August 31, 2020, the final status was TxCHSE recipient (see Table 4 for examples of how final statuses are determined).

**Table 2**

**Final Student Status Definitions, 2018 Six-Year Extended Cohort**

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<tr>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Definition</th>
<th>Status included in final calculation of longitudinal rates?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Graduate</td>
<td>Student graduated by August 31, 2020.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Continuer</td>
<td>The preceding status did not apply, and the student was enrolled in the fall 2020 school-start window, or by January 2021 if the student was a migrant.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other leaver</td>
<td>The preceding two statuses did not apply, and the student left school for a reason other than graduating or dropping out. See Table 3 for a list of leaver reason codes associated with this status for 2014-15 through 2019-20.</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>TxCHSE* recipient</td>
<td>The preceding three statuses did not apply, and the student received a TxCHSE between January 1, 2015 and August 31, 2020.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dropout</td>
<td>The preceding four statuses did not apply, and the student dropped out. See Table 3 for a list of leaver reason codes associated with this status for 2014-15 through 2019-20.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Underreported</td>
<td>The preceding five statuses did not apply. The status of the student was not reported.</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Student identification error</td>
<td>The preceding six statuses did not apply. Records for the student could not be matched because of a student identification error.</td>
<td>No</td>
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*Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency.
### Table 3
Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) Leaver Reason Codes for Other Leavers and Dropouts, 2018 Six-Year Extended Cohort

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<th>School year</th>
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<td><strong>Other Leavers</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>03, 16, 24, 60, 66, 78, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 90</td>
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<tr>
<td>2015-16</td>
<td>03, 16, 24, 60, 66, 78, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 90</td>
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<tr>
<td>2016-17</td>
<td>03, 16, 24, 60, 66, 78, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 90</td>
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<td><strong>Dropouts</strong></td>
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<td>08\textsuperscript{a}, 20\textsuperscript{a}, 88\textsuperscript{a}, 89\textsuperscript{a}, 98\textsuperscript{b}</td>
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\textsuperscript{a}School leavers with this leaver reason code are counted as dropouts for federal accountability and reporting purposes; they are not counted as dropouts for state accountability purposes at the campus and district levels. \textsuperscript{b}School leavers with this leaver reason code are counted as dropouts for state accountability as well as for federal accountability and reporting purposes.
Table 4
Examples of Final Student Status Determinations, 2018 Six-Year Extended Cohort

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<th>School year</th>
<th>In Texas public school this year?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Student A: Final status is dropout. Student's last status was dropout, and student did not earn a TxCHSE.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2014-15</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>2015-16</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes: Other leaver</td>
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<td>2016-17</td>
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<td>2017-18</td>
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<td>2018-19</td>
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<td>Yes: Dropout</td>
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<td>2020-21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Student B: Final status is graduate. Student was a graduate. No other status is relevant.</td>
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<tr>
<td>2014-15</td>
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<td>2020-21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Student C: Final status is other leaver. Student's last status was other leaver. Student earned a TxCHSE, but TxCHSE only replaces the last status if the last status is dropout.</td>
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<td>2016-17</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>2020-21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Student D: Final status is TxCHSE recipient. Student's last status was dropout, but student also earned a TxCHSE.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Final status is <strong>continuer</strong>.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Student did not graduate, and student was enrolled in the</td>
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<td>fall 2020 school-start window.</td>
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<td>2014-15</td>
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Calculating rates for campuses and districts. Six-year extended longitudinal rates for the class of 2018 were calculated for districts and campuses if they: (a) served Grade 9 as well as Grade 11 or 12 in the first and seventh years of the cohort (2014-15 and 2020-21, respectively) or (b) served Grade 12 in the first and seventh years of the cohort.

Data were aggregated at the campus and district levels based on the students' final statuses and last campuses attended. For example, a student with a final status of graduate was counted in the graduation rates of both the campus and the district from which he or she graduated. Similarly, a student with a final status of dropout was counted in the dropout rates of the campus and district from which he or she dropped out. The following longitudinal rates were calculated: graduation; dropout; continuation; TxCHSE recipient; and graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE recipient.

