

To the Administrator Addressed

Commissioner Mike Morath

1701 North Congress Avenue • Austin, Texas 78701-1494 • 512 463-9734 • 512 463-9838 FAX • tea.texas.gov

DATE:	October 9, 2025
SUBJECT:	Title II, Part A - Special Data Collection
CATEGORY:	Title II, Part A
NEXT STEPS:	Submit Title II, Part A School System Special Data Collection Survey

Under section 2104(b), the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA) requires school systems to report to State Education Agencies (SEAs) how they spend Title II, Part A funds each year. While the US Department of Education (USDE) survey has been used in the past to help TEA meet this requirement, in the absence of the USDE survey this year, TEA will collect this information from school systems as outlined in ESEA section 2104(b). While the ESEA does not require TEA to report this information to the USDE, TEA is required to make the results publicly available.

To comply with the requirement, TEA has created a Title II, Part A special data collection survey. All school systems that applied for Title II, Part A program funds in 2024-2025 and did not redirect 100% of their Title II, Part A funds via funding transferability and/or the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) are required to report the information requested. School systems that redirected 100% of their Title II, Part A funds via Funding Transferability and/or Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) will not be required to submit the requested data, as they did not operate a Title II, Part A program in the 2024-2025 grant year. All the data requested for submission is for the 2024-2025 school year.

As noted above, this requirement was previously met through a national survey conducted by the USDE. However, in May 2025, TEA was notified that the USDE would not be administering the national survey for the 2024-2025 grant year data.

Background

As per the ESEA, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title II, Part A, sections 2104(a)-(c), each school system receiving Title II, Part A funds shall submit to TEA such information as the state requires, which shall include the following information:

- a description of how the school system is using Title II, Part A funds received to meet the purpose of this title, and how such chosen activities improved teacher, principal, or other school leader effectiveness; and
- (2) if Title II, Part A funds are used to improve equitable access to teachers for low-income and minority students, consistent with section 1111(g)(1)(B), a description of how funds have been used to improve such access.

How to Access the Title II, Part A Special Data Collection Survey

On November 3, 2025, all school systems that are required to submit the requested data will receive an auto-generated email from Smartsheet, which includes the link to the Title II, Part A Special Data Collection Survey. The Title II, Part A Special Data Collection Survey will open on November 3, 2025, and remain open through January 9, 2026. The deadline for the school system to submit the survey is January 9, 2026.

The information reported by each school system will be aggregated at the state level and publicly reported on TEA's Title II, Part A webpage by early March 2026.

Statewide Training, Office Hours, and Resources

TEA will host a <u>Title II</u>, <u>Part A Special Data Collection Statewide Virtual Training via Zoom Webinar</u> on October 28, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CT. The training will be recorded and made available on the <u>Title II</u>, <u>Part A web page</u> after the training.

Additionally, special data collection office hours will be hosted on the following dates and times to assist school system staff responsible for submitting the requested data with any questions they may have:

- November 5, 2025, 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. CT
- November 10, 2025, 1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. CT

The following resources will be posted on the <u>TEA Title II</u>, <u>Part A web page</u>:

- Title II, Part A School System Special Data Collection Worksheet
- Title II, Part A School System Special Data Collection Statewide Training: Video Training Slides | Frequently Asked Questions

Contact Information

For information and guidance on the Title II, Part A program and/or the special data collection, contact the Federal Program Compliance Division via email at ESSASupport@tea.texas.gov.