

Cycle 2 Group 3

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

CDN: 226908

Non-Compliance Identified

Corrective Actions To Be Completed

INTRODUCTION

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would like to extend appreciation to Veribest 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 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 April 22, 2021, the TEA conducted a policy review of Veribest Independent School District. On May 28, 2021, the TEA conducted a comprehensive desk review of Veribest Independent School

District. The total number of files reviewed for the Veribest Independent School District comprehensive desk review was 17 The review found overall that 9 files out of 17 files were compliant. An overview of the policy review and student file review for Veribest 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	14 of 17
IEP Development	5 of 5	17 of 17
IEP Content	3 of 3	16 of 17
IEP Implementation	21 of 21	17 of 17
Properly Constituted ARD	8 of 8	16 of 17
State Assessment	4 of 4	14 of 17
Transition	6 of 6	3 of 6

2020–2021 DYSLEXIA COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

The dyslexia monitoring process focuses on three-core elements: early identification and intervention, program of instruction, and parent notification. The TEA Department of Review and Support: Dyslexia Monitoring reviewed Veribest Independent School District artifacts using a program evaluation protocol which is aligned to Senate Bill 2075 of the 86th Legislature, Texas Education Code (TEC) 38.003 (c-1), and 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 74.28. The 2020-2021 school year results for Veribest Independent School District are in the table below.

Areas of Implementation	Compliance Status
Dyslexia Procedures	Met Compliance
Parent Communication	Met Compliance
Screening	Met Compliance
Reading Instruments	Met Compliance
Evaluation and Identification	Met Compliance
Instruction	Met Compliance
Dysgraphia	Met Compliance
Professional Development and Training	Met Compliance
Progress Monitoring	Met Compliance

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

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 SURVEY

Minimum size requirements not met. Results not published within this report due to the limitation of the sample size.

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 Veribest Independent School District:

- All full and individual evaluations (FIE) were completed within 45 school days of the date the district received written consent for evaluation.
- IEPs are individualized to meet students' specific needs

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 Veribest Independent School District:

- Review and/or revise operating procedures, provide training, and create internal monitoring system on the topic of Transition.
- Review and/or revise operating procedures, provide training, and create internal monitoring system on the topic of Intensive Programs of Instruction
- Consider additional procedures, training, and monitoring to ensure Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFPs) provide detailed information on student needs, areas of strengths and weaknesses with supportive data to align with student specific goals and objectives.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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

Topic	Resource			
Transition	<u>Student-Centered Transitions Network (SCTN)</u> : The SCTN aims for all students with disabilities to be actively involved in planning, communicating, and evaluating progress in meeting their transition goals from early childhood through high school graduation and post-secondary readiness.			
Intensive Programs of Instruction	Accelerated Instruction and Intensive Programs of Instruction for Students in Special Education Programs			
IEP Development	Technical Assistance: Individualized Education Program (IEP) Development: The IEP Development document is part of an ongoing series to provide technical assistance to LEAs from the Texas Education Agency.			

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

The TEA Department of Review and Support 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.

2020–2021 DYSLEXIA PROGRAM EVALUATION FINDINGS

As a result of the program evaluation review, the TEA Department of Review and Support: Dyslexia Monitoring has identified the following strengths, considerations, and technical assistance recommendations for Veribest ISD.

Areas of Strength

An area of strength for Veribest ISD includes a comprehensive district-wide procedure manual that includes program procedures for evaluating, identifying, instructing, and screening students with dyslexia.

Areas of Consideration

Your current dyslexia program is in alignment with state and federal mandates. The following resources are recommended for reflection of current dyslexia program to strengthen internal systems and procedures.

Topic	Resource
TEA Review and Support	.Dyslexia Monitoring.
TEA Special Education	<u>Dyslexia and Related Disorders</u>
Dyslexia: TEA Professional Learning