Not all members of a campus's or district's cohort were included in the rates because the calculations include only students with final statuses of graduate, continuer, TxCHSE recipient, or dropout. Students with these final statuses represented the class of 2018. Students with final statuses of other leaver, underreported, or student identification error were members of the cohort but not the class. Thus, for each final status rate calculation, the denominator was the same: graduates, continuers, TxCHSE recipients, and dropouts. The graduation rate, for example, reflects the total number of students who graduated divided by the total number of students in the class. One rate was calculated by combining final statuses in the numerator. The graduation, continuation, or TxCHSE recipient rate is the total number of graduates, continuers, and TxCHSE recipients divided by the total number of students in the class.

Rates were also calculated for population subsets such as race/ethnicity, gender, student characteristic, and program participation. Student characteristics and program participation were assigned based on the year of a student's final status in the cohort. For example, a student who graduated in the fourth year of the cohort and was reported as gifted and talented in the first three years of the cohort but not in the fourth
year was not included in the gifted and talented graduation rate. Exceptions were made for students who were identified as English learners (ELs), as homeless, or as in foster care at any time while attending Grades 9-12 in Texas public schools. Additionally, beginning with the 2020-21 school year, CTE information is no longer available for continuing students in longitudinal rate calculations. CTE program participation for these students was assigned based on the student's prior record of attendance in the continuing district, if available.

**Statutory exclusion of students from campus and district rates.** Under Texas Education Code (TEC), a student who meets one or more of the following criteria is excluded from campus and district rate calculations used for state accountability purposes. Exclusions are determined through district reporting and/or agency processing. For information on how exclusions are determined by TEA, see Table 5.

**State Accountability Exclusions**

- Under TEC §39.053(g-1), a student who meets at least one of the following criteria is excluded from campus and district annual dropout and longitudinal rate calculations: (a) a student who is ordered by a court to attend a high school equivalency certificate program but has not earned a high school equivalency certificate; (b) a student previously reported to the state as a dropout; (c) a student in attendance but who is not in membership for purposes of average daily attendance (i.e., students for whom school districts are not receiving state Foundation School Program [FSP] funds); (d) a student whose initial enrollment in a school in the United States in Grades 7 through 12 was as an unschooled refugee or asylee as defined by TEC §39.027(a-1); (e) a student who is in the district exclusively as a function of having been detained at a county detention facility but is otherwise not a student of the district, or a student who is being provided services by an open-enrollment charter school exclusively as the result of having been detained at the facility; (f) a student who is incarcerated in a state jail or federal penitentiary as an adult or as a person certified to stand trial as an adult; or (g) a student who has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility.

- Under TEC §39.053(g-2), a student who (a) is at least 18 years of age as of September 1 and has satisfied the credit requirements for high school graduation; (b) has not completed his or her individualized education program (IEP); and (c) is enrolled and receiving IEP services is excluded from longitudinal rate calculations.

- Under TEC §39.053(g-3), the dropout record for a student who fails to enroll in school after leaving a residential treatment facility or a pre- or post-adjudication facility is not attributed to the district serving the facility for annual dropout and longitudinal rate calculations.

- Under TEC §39.055, a student in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department facility (e.g., a county- or state-operated juvenile justice facility) or residential treatment facility served by a Texas public school district is excluded from campus and district annual dropout and longitudinal rate calculations.
Federal Accountability and Reporting Exclusion
For federal accountability and reporting purposes, a student in a Texas Juvenile Justice Department facility (e.g., a county- or state-operated juvenile justice facility) or residential treatment facility served by a Texas public school district, as described in Texas Education Code §39.053(g-3) or §39.055, is excluded from campus and district longitudinal rate calculations.

Table 5
Methods for Determining State Accountability and Federal Accountability/Reporting Exclusions, Class of 2018

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| Student has suffered a condition, injury, or illness that requires substantial medical care and leaves the student unable to attend school and assigned to a medical or residential treatment facility | District reporting (PEIMS Leaver Reason Code of ‘20’)

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#### Year 3 (2016-17)

#### Step 1. Update cohort and add transfer students

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#### Step 2. Add corresponding student characteristics and program participation

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