



Cycle 1 Group 1

Dates: October 2019 – December 2019

Texas Education Agency 2019–2020 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT

Local Education Agency (LEA) Name: La Vega Independent School District (ISD)

CDN: 161-906

LEA Compliant

Non-Compliance Identified

Corrective Actions Completed: N/A

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to LA VEGA ISD 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), and Significant Disproportionality (SD), recommend targeted technical assistance and support for LEAs related to special education, and highlight promising practices of LEAs that demonstrate success.

CYCLICAL MONITORING

The TEA conducts cyclical reviews of all local education agencies (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.

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

2019–2020 CYCLICAL REVIEW COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

On August 30, 2019 , the TEA conducted a policy review of LA VEGA ISD. On December 20, 2019, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of LA VEGA ISD. The total number of files reviewed for the LA VEGA ISD comprehensive desk review was 35 The review found overall that 35 files out of 35 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for LA VEGA ISD 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 | 11 of 11 | 35 of 35 |
| IEP Development | 6 of 6 | 35 of 35 |
| IEP Content | 3 of 3 | 35 of 35 |
| IEP Implementation | 8 of 8 | 35 of 35 |
| Properly Constituted ARD | 7 of 7 | 35 of 35 |
| State Assessment | 5 of 5 | 35 of 35 |
| Transition | 4 of 4 | 8 of 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) Performance Level | SPP Indicators 11, 12, 13 Compliance* | Significant Disproportionality |
|-------------|--|--|---|
| 2019 | PL 3—Needs Intervention | COMPLIANT | No SD |

*Indicator 11: Child Find

Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition

Indicator 13: Secondary Transition

2019–2020 CYCLICAL REVIEW PARENT, TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEWS/SURVEY

Staff and Family Surveys

On December 7, 2019, the TEA Review and Support team conducted 12 interviews during the on-site visit. Participants included parents/guardians, general education teachers, special education teachers, and administration staff (district and campus). The Review and Support surveys focused on the following review areas:

Overall, the interviewees reported the structure of the special education program supports the academic growth of all students and fosters inclusion of students with disabilities in the general education as well as extracurricular activities. Additionally, cross-collaboration occurs regularly to further support positive programmatic outcomes. Results from the interviews also suggest the implementation of IEPs is closely monitored and significant efforts are made to ensure all required members of the ARD committee are present and actively contribute to the programmatic decisions of students with disabilities. Finally, it was reported, consistently that a variety of trainings specific to supporting students with disabilities are offered to all staff.

Strengths

Based on results of the policy review and student file review, along with data collected from LEA staff and family interviews and student observations, the Review and Support team identified the following strengths for LA VEGA ISD:

One area of strength for La Vega ISD is the district leadership demonstrates teamwork and support the vision collaboratively.

Another area of strength for La Vega ISD is their consistency of accurate and compliant ARD documentation in general. Specifically, Present Levels of Academic and Functional Performance (PLAAFPs) and Intensive Programs of Instruction (IPIs) are strengths.

Considerations

Based on results of the policy review and student file review, along with data collected from LEA staff and family interviews and student observations, the Review and Support team identified the following considerations for LA VEGA ISD:

- Consider creating/updating Case Manager Handbook consider reviewing the process for completion schedule of services for students in self-contained settings.
- Consider revisiting the district/campus-wide discipline practices and/or conducting refresher training on BIPs as needed.
- Consider reviewing data analysis systems used to inform instruction/intervention.

Technical Assistance

As a result of monitoring, the TEA has identified the following technical assistance resources to

support LA VEGA ISD engaging in **targeted** support as determined by the RDA performance level data and artifacts within the compliance review:

| Topic | Resource |
|--|--|
| a) Considerations for schedule of services for students in self-contained settings | a) Legal Framework |
| b) Disciplinary Removals | b) Cultural and Linguistic Differences , Restorative Discipline Practices in Texas , National Educators for Restorative Practices and/or PBIS Center |
| c) STAAR/EOC Passing rates | c) Assessment Decision Evidence , STAAR Accommodations , |

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, LA VEGA ISD 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 Intervention, Stage, and Activity Manager (ISAM).

The LEA must submit the CAP in ISAM within 30 school days from the date of this report and 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 SSP and/or CAP Below:

| Required Actions | Submission Due Date | Completion Due Date | Support Level | Communication Schedule |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| SSP | 2/7/2020 | | Targeted | 90 days |
| CAP | N/A | N/A | | N/A |

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](#)