

#### To the Administrator Addressed

**Commissioner Mike Morath** 

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DATE:	August 29, 2024
SUBJECT:	Annual Physical Fitness Assessment Reporting
CATEGORY:	Required Assessment
NEXT STEPS:	Identify school system representative(s) to collect and submit data for
	analysis

<u>Texas Education Code (TEC)</u>, <u>Section 38.101</u>, requires that each school system annually assess the fitness level of all public school students in grades 3–12 enrolled in a physical education course or any physical education substitute course or activity. School systems are required to submit the results of the physical fitness assessment to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) each school year, per <u>TEC</u>, <u>Section 38.103</u>. For the 2024-2025 school year, school systems may submit their data through one of three options, FitnessGram<sup>®</sup>, the Physical Fitness Assessment Initiative (PFAI) application, or another vendor collection tool.

### **Option 1: FitnessGram**

TEA is pleased to announce that statewide site licenses from Greenlight Fitness for FitnessGram are available at no cost to qualifying schools for the 2024–2025 school year. Campus site licenses for the FitnessGram software are paid with funds allocated to the Physical Fitness Assessment Initiative by the Texas Legislature. School systems that select this option must renew their site license annually and report student physical fitness assessment data only through the FitnessGram software. Approval of the superintendent or their designee is required for this option.

Registration information for the FitnessGram license will be made available Tuesday, September 3, 2024. Please visit <a href="https://help.fitnessgram.net/texas/">https://help.fitnessgram.net/texas/</a> for instructions and registration information. The last day to register for a FitnessGram site license for 2024–2025 is on or before 5 p.m. CST on Friday, May 30, 2025.

For questions related to the FitnessGram Campus site license, please contact Jessica Garcia with Greenlight Fitness by telephone at 1-866-211-2718 or by email at jessica@greenlightfitness.org.

For technical assistance questions, please call 1-866-211-2718 or email support@fitnessgram.net. You may also visit https://help.fitnessgram.net/texas/.

# **Option 2: PFAI Application**

For school systems that choose to use the PFAI application, the PFAI tool will open for data collection in January 2025. To submit data, school systems are required to have a TEA Login (TEAL) account with access to the PFAI application. Information and resources have been posted to the <a href="Physical Fitness Assessment Initiative">Physical Fitness Assessment Initiative</a> web page to assist school systems with a successful data submission.

Questions related to the PFAI application may be directed to TEA by telephone at (512) 463-9581 or by email at pfaiprogramsupport@tea.texas.gov.

### **Option 3: Other Vendor Collection Tools**

School systems are always free to choose other tools for the collection of physical fitness assessment data at local expense. Please note that with this option, the only way to successfully meet the requirement of reporting data to the agency is by submitting the data from the selected tool to TEA via the PFAI application. See the PFAI reporting option above for details.

## **Data Reporting Deadline**

The deadline to submit fitness assessment results for the 2024-2025 school year is on or before **5 p.m. CST on Friday**, **June 13**, **2025**.