



Cycle 1 Group 3

Dates: October – December 2020

Texas Education Agency 2020-2021 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT

Local Education Agency (LEA) Name: Santo ISD

CDN: 182904

LEA Compliant ☒

Non-Compliance Identified ☐

Corrective Actions Completed: N/A

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to Santo 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 Santo ISD. On December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of Santo ISD. The total number of files reviewed for the Santo ISD comprehensive desk review was 15. The review found overall that 15 files out of 15 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for Santo ISD are organized in the chart below by indicating the number of compliant findings within the reviewed file submissions related to the compliance area.

Compliance Area	Policy Review (# compliant of # reviewed)	Student File Review (# compliant of # reviewed)
Child Find/Evaluation/FAPE	18 of 18	15 of 15
IEP Development	5 of 5	15 of 15
IEP Content	3 of 3	15 of 15
IEP Implementation	21 of 21	15 of 15
Properly Constituted ARD	8 of 8	15 of 15
State Assessment	4 of 4	15 of 15
Transition	6 of 6	4 of 4

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.

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Santo 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 December 18, 2020 the TEA Review and Support team received 38 surveys during the comprehensive desk review. The Review and Support surveys focused on the following review areas:

Fifty 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, phone calls and the school website.

The majority of 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 most selected areas of special education the participants would like to know about were the Inclusion in Texas network and the Texas Sensory Support Network (TxSSN).

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

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

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

- Timely updates on student progress
- Assuring students receive accommodations and/or modifications as outlined in the IEP

The majority of participants agree with the importance of including students interests/life goals in the transition process with forty-six percent of participants strongly agreeing.

The majority of participants indicated they chose the In-Person learning model.

The majority of respondents reported that remote learning for students receiving special education was effective; however, responses varied from effective to extremely ineffective.

COVID

Eighty-one 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 indicated that teachers provided support to students with moderate to severe disabilities were:

- teachers provided supports needed for students to be successful
- made regular contact with students and parents to meet academic and emotional needs
- and 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 strategies the top two supports used by the district that did not work well for students with disabilities were the shared device per family and the LMS platform such as Schoology, Canvas or Google Classroom.

All 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 Santo ISD:

- Desk Review results showed evidence of strong practices for documentation of student Transition Services.
- Documentation of evaluation Prior Written Notice contained all required elements.
- All required committee members were in attendance at ARD meetings.

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 Santo ISD:

- Review districtwide procedures and provide professional development to improve IEP Development.
- Provide professional development on the Inclusion in Texas network and the Texas Sensory Support Network (TxSSN).

Technical Assistance

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

Topic	Resource
The Inclusion in Texas network and the Texas Sensory Support Network (TxSSN):	The Inclusion in Texas network and the Texas Sensory Support Network (TxSSN) : 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.
The National Center on Intensive Intervention	Intensive Interventions . The National Center on Intensive Intervention – The linked page is intended to help state and local leaders, including school, district, and state administrators and staff responsible for leading multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) and special education initiatives, find tools and resources to support data-based individualization (DBI) implementation.

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, Santo 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:

Required Actions	Submission Due Date	Completion Due Date	Support Level	Communication Schedule
SSP	Not applicable		Universal	Not applicable
CAP	Not applicable	Not applicable		Not applicable

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](#)