



Cycle 2 Group 1

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TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY 2020-2021 CYCLICAL MONITORING REPORT UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

CDN: 240903

LEA Compliant

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to United Independent School District 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 United Independent School District. On December 18, 2020, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of United Independent School District. The total number of files reviewed for the United Independent School District comprehensive desk review was 24 files. The review found overall that 24 files out of 24 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for United Independent School

District 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	19 of 19	24 of 24
IEP Development	5 of 5	24 of 24
IEP Content	3 of 3	24 of 24
IEP Implementation	21 of 21	24 of 24
Properly Constituted ARD	8 of 8	24 of 24
State Assessment	4 of 4	24 of 24
Transition	6 of 6	6 of 6

2020-2021 RESIDENTIAL FACILITY INFORMATION

United Independent School District 240-903 has 3 of Residential Facilities (RFs) and is approved to serve students in K - 12 grade(s). The chart below identifies the RFs which were included in the cyclical review.

RF Name	RF Number	Grade Level(s)
ESPERANZA RECOVERY HOME	260469	K - 12
WEBB COUNTY YOUTH VILLAGE	260539	K - 12
YOUTH RECOVERY HOME	260149	K - 12

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 3—Needs Intervention	NONCOMPLIANCE: SPP 11	N/A

*Indicator 11: Child Find
Indicator 12: Early Childhood Transition
Indicator 13: Secondary Transition

2020-2021 COVID-19 IMPACT NARRATIVE

In the 2020-2021 academic year, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) were provided an opportunity to complete a COVID-19 impact narrative form documenting the practices incorporated to support Child Find and FAPE for students being served by special education programs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Staff and Family Surveys

On December 18, 2020, the TEA Review and Support team received 289 surveys during the comprehensive desk review.

The Review and Support surveys focused on the following review areas:

Sixty five percent of participants felt they receive sufficient communication from their school. The best way the school/district provides information (trainings, online trainings, support groups and other available resources) concerning special education services is via emails, followed by notices sent home, phone calls, and the school website.

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

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

The most selected areas of special education the participants would like to know about were the Texas Statewide Leadership for Autism Training, Multiple Exceptionalities and Multiple Needs, and School, Family, and Community Engagement network.

The majority of participants felt training in using accommodations and modifications and Special Education state assessment determination to help meet the needs of students with disabilities was effective or somewhat effective.

Fifty two percent of participants felt there were frequent opportunities to collaborate with related service providers and almost twenty five percent felt there were somewhat frequent opportunities to collaborate with service providers.

The obstacles concerning student’s special education programming and services were reported as:

- Assuring students receive accommodations and/or modifications as outlined in the IEP.
- Knowledge of available services and programming along with timely updates and student progress.

Almost all participants indicated with the importance of including students interests/life goals in the

transition process with 98% of participants strongly agreeing.

The majority of participants indicated they chose Remote learning model. Those participating in remote learning indicated that the students did interact with teachers consistently. They reported that remote learning for students receiving special education was effective or somewhat effective.

Almost 63% of participants felt that during COVID school closure/remote learning, the Emergency Contingency Plan was effective in student progress.

During COVID closures the top three methods of support for students with moderate to severe disabilities include:

- Teachers provided supports needed for students to be successful.
- Teachers made regular contact with students and parents to meet academic and emotional needs.
- Teachers modified work and provided individualized support.

Participants indicated that current COVID school closure/remote learning they needed professional development in all areas and comments also indicated that it was needed yet not provided.

Participants indicated that during COVID school closure/remote learning strategies the top two supports used by the district that didn't work well for students with disabilities were shared device per family and online submission of assignments.

The majority of participants indicated that they agreed or strongly agreed that they worked with parent/guardian in addressing severe behavior and work refusal during COVID-19 school closure/remote learning.

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 United Independent School District :

- The ARD committee considered and documented the student's strengths, preferences and interests for secondary transition.
- All monitored special education policies follow federal and state requirements and operating procedures are linked to the Legal Framework.

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 United Independent School District :

- Considering reviewing/revising procedures and additional training to ensure the ARD invitations are disseminated with advance notice or at least 5 days prior in addition to documenting evidence of multiple attempts to obtain parent participation.
- Consider additional training on the topic of remote learning and virtual instruction.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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

Topic	Resource
IEP Implementation: ARD meeting notice	<p>Center for Parent Information and Resources: The process of developing a child's IEP begins with proper notification and invitation to attend. This guide will help navigate the process and define the parent role in the IEP meeting:</p> <p>Parent Resource for Scheduling Meetings</p> <p>Parent Resource for Prior Written Notice</p>
The Texas Complex Access Network (TX CAN)	<p>The Texas Complex Access Network (TX CAN): The Texas CAN Network provides statewide leadership and support to increase the capacity of LEAs and families to meet the needs of students with significant cognitive disabilities. The network provides resources and supports that provide for the complex and intensive educational and functional needs of students with significant cognitive disabilities.</p>
The School, Family, and Community Engagement Network (SPEDTEX)	<p>The School, Family, and Community Engagement Network (SPEDTEX): The network provides resources and professional development to build educators' capacity to work collaboratively with families and community members supporting positive outcomes for students with disabilities.</p>
Texas Home Learning	<p>Texas Home Learning: Is an optional, aligned suite of resources for the new learning environment. Texas Home Learning helps Texas educators to use high quality instructional materials – one of the most impactful components of a student's education – through adoption, professional learning, and technology supports for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.</p>

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, United Independent School District will receive formal notification of noncompliance in addition to this report.***

The TEA Department 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:

Required Actions	Submission Due Date	Completion Due Date	Support Level	Communication Schedule
SSP	NA	NA	NA	NA
CAP	NA	NA	NA	NA

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](#)