

Cycle 1 Group 1

Dates: October 2019 – December 2019

Texas Education Agency 2019—2020 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT Local Education Agency: Slaton ISD CDN: 152-803 LEA Compliant ☑ Non-Compliance Identified □ Corrective Actions Completed: N/A

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to Slaton 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 27, 2019, the TEA conducted a policy review of Slaton ISD. On December 20, 2019, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of Slaton ISD. The total number of files reviewed for the Slaton ISD comprehensive desk review was 33. The review found overall that 33 files out of 33 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for Slaton 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 | 11 of 11 | 33 of 33 | |
| IEP Development | 6 of 6 | 33 of 33 | |
| IEP Content | 3 of 3 | 33 of 33 | |
| IEP Implementation | 8 of 8 | 33 of 33 | |
| Properly Constituted ARD State Assessment | 7 of 7 | 33 of 33 | |
| | 5 of 5 | 33 of 33 | |
| 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 1—Meets Requirements | COMPLIANT | N/A |

*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 received 38 surveys during the comprehensive desk review. Respondents to the staff and family survey included parents/guardians, general education teachers, special education teachers, evaluation staff, and administration staff (district and campus). The Review and Support surveys focused on the following review areas:

- Community outreach
- Inclusion of special education staff in grade level curriculum planning and training

Survey results indicate that external communication and outreach is in alignment with preferred communication methods, phone calls and notices sent home, of the survey respondents. Survey results indicate that Slaton ISD is best at providing individualized support and meeting timelines. Finally, survey responses revealed that special education staff is included in curriculum training and planning with content and grade level teachers.

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 Slaton ISD:

One strength of the special education processes in Slaton ISD is that ARD notices/invitations were sent out well in advance of the meeting.

Additionally, IEP development included strong PLAAFP statements were written in many IEPs.

A third strength was Intensive Programs of Instruction (IPI) were developed for all students who were not successful on the state assessment.

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 Slaton ISD:

Consider reviewing current procedures for documenting the duration of the school day within Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) for students with disabilities. Revise procedures as needed, and ensure Admission, Review, and Dismissal (ARD) committees specify the duration of each student's school day within the IEP.

Technical Assistance

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

| Topic | | Resource | |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Α. | Special Education | Guide to Universal Supports | |
| | Universal Supports | | |

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, Slaton 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

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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 | N/A | | Universal | Not applicable |
| CAP | N/A | N/A | | 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