

Texas IDEA Part B SPP Indicator 8 Sampling Plan

With over 1,200 school districts and more than 600,000 students receiving special education services across the state, Texas does not survey every family every year. Instead, Texas uses a sample to obtain representative data from a rotating subset of districts and schools each year.

Below is an outline of the complete set of sampling rules:

1. Campus inclusion rules: Campuses from included districts were sampled by grade span category (e.g., Elementary, Middle, High, or Other grade span groups). Sixty percent of campuses, over a one campus minimum, for each grade span category in a district were included.
2. Student inclusion rules: Students within the campuses sampled were randomly selected. A minimum of 25 percent of students from each included campus were selected.
3. To ensure that each district had at least 100 students selected (to maximize the potential for at least five responses), the following rules were used.
 - If a district had 100 or fewer students receiving special education services, all students were included.
 - If a district had more than 100 students receiving special education services but 100 or fewer students sampled, additional campuses were sampled, one at a time, until 100 students were included, or all campuses were included.
 - If a district had more than 100 students receiving special education services and all campuses were included but 100 or fewer students were included, additional students from the included campuses were sampled until 100 students were included.

To adjust the minimum number of students selected from small districts (again to increase the likelihood that small districts would have a sufficient number of responses to generate a results report), a higher proportion of students were sampled at each campus depending on the total number of students receiving services in each district.

- an additional five percent of students receiving services in districts serving between 2,001 and 5,000 students were sampled.
- an additional 10 percent of students receiving services in districts serving between 5,001 and 10,000 students were sampled.
- an additional 15 percent of students receiving services in districts serving more than 10,000 student were sampled.

Additional information can be found in the publicly posted 2020-21 Texas Parent Involvement Survey Report located at <https://www.spedtex.org/index.cfm/parent-involvement-survey-results/>.