



Cycle 2 Group 1

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TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY 2020-2021 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT HOUSTON GATEWAY ACADEMY

CDN: 101828

Non-Compliance Identified

Corrective Actions To Be Completed

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to Houston Gateway Academy for their efforts, attention, and time committed to the completion of the review process.

The TEA has developed a monitoring approach that reviews compliance-based indicators while also looking for best practices. In commitment to the approach, the cyclical monitoring report will provide the results of the LEA's compliance review related to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and federal and state statutes, a summary of data related to Results-Driven Accountability (RDA), State Performance Plan (SPP), Significant Disproportionality (SD), and dyslexia program evaluation will recommend targeted technical assistance and support for LEAs related to special education, and highlight best practices of LEAs that demonstrate success.

CYCLICAL MONITORING

The TEA conducts cyclical reviews of all LEAs statewide over six years. The purpose of cyclical monitoring is to support positive outcomes for students with disabilities and to determine compliance with special education regulations and dyslexia program regulations.

LEAs are required to submit artifacts and/or sources of evidence for compliance and promising practices review in the following areas:

- Child Find/Evaluation/FAPE
- IEP Development
- IEP Content
- IEP Implementation
- State Assessment
- Properly Constituted ARD Committees
- Transition

2020–2021 CYCLICAL REVIEW COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

On December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a policy review of Houston Gateway Academy. On December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of Houston Gateway

Academy. The total number of files reviewed for the Houston Gateway Academy comprehensive desk review was 19. The review found overall that 12 files out of 19 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for Houston Gateway Academy are organized in the chart below by indicating the number of compliant findings within the reviewed file submissions related to the compliance area. Itemized details of these findings are in the appendix.

Compliance Area	Policy Review (# compliant of # reviewed)	Student File Review (# compliant of # reviewed)
Child Find/Evaluation/FAPE	19 of 19	11 of 19
IEP Development	5 of 5	19 of 19
IEP Content	3 of 3	15 of 19
IEP Implementation	20 of 20	19 of 19
Properly Constituted ARD	8 of 8	19 of 19
State Assessment	4 of 4	19 of 19
Transition	6 of 6	9 of 9

2020-2021 CHARTER CAMPUS INFORMATION

Houston Gateway Academy (101828) has 3 active campuses and is approved to serve students in EE-12th grade. Campuses are located in Harris County. The student file review included 12 files from PK-5 grade, 6 files from grades 6-8 and 2 files from grades 9-12. The chart below identifies the campuses which were included in the cyclical review.

Campus Name	Campus Number	County	Grade Level(s)
HGA - Coral	101828001	Harris	PK - 12
HGA – Elite College Prep	101828002	Harris	PK - 8
HGA - Evergreen	101828101	Harris	PK - 8

DATA SUMMARY OF RESULTS-DRIVEN ACCOUNTABILITY, STATE PERFORMANCE PLAN INDICATORS, AND SIGNIFICANT DISPROPORTIONALITY

The following supplemental data may be used to support development of the Strategic Support Plan (SSP) for continuous improvement and/or a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) if noncompliance is identified.

Year	Results-Driven Accountability (RDA) Determination Level	SPP Indicators 11, 12, 13 Compliance*	Significant Disproportionality
2020	DL 1—Meets Requirements	COMPLIANT	N/A

*Indicator 11: Child Find
 Indicator 12: Early Childhood
 Transition Indicator 13: Secondary
 Transition

2020-2021 COVID-19 IMPACT NARRATIVE

In the 2020-2021 academic year, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) were provided an opportunity to complete a COVID-19 impact narrative form documenting the practices incorporated to support Child Find and FAPE for students being served by special education programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020-2021 CYCLICAL REVIEW PARENT, TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEWS/SURVEY

Staff and Family Surveys

Minimum size requirements not met. Results not published within this report due to the limitation of the sample size.

This survey was approved by the Texas Education Agency's data governance board. Participation in this survey was both voluntary and anonymous. No data was collected identifying a name so that individual responses cannot be linked to any respondent. Participants were given the option to stop the survey at any time.

Strengths

Based on results of the policy review and student file review, along with data collected from LEA staff and family surveys, the Review and Support team identified the following strengths for Houston Gateway Academy:

- Results of the Desk Review show Houston Gateway has strong practices related to parent participation.
- Results of the Desk Review show Houston Gateway exercises appropriate consideration of the Least Restrictive Environment.

Considerations

Based on results of the policy review and student file review, along with data collected from LEA staff and family surveys, the Review and Support team identified the following areas that must be addressed by Houston Gateway Academy:

- Review guidance and provide professional development on the Review of Existing Evaluation Data process.
- Develop systems to ensure all required eligibility information is complete.
- Develop systems and provide professional development to ensure the Notice of Proposal to Evaluate (PWN) includes descriptions of all evaluation procedures the LEA proposed to conduct.
- Develop systems and provide professional development to ensure all student ARD meetings are conducted at least annually.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

As a result of monitoring, the TEA has identified the following technical assistance resources to support Houston Gateway Academy engaging in universal support as determined by the RDA performance level data and artifacts within the compliance review:

