

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	November 16, 2023
SUBJECT:	Notice of Review Window for Confidential Results Driven Accountability (RDA)
	Reports
CATEGORY:	Special Populations and Monitoring
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

The purpose of this communication is to inform school systems of the start of the 10-business day window to review the local educational agency (LEA) confidential (unmasked) 2023 Results Driven Accountability (RDA) district report, data download, and significant disproportionality (SD) indicators report, which are now available through the Accountability application on the Texas Education Agency Login (TEAL) website. These reports are confidential and must be handled as such.

LEAs have 10 business days to review the reports and contact the performance-based monitoring (PBM) team at the Texas Education Agency (TEA) with questions or concerns as described in the RDA chapter of the 2023 Accountability Manual, at the phone number or email address listed below. **Due to the Thanksgiving break occurring during this window, the 2023 review window will close on December 6, 2023, at 11:59 p.m.**

RDA Confidential and Public Reports

There are important distinctions between the confidential district RDA reports posted today and the final (public) district RDA reports that will be published in January 2024.

The confidential district RDA reports in TEAL contain unmasked confidential data pertaining to each of the RDA indicators and related SD analyses. These reports will include LEAs' assigned performance levels (PLs) for the RDA indicators but will not yet include the final determination levels (DLs). The final district RDA reports, which include DLs for the three RDA program areas – bilingual education/English as a second language (EB/ESL), other special populations (OSP), and special education (SPED) – will be published on the RDA – District Reports webpage in January 2024. Final RDA reports are masked using certain symbols to protect student confidentiality and comply with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). To the Administrator Addressed (TAA) correspondence will be published once those reports are posted, and the Office of Special Populations and Monitoring will communicate any required actions for LEAs at that time. LEAs can find resources about required actions resulting from RDA determinations and SD findings on the RDA webpage.

Additionally, this year, the confidential RDA data available in TEAL will include PLs assigned to the federally required elements (FREs). However, data for assigning FRE PLs have already been finalized and are not subject to the 10-day review window referenced in this communication. Please refer to *Chapter 12—Results Driven Accountability (RDA)* of the <u>2023 Accountability Manual</u> for detailed descriptions of the methodology and data sources for the 2023 RDA indicators.

Accessing the TEAL Accountability Application

Log into **TEAL**.

If you have access to the TEAL Accountability application, you will see *ACCT – Accountability* listed as one of the available applications. Launching *ACCT – Accountability* will take you into the site. You can access your district's 2023 RDA report by clicking on the *Performance-Based Monitoring* tab.

If you do not have a TEAL username and password, or if you do not have access to the Accountability application on TEAL, follow the TEAL request process on the <u>TEA Secure Applications webpage</u>. Additionally, the <u>TEAL</u> site also contains links that can guide you through the process to follow if you have forgotten, or wish to reset, your TEAL password.

Contact Information

If an LEA has questions or concerns regarding the data, the LEA must contact the TEA PBM division by December 6, 2023, by phone at (512) 463-9704 or by email at pbm@tea.texas.gov.

For questions about the RDA Chapter published in the <u>2023 Accountability Manual</u>, policies or intervention requirements, please contact the TEA Division of Review and Support by phone at (512) 463-9414 or by email at <u>reviewandsupport@tea.texas.gov</u>.