

# Texas Education Agency 2020-2021 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT

Local Education Agency (LEA) Name: Tenaha ISD CDN: 210904

LEA Compliant  $\Box$ 

Non-Compliance Identified oxtimes

Corrective Actions: Complete

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to Tenaha ISD for their efforts, attention, and time committed to the completion of the review process.

The TEA has developed a monitoring approach that reviews compliance-based indicators while also looking for best practices. In commitment to the approach, the cyclical monitoring report will provide the results of the LEA's compliance review related to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and federal and state statutes, a summary of data related to Results-Driven Accountability (RDA), State Performance Plan (SPP), Significant Disproportionality (SD), and dyslexia program evaluation will recommend targeted technical assistance and support for LEAs related to special education, and highlight best practices of LEAs that demonstrate success.

# **CYCLICAL MONITORING**

The TEA conducts cyclical reviews of all LEAs statewide over six years. The purpose of cyclical monitoring is to support positive outcomes for students with disabilities and to determine compliance with special education regulations and dyslexia program regulations.

LEAs are required to submit artifacts and/or sources of evidence for compliance and promising practices review in the following areas:

- Child Find/Evaluation/FAPE
- IEP Development
- IEP Content
- IEP Implementation
- State Assessment
- Properly Constituted ARD Committees
- Transition

# 2020–2021 CYCLICAL REVIEW COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

On December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a policy review of Tenaha ISD. On December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of Tenaha ISD. The total number of files reviewed for the Tenaha ISD comprehensive desk review was 19. The review found overall that 0 files out of 19 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for Tenaha ISD are organized in the chart below by indicating the number of compliant findings within the reviewed file submissions related to the compliance area. Itemized details of these findings are in the appendix:

Compliance Area	Policy Review (# compliant of # reviewed)	Student File Review (# compliant of # reviewed)
Child Find/Evaluation/FAPE	18 of 18	19 of 19
IEP Development	5 of 5	15 of 19
IEP Content	3 of 3	19 of 19
IEP Implementation	21 of 21	16 of 19
Properly Constituted ARD	8 of 8	12 of 19
State Assessment	4 of 4	19 of 19
Transition	6 of 6	2 of 6

# DATA SUMMARY OF RESULTS-DRIVEN ACCOUNTABILITY, STATE **PERFORMANCE PLAN INDICATORS, AND SIGNIFICANT** DISPROPORTIONALITY

The following supplemental data may be used to support development of the Strategic Support Plan (SSP) for continuous improvement and/or a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) if noncompliance is identified.

Year	Results-Driven Accountability (RDA) Determination Level	SPP Indicators 11, 12, 13 Compliance*	Significant Disproportionality
2020	DL 1—Meets Requirements	COMPLIANT	N/A

\*Indicator 11: Child Find

Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition Indicator 13: Secondary Transition

# 2020-2021 COVID-19 IMPACT NARRATIVE SUBMISSION

In the 2020-2021 academic year, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) had an opportunity to share the practices incorporated to support Child Find and FAPE for students being served by special education during the COVID-19 pandemic by completing the COVID 19 Impact Narrative.

Tenaha ISD submitted a COVID-19 Impact Narrative as a supplement to their Cyclical Review:

□Yes ⊠No

# 2020-2021 CYCLICAL REVIEW PARENT, TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR INTERVIEWS/SURVEY

#### **Staff and Family Surveys**

On December 18, 2020, the TEA Review and Support team received 31 surveys during the comprehensive desk review. The Review and Support surveys focused on the following review areas:

Most parent/family member participants felt they would be most comfortable attending special education information sessions at the school campus.

All participants indicated they have a clear understanding of special education services.

Many participants felt training in to help meet the needs of students with disabilities was effective or somewhat effective. Seventy-one percent of respondents found training for differentiate instruction was effective or very effective in supporting the needs of students with disabilities.

Forty-one percent of participants felt there were frequent opportunities to collaborate with related service providers.

All participants agree with the importance of including students interests/life goals in the transition process with more than 60% of participants strongly agreeing.

The majority of participants did not report choosing either a remote or in-person learning model. However, 70 percent reported that remote learning for students receiving special education was either somewhat effective or ineffective.

Approximately 75 percent of participants felt that during COVID school closure/remote learning, the Emergency Contingency Plan was effective in supporting student progress.

During COVID closures the top three ways indicated that teachers provided support to students with moderate to severe disabilities were:

• teachers provided supports needed for students to be successful.

- made regular contact with students and parents to meet academic and emotional needs.
- Modified work and provided individualized support.

Participants indicated that during COVID school closure/remote learning further professional development is needed, specifically the topic of "using virtual platforms" was most frequently identified as a need.

Participants indicated that during COVID school closure/remote learning online submission of assignments was a strategy used by their school, but was not effective for students with disabilities.

Most participants indicated that they agreed or strongly agreed that their school worked with parents/guardians in addressing severe behavior and work refusal.