Topic	Resource
Evaluation Procedures	Evaluations During the 20-21 School Year . Child Find, Evaluation and ARD Support Network: This virtual workshop addresses planning the FIE, using multiple methods and sources of data to inform decisions, collection and interpretation of data given issues related to test administration and observations, and factors influencing decision-making.
Review of Existing Evaluation Data	<p>Guidance-related-to-evaluations-review-of-existing-evaluation-data. TEA Guidance Related to Evaluations: Review of Existing Data provides general information about changes to the evaluation process modified in the IDEA (2004) adoption.</p> <p>Technical Assistance Guidance for Child Find and Evaluations. Technical Assistance from TEA: The Child Find and Evaluation</p>
	Technical Assistance Guidance is intended for use by Texas educators to support the implementation of services for students with or suspected of having disabilities.
Notice of Proposal to Evaluate (PWN)	Child Find, Evaluation and ARD Support Network : The Child Find, Evaluation and ARD Supports Network assists LEAs by providing resources and training that are aligned with implementing effective Child Find practices, conducting comprehensive evaluations, and practicing collaborative admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee processes that lead to a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for students with disabilities.
Annual IEP Timelines	Child Find, Evaluation and ARD Support Network : The Child Find, Evaluation and ARD Supports Network assists LEAs by providing resources and training that are aligned with implementing effective Child Find practices, conducting comprehensive evaluations, and practicing collaborative admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee processes that lead to a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for students with disabilities.

Findings of Noncompliance

A finding is made when noncompliance is identified with the Review and Support report findings, SPP notification, and/or individualized education program (IEP) requirements. Noncompliance that is systemic in nature must be included in a comprehensive corrective action plan (CAP) with action steps to address each of the noncompliance findings. ***When noncompliance has been identified as part of this cyclical review, Houston Gateway Academy will receive formal notification of noncompliance in addition to this report.***

The TEA Division of Special Education Monitoring will further advise the LEA on the corrective action process, if applicable.

The TEA follows procedures for the correction of noncompliance consistent with federal guidelines (OSEP Memo 09-02.)

Before the TEA can report that noncompliance has been corrected, it must first verify the LEA:

- Has corrected each individual case of noncompliance (Prong 1); and
- Is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., subsequently achieved 100% compliance) (Prong 2).

The TEA is required to monitor the completion of a corrective action plan if any noncompliance is discovered. The corrective action plan must be designed to correct any and all areas of noncompliance *as soon as possible, but in no case later than one year from the date of notification.*

Corrective Action Plan (CAP)

The LEA will develop a CAP to address any items identified as noncompliance in this summary report. An approved form for the CAP can be accessed on the Review and Support website or in the resources located in Ascend Texas.

The LEA must submit the CAP in Ascend within 30 school days from the date of this report and/or formal notification of noncompliance. The TEA will review the CAP submitted by the LEA for approval. If the TEA determines that a revision(s) is necessary, the LEA will be required to revise and resubmit. The Review and Support team will contact the LEA to provide notification when the CAP has been approved.

Individual Correction

The educational agency has **60 school days** from the date of this summary report to correct all identified findings of noncompliance for individual students, unless noted otherwise in the report.

LEA ACTIONS

Timeline for Strategic Support Plan (SSP) and/or Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Below:

Required Actions	Submission Due Date	Completion Due Date	Support Level	Communication Schedule
SSP	N/A		Universal	N/A
CAP	3/22/2020	3/22/2021		30 days

For more information about cyclical monitoring and the Differentiated Monitoring and Support process, please visit the [Review and Support website](#)

**LEA may have previously identified corrective actions in addition to findings in this report.

REFERENCES

[Differentiated Monitoring and Support System](#)

[Review and Support General Supervision Monitoring Guide](#)

[State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report and Requirements](#)

[Results-Driven Accountability Reports and Data](#)

[Results-Driven Accountability District Reports](#)

[Results-Driven Accountability Manual](#)

APPENDIX

Child Find/Evaluation

STUDENT FILE REVIEW

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
SE2	34 CFR §300.305(a)		Yes	<p>Individual—Yes</p> <p>The educational agency has 60 school days from the date of this summary report to convene ARD committee meetings and consider whether the student’s free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed.</p> <p>Systemic—Yes</p> <p>Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue.</p> <p>Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff.</p> <p>Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student’s free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed.</p> <p>Develop processes that allow for self-monitoring this area of noncompliance.</p> <p>Provide evidence of systemic correction of the noncompliance has taken place.</p>	Yes

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SE3	34 CFR §300.304(a)	TAC §89.1011; TEC §29.004(a)	Yes	<p>Individual—Yes</p> <p>The educational agency has 60 school days from the date of this summary report to convene ARD committee meetings and consider whether the student’s free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed.</p> <p>Systemic—Yes</p> <p>Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue. Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff.</p> <p>Develop processes that allow for self-monitoring this area of noncompliance.</p> <p>Provide evidence of systemic correction of the noncompliance has taken place.</p>	Yes

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
SE4	§300.304(b)		Yes	<p>Individual—Yes The educational agency has 60 school days from the date of this summary report to convene ARD committee meetings and consider whether the student’s free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed.</p> <p>Systemic—Yes</p> <p>Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue.</p> <p>Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff.</p> <p>Develop processes that allow for self- monitoring this area of noncompliance.</p>	Yes

IEP Content

STUDENT FILE REVIEW

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
IC1	34 CFR §300.324(b)		Yes	<p>Individual—Yes</p> <p>The educational agency has 60 school days from the date of this summary report to convene ARD committee meetings and consider whether the student’s free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed.</p> <p>Systemic—Yes</p> <p>Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue.</p> <p>Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff.</p> <p>Develop processes that allow for self- monitoring this area of noncompliance</p>	Yes