

# **Local Accountability System**

The Local Accountability System (LAS) allows districts and open-enrollment charter schools to create LAS plans that capture and showcase outcomes aligned with their locally determined needs and strengths. For a more comprehensive view of your campus performance, campus LAS ratings can be combined with state accountability ratings.



#### **Benefits for School Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools**

- Provide parents, families, and communities with detailed information about school performance and progress over time.
- Communicate local priorities and demonstrate a commitment to achieving the components in the local plan.
- Signify the importance of local goals by publicly releasing LAS ratings.
- Measure what is important to your community and apply scores to your overall campus rating.

#### **Local Accountability System Plans**

- Plans are developed in collaboration with TEA to provide support throughout the process.
- Districts and open-enrollment charter schools are encouraged to use existing priorities. They may incorporate other initiatives, such as Lone Star Governance, Teacher Incentive Allotment, System of Great Schools, district and campus improvement plans, and other priorities defined by local education agencies.
- Local accountability plans may differ based on school type (elementary school, middle school, high school, and K–12) and school group (magnet schools, early college high schools, etc.).
- At the end of each school year, districts and open-enrollment charter schools assign overall and domainspecific letter grade ratings of A–F to each campus, based on performance outcomes outlined in the approved LAS plan.

## **Plan Components**

Plans contain a range of two to ten components. Each component contributes a unique weight to the plan and is based on a measure, or set of measures, that:

- includes at least one year of baseline data;
- provides for the assignment of a letter grade of A, B, C, D, or F and allows for campus differentiation; and
- meets standards for validity and reliability.

## **Authority**

Texas Education Code (TEC), §39.0544 House Bill 22, 85th Texas Legislature, 2017

#### **How to Get Started**

To set up an introductory meeting, please get in touch with us at <a href="las@tea.texas.gov">las@tea.texas.gov</a>. For more information about LAS please visit our website at <a href="tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/accountability/local-accountability-system">tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/accountability/local-accountability-system</a>.