This survey was approved by the Texas Education Agency's data governance board. Participation in this survey was both voluntary and anonymous. No data was collected identifying a name so that individual responses cannot be linked to any respondent. Participants were given the option to stop the survey at any time.

#### Strengths

Based on results of the policy review and student file review, along with data collected from LEA staff and family surveys, the Review and Support team identified the following strengths for Tenaha ISD:

- PLAAFP statements include information about the impact of the disability on progress in the general curriculum.
- Intensive programs of instruction are identified for students who do not meet standards on state assessments.

## **Considerations**

Based on results of the policy review and student file review, along with data collected from LEA staff and family surveys, the Review and Support team identified the following considerations for Tenaha ISD:

- The length of instructional day must be included in student IEPs
- Measurable post-secondary transition goals are required for transition-age students and must be included in the student's IEP
- LPAC representatives must be included in ARDC meetings when a student is an English Learner
- CTE representatives must be included in ARDC meetings when the student is participating in, or being considered for participation in, a CTE program
- Annual IEP goals must be individualized based and based upon identified student needs.

## **Technical Assistance**

As a result of monitoring, the TEA has identified the following technical assistance resources to support Tenaha ISD engaging in **universal** support as determined by the RDA performance level data and artifacts within the compliance review:

Торіс	Resource
IEP Development: Length of Instructional Day and Measurable Annual IEP Goals	Texas Education Agency. Technical Assistance: IEP Development: The IEP Development document is part of an ongoing series to provide technical assistance to LEAs from the Texas Education Agency. Length of instructional day (page 23) and measurable annual IEP goals (pages 13-16.)
Measurable Post-Secondary Transition Goals	<u>Texas Transition Online (3 CPE Hours)</u> Texas Transition Online provides educators in Texas with an understanding of the transition process components, including transition assessments and compliance issues in federal and state law and rule.
Properly Constituted ARD – CTE Representative	<u>Child Find, Evaluation, and ARD Support Network: ARD Committee</u> : Outlines the required members of a properly constituted ARDC when developing an IEP for a student served in special education and references federal and Texas statutory requirements for ARDC participation.
	Texas Education Agency: CTE and Students Served by Special Education FAQ 2019: FAQ document addresses questions relating to CTE and students served by special education.
Properly Constituted ARD – LPAC Representative	<u>Child Find, Evaluation, and ARD Support Network: ARD Committee</u> : Outlines the required members of a properly constituted ARDC when developing an IEP for a student served in special education and references federal and Texas statutory requirements for ARDC participation.
	<u>Texas Education Agency English Learner/LPAC FAQ 2018</u> : Comprehensive FAQ document that addresses questions around English Learners and Language Proficiency Assessment Committees (LPACs).

#### **Findings of Noncompliance**

A finding is made when noncompliance is identified with the Review and Support report findings, SPP notification, and/or individualized education program (IEP) requirements. Noncompliance that is systemic in nature must be included in a comprehensive corrective action plan (CAP) with action steps to address each of the noncompliance findings. *When noncompliance has been identified as part of this cyclical review, Tenaha ISD will receive formal notification of noncompliance in addition to this report.* 

The TEA Division of Special Education Monitoring will further advise the LEA on the corrective action process, if applicable.

The TEA follows procedures for the correction of noncompliance consistent with federal guidelines

(OSEP Memo 09-02.)

Before the TEA can report that noncompliance has been corrected, it must first verify the LEA:

- Has corrected each individual case of noncompliance (Prong 1); and
- Is correctly implementing the specific regulatory requirements (i.e., subsequently achieved 100% compliance) (Prong 2).

The TEA is required to monitor the completion of a corrective action plan if any noncompliance is discovered. The corrective action plan must be designed to correct any and all areas of noncompliance *as soon as possible, but in no case later than one year from the date of notification.* 

#### **Corrective Action Plan (CAP)**

The LEA will develop a CAP to address any items identified as noncompliance in this summary report. An approved form for the CAP can be accessed on the Review and Support website or in the resources located in Ascend Texas.

The LEA must submit the CAP in Ascend within 30 school days from the date of this report and/or formal notification of noncompliance. The TEA will review the CAP submitted by the LEA for approval. If the TEA determines that a revision(s) is necessary, the LEA will be required to revise and resubmit. The Review and Support team will contact the LEA to provide notification when the CAP has been approved.

#### **Individual Correction**

The educational agency has **60 school days** from the date of this summary report to correct all identified findings of noncompliance for individual students, unless noted otherwise in the report.

# **LEA ACTIONS**

Timeline for Strategic Support Plan (SSP) and/or Corrective Action Plan (CAP) Below:

<b>Required Actions</b>	Submission Due Date	Completion Due Date	Support Level	Communication Schedule
SSP	N/A		Universal	Not applicable
САР	3/22/2021	1/28/2022		30 days

For more information about cyclical monitoring and the Differentiated Monitoring and Support process, please visit the Review and Support website

\*\*LEA may have previously identified corrective actions in addition to findings in this report.

## REFERENCES

- Differentiated Monitoring and Support System
- Review and Support General Supervision Monitoring Guide
- State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report and Requirements
- Results-Driven Accountability Reports and Data
- Results-Driven Accountability District Reports
- Results-Driven Accountability Manual

# **APPENDIX**

# **IEP Implementation**

#### **STUDENT FILE REVIEW**

TEC/TAC

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
IE4	34 CFR §300.320 (a) (4)		🖂 Yes	Individual—Yes	□ Yes
			□ No	Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider whether the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) has been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed Systemic—Not Applicable	⊠ No
IE9		TAC §§89.63(b), 1075(e)	🖾 Yes	Individual—Yes	⊠ Yes
			□ No	Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this	□ No

Item IDEA Citation Citation Evidence of Findings Required Actions Must Be Addressed in CA	P
area to consider whether the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) has been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed Systemic—Yes Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue. Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff. Develop processes that allow for self- monitoring in this area of noncompliance. Demonstrate systemic, ongoing compliance in this area.	

# **Properly Constituted ARD**

#### **STUDENT FILE REVIEW**

Item	<b>IDEA Citation</b>	<b>TEC/TAC</b> Citation	Evidence of Findings	<b>Required Actions</b>	Must Be Addressed in CAP
Item PCA9	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation         TAC §89.1050(c)         (1)(I)	Evidence of Findings	Required ActionsIndividual—YesConvene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in 	Must Be Addressed in CAP
				Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff. Develop processes that allow for self-monitoring in this area of noncompliance.	

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	<b>Required Actions</b>	Must Be Addressed in CAP
				Demonstrate systemic, ongoing compliance in this area.	
PCA10		TAC §89.105(c) (1)(J)	⊠ Yes         □ No	Individual—YesConvene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider whether the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) has been impacted and determine if compensatory services are 	⊠ Yes □ No

ltem	<b>IDEA Citation</b>	<b>TEC/TAC</b> Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
				allow for self-monitoring in this area of noncompliance. Demonstrate systemic, ongoing compliance in this area.	
PCA11	34 §CFR 300.321(e)(2)		⊠ Yes □ No	Individual—YesConvene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider whether the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) has been impacted and determine if compensatory services are neededSystemic—YesReview and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue.Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff.	⊠ Yes □ No

Item	<b>IDEA Citation</b>	<b>TEC/TAC Citation</b>	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
				Develop processes that allow for self-monitoring in this area of noncompliance.	
				Demonstrate systemic, ongoing compliance in this area.	

# **IEP Development**

#### **STUDENT FILE REVIEW**

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
ID3	34 CFR § 300.320(a)(2)(i)		🛛 Yes	Individual—Yes	⊠ Yes
			□ No	Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider whether the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) has been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed Systemic—Yes Review and revise policies	□ No
				Review and revise policies and procedures, including	

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
				operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue.	
				Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff.	
				Develop processes that allow for self-monitoring in this area of noncompliance.	
				Demonstrate systemic, ongoing compliance in this area.	

## Transition

#### **STUDENT FILE REVIEW**

#### IDEA

Item	Citation	<b>TEC/TAC Citation</b>	Evidence of Findings	<b>Required Actions</b>	Must Be Addressed in CAP
TR10	34 CFR §300.320(b)	TAC 89.1055(l) (1)	🖂 Yes	Individual—Yes	⊠ Yes
			□ No	Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records indicate noncompliance in	□No

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
				<ul> <li>this area to consider</li> <li>whether the student's free,</li> <li>appropriate public</li> <li>education (FAPE) has been</li> <li>impacted and determine if</li> <li>compensatory services are</li> <li>needed</li> <li>Systemic—Yes</li> <li>Review and revise policies</li> <li>and procedures, including</li> <li>operating guidelines and</li> <li>practices addressing this</li> <li>issue.</li> <li>Provide training on these</li> <li>procedures to the</li> <li>appropriate staff.</li> <li>Develop processes that</li> <li>allow for self-monitoring in</li> <li>this area of noncompliance.</li> <li>Demonstrate systemic,</li> <li>ongoing compliance in this</li> <li>area.</li> </ul>	
TR11	34 CFR 300.320(b)	TAC 89.1055(I) (1)	⊠ Yes □ No	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for those students whose records	⊠ Yes □ No

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
				<ul> <li>indicate noncompliance in this area to consider</li> <li>whether the student's free, appropriate public</li> <li>education (FAPE) has been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed</li> <li>Systemic—Yes</li> <li>Review and revise policies and procedures, including operating guidelines and practices addressing this issue.</li> <li>Provide training on these procedures to the appropriate staff.</li> <li>Develop processes that allow for self-monitoring in this area of noncompliance.</li> <li>Demonstrate systemic,</li> </ul>	
				ongoing compliance in this area.	
TR12	34 CFR §300.320(b)	TAC 89.1055(I) (1)	⊠ Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee	□ Yes
			□ No	meetings for those	⊠ No

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
				students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider whether the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) has been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed Systemic—Not Applicable	