



Cycle 1 Group 3

Dates: October 2020- December 2020

Texas Education Agency 2020-2021 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT

Local Education Agency (LEA) Name: Leonard ISD
CDN: 074-909

LEA Compliant

Non-Compliance Identified

Corrective Actions: Not Applicable

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to Leonard 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), 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 Leonard ISD. On December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of Leonard ISD. The total number of files reviewed for the Leonard ISD comprehensive desk review was 19. The review found overall that 19 files out of 19 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for Leonard 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/FAPE	18 of 18	5 of 5
IEP Development	5 of 5	20 of 20
IEP Content	3 of 3	20 of 20
IEP Implementation	21 of 21	20 of 20
Properly Constituted ARD	8 of 8	20 of 20
State Assessment	4 of 4	20 of 20
Transition	6 of 6	5 of 5

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 SUBMISSION

In the 2020-2021 academic year, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) had an opportunity to share the practices incorporated to support Child Find and FAPE for students being served by special education during the COVID-19 pandemic by completing the COVID 19 Impact Narrative.

Leonard ISD submitted a COVID-19 Impact Narrative as a supplement to their Cyclical Review:

Yes* No

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

Staff and Family Surveys

On January 4, 2020, the TEA Review and Support team received 25 surveys. The Review and Support surveys focused on the following review areas:

All of the respondents 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 notices sent home followed by email, the school website, and phone calls.

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

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

The majority of participants felt training in to help meet the needs of students with disabilities was effective.

Ninety percent of participants felt there were frequent opportunities to collaborate with related service providers.

Over 90% participants agree with the importance of including students interests/life goals in the transition process with 58% of participants strongly agreeing.

The majority of participants indicated they chose an in-person learning model. Respondents were almost equally split on the effectiveness of remote learning for students with disabilities. Sixty percent or responses ranged from somewhat effective to extremely effective whereas forty percent found it to be more ineffective.

Almost 75 percent of participants felt that during COVID school closure/remote learning, the Emergency Contingency Plan was effective in supporting student progress.

During COVID closures, supports provided to students with moderate to severe disabilities were:

- Teachers provided supports needed for students to be successful
- School staff made regular contact with students and parents to meet academic and emotional needs
- Modified work for students

Most participants indicated that they want professional development on the use of virtual platforms in response to COVID school closures and remote learning.

Participants indicated that during COVID school closure/remote learning strategies the top two supports used by the district that did not work well for students with shared devices per family and drive through packet pickup and drop off.

Seventy seven percent of participants agreed or strongly agreed that teachers 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 Leonard ISD:

- Leonard ISD fosters parental input and participation throughout the IEP process as evidenced by ensuring parents have at least 5 days’ notice for meetings and high parent attendance at ARD meetings.
- Leonard ISD utilized a variety of methods to assure timelines were met despite Covid-19 complications.

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 considerations for Leonard ISD:

- Consider refining internal trainings to address general best practices in IEP development such as data rich Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAPF) statements.

Technical Assistance

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

Topic	Resource
IEP Development	<p data-bbox="529 226 1446 331">Technical Assistance: IEP Development. TEA Technical Assistance: IEP Development: The IEP Development document is part of an ongoing series to provide technical assistance to LEAs from the Texas Education Agency.</p> <p data-bbox="529 373 1446 548">School, Family, and Community Engagement Network (SPEDTex) The School, Family, and Community Engagement Network: The network provides resources and professional development to build educators' capacity to work collaboratively with families and community members in supporting positive outcomes for students with disabilities.</p>

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, Leonard 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 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:

SSP	N/A		Universal	Not applicable
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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](#)