

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>March 31, 2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Dyslexia Screening Exception Reason in the Texas Student Data System (TSDS)</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Dyslexia Risk Screening Exception Reason</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with appropriate local educational agency and education service center staff</b>

Local educational agencies (LEAs) annually screen kindergarten and first grade students for dyslexia and report the results by selecting a dyslexia screening code in the Texas Student Data System (TSDS). However, when code 03 is selected (i.e., “Not screened for dyslexia or related disorders”), LEAs cannot identify the specific reason a student was not screened. Going forward from school year (SY) 2022–2023, LEAs will now be able to indicate the reason a student was not screened for dyslexia.

## Dyslexia Screening Exception Reason

The Texas Education Agency (TEA), per its obligation under [Texas Education Code \(TEC\) §38.003\(a\)](#), requires LEAs to screen kindergarten and first grade students for dyslexia. LEAs report screening results to the TSDS using the DYSLEXIA-RISK-CODE ([E1644](#)) data element, as defined by code table [C222](#):

- Code 01 - Screened and determined to be not at risk for dyslexia or related disorders
- Code 02 - Screened and determined to be at risk for dyslexia or related disorders
- Code 03 - Not screened for dyslexia or related disorders

The Department of Review and Support at the TEA then sends a Qualtrics survey to LEAs for them to specify the reasons students were not screened for dyslexia (i.e., students with a code 03 selected). This Qualtrics survey will be discontinued after SY 2021–2022.

Going forward from SY 2022–2023, when code 03 is selected for a student, the data submitter will be required to indicate the reason a student was not screened for dyslexia during the screening window by submitting the DYSLEXIA-SCREENING-EXCEPTION-REASON ([E1732](#)), as defined by code table [C231](#). Dyslexia screening must be completed by the end of the school year for students in kindergarten and no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> for students in first grade. When a student is not screened, code 03 is reported along with one of 12 reasons to justify why dyslexia screening did not occur.

The new DYSLEXIA-SCREENING-EXCEPTION-REASON (E1732) data element, as defined by code table DYSLEXIA-SCREENING-EXCEPTION-REASON-CODE (C231), will be collected annually in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) Summer Submission.

## Resources

### Program resources

- [Review and Support: Dyslexia Screening](#)  
**URL:** <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/review-and-support/dyslexia-screening>

- [Reading Instrument Guidance](#)  
URL: <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/covid19-Reading-Diagnostic-Instruments-Guidance.pdf>
- [Early Childhood Data Collection Requirements](#)  
URL: <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/early-childhood-education/early-childhood-data-collection-requirements>
- [Dyslexia Handbook](#)  
URL: [https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/2018-Dyslexia-Handbook\\_Approved\\_Accomodated\\_12\\_11\\_2018.pdf](https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/2018-Dyslexia-Handbook_Approved_Accomodated_12_11_2018.pdf)
- [Special Student Populations: Dyslexia and Related Disorders](#)  
URL: <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/dyslexia-and-related-disorders>
- [Dyslexia and Related Disorders Reporting Study](#)  
URL: <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/DyslexiaIDReportStudyReport-508Compliant.pdf>
- [SPEDTex Dyslexia](#)  
URL: <https://www.spedtex.org/index.cfm/faqs/dyslexia/>

#### Legal resources

- [TEC, §48.008, Public Education Information Management System \(PEIMS\)](#)  
URL: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.48.htm#48.008>
- [TEC, §38.003, Screening and Treatment for Dyslexia and Related Disorders](#)  
URL: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/SOTWDocs/ED/htm/ED.38.htm#38.003>
- [19 TAC §97.1071, Special Program Performance; Monitoring, Review, and Supports](#)  
URL:  
[https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p\\_dir=&p\\_rloc=&p\\_tloc=&p\\_ploc=&pg=1&p\\_tac=&ti=19&pt=2&ch=97&rl=1071](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=&ti=19&pt=2&ch=97&rl=1071)
- [19 TAC §74.28, Students with Dyslexia and Related Disorders](#)  
URL: <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch074c.pdf>

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