

## To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	April 24, 2025
SUBJECT:	2025 Accountability Pairing Registration Requirements
CATEGORY:	Notification
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	Share with appropriate staff

The purpose of this communication is to notify school systems that the 2025 campus pairing registration for state academic accountability is now open. It closes at 5:00 p.m. (CT) on May 2, 2025.

All campuses serving prekindergarten through grade 12 must receive an academic accountability rating. Campuses that serve only grades not tested on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®), i.e., PK, K, grade 1, or grade 2, need to be paired with either another campus in the district or the district itself. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) analyzes TSDS PEIMS fall enrollment data to determine which campuses need to be paired.

Districts may use the prior-year pairing relationship or select a new relationship by completing the pairing form in the TEA Login (<u>TEAL</u>) Accountability application. If a district does not indicate a pairing preference, pairing decisions will be made by TEA. For campuses that have been paired in the past, TEA staff assume that the prior pairing relationship still applies.

Charter school campuses and alternative education campuses (AECs) registered for evaluation by alternative education accountability (AEA) provisions are not paired with another campus. Likewise, traditional campuses are not paired with AECs.

Paired data are not used for distinction designations indicators; therefore, paired campuses cannot earn distinction designations.

For campuses in need of pairing for the first time, pairing selections should be based on the <u>Campus</u> Pairing Guidelines available on the <u>2025 Accountability Rating System</u> webpage.

## Questions

If you have questions regarding pairing, see "<u>Chapter 7</u> - Other Accountability System Processes" of the final <u>A-F Accountability System Manual</u> for 2025 ratings or contact the Performance Reporting Division at (512) 463-9704 or <u>performance.reporting@tea.texas.gov</u>.