

Cycle 2 Group 1

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# TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY 2020-2021 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT IMAGINE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

CDN: 043801

Non-Compliance Identified

Corrective Actions Completed 11/19/20

#### INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to Imagine International Academy of North Texas to address 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 Imagine International Academy of North Texas to address. On December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of Imagine International Academy of North Texas to address. The total number of files reviewed for the Imagine International Academy of North Texas to address comprehensive desk review was 18. The review found overall that 13 files out of 18 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for Imagine International Academy of North Texas to address 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	17 of 18
IEP Development	5 of 5	18 of 18
IEP Content	3 of 3	18 of 18
IEP Implementation	21 of 21	18 of 18
Properly Constituted ARD	8 of 8	18 of 18
State Assessment	4 of 4	18 of 18
Transition	6 of 6	1 of 5

#### 2020-2021 CHARTER CAMPUS INFORMATION

Imagine International Academy of North Texas to address (043801) has one active campus and is approved to serve students in K-12 grade. The campus is located in Collin County. The student file review included 12 files from K-5 grade, 2 files from grades 6-8 and 4 files from grades 9-10. The chart below identifies the campuses which were included in the cyclical review.

Campus Name	Campus Number	County	Grade Level(s)
Imagine International Academy of North Texas	043801001	Collin County	K-12

# 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**

On December 18, 2020, the TEA Review and Support team received 31 surveys during the comprehensive desk review. The Review and Support surveys focused on the following review areas:

Seventy percent of participants felt they receive sufficient communication from their school. The best way the school/district provides information about (trainings, online trainings, support groups and other available resources) concerning special education services is via email followed by notices sent home, school website and phone calls.

Fifty percent of parent/family member participants felt they would be most comfortable attending special education information sessions at the school campus.

The majority of participants indicated they have a clear understanding of special education services.

The most selected areas of special education the participants would like to know about were the School, Family and Community Engagement Network, Inclusion in Texas Network, Child Find Evaluation and Support Network and the Texas Sensory Support Network (TxSSN).

The majority of participants felt training to help meet the needs of students with disabilities was effective, somewhat effective and extremely effective.

Eighty percent of participants felt there were frequent opportunities to collaborate with related service providers and twenty percent felt there were not frequent opportunities to collaborate with service providers.

The obstacles concerning students' special education programming and services were reported as:

- Timely updates on student progress
- Knowledge of available services and programming
- Assuring students receive accommodations and/or modifications as outlined in the IEP.

All participants agree with the importance of including students interests/life goals in the transition process with thirty-two percent of participants strongly agreeing.

The majority of participants indicated they chose an In-Person learning model. Those participating in remote learning indicated that the students did interact with teachers consistently. Participants' responses varied from remote learning for students receiving special education was effective to extremely ineffective.

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#### COVID

Sixty-nine percent of participants felt that during COVID school closures/remote learning, the Emergency Contingency Plan was effective in student progress.

During COVID closures the top three ways teachers provided support to students with moderate to severe disabilities were:

- Teachers provided supports needed for students to be successful.
- Teachers made regular contact with students and parents to meet academic an emotional need.
- Teachers modified work and provided individualized support.

Participants indicated that current COVID school closures/remote learning they needed professional development in all areas.

Participants indicated that during COVID school closures/remote learning the top two supports used by the district that did not work well for students with disabilities were the LMS platform such as Schoology, Canvas or Google Classroom and online submission of assignments.

The majority of participants indicated that they agreed or strongly agreed that they worked with parents/guardians in addressing severe behavior and work refusal.

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 Imagine International Academy of North Texas to address:

- All monitored special education policies and practices follow federal and state requirements and are linked to the Legal Framework.
- ARD documentation reflects LRE determined based on the child's needs in the IEP.
- IEP documentation provides evidence of Notice of Procedural Safeguards provided to parent/guardian.

#### **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 area for Imagine International Academy of North Texas to address:

 Provide professional development opportunities to address transition planning prior to student's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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#### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

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

Topic	Resource
Transition Planning	Texas Transition The Student-Centered Transitions Network builds collaborative infrastructures among students, families, schools, LEAs, and communities. The SCTN aims for all students with disabilities to be actively involved in planning, communicating, and evaluating progress in meeting their transition goals from early childhood through high school graduation and postsecondary readiness.
Transition Planning	Transition and Employment Guide (T&E Guide): Texas Education Agency's T&E Guide per TEC §29.0112 provides information on statewide services and programs that assist in the transition to life outside of the public school system.
School, Family and Community Engagement	TEA: School, Family and Community Engagement The School, Family, and Community Engagement Network provides resources and professional development to build the capacity of educators to work collaboratively with families and community members in supporting positive outcomes for students with disabilities.
Inclusion in Texas network	Inclusion in Texas The Inclusion in Texas Network is working to promote a statewide culture of high expectations for students with disabilities and significantly improve academic and functional outcomes for students served by special education.
Child Find Evaluation and Support Network	Child Find, Evaluation and ARD Supports 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.
Texas Sensory Support Network	Texas Sensory Support Network The Inclusion in Texas Network is working to promote a statewide culture of high expectations for students with disabilities and significantly improve academic and functional outcomes for students served by special education. The network assists LEAs build capacity to develop and appropriately implement instructional programs that provide meaningful access to inclusive environments and grade-level standards, where appropriate.

# **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, Imagine International Academy of North Texas to address 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		n/a	n/a
CAP	3/22/2021	3/22/2022		90 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**

<u>Differentiated Monitoring and Support System</u>

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		Must Be Addressed in CAP
SE1	34 CFR §300.301(c)(1)(ii)	TAC 9.1011(c); TEC §29.004	Yes	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.  Systemic—Not Applicable  Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue. Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff.  Develop processes that allow for self-monitoring this area of noncompliance.	Yes

# **Transition**

# **Student File Review**

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
TR1	34 CFR §300.320(b)	TAC 89.1055(j); TEC §29.0111	Yes	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.  Systemic—Yes  Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue.  Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff.  Develop processes that allow for self- monitoring this area of noncompliance.	Yes

# **IEP Development**

# **Student File Review**

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ID2	34 CFR § 300.320(a)(1)		Yes	Individual— Not Applicable	No
				Corrected	
				Systemic— Not Applicable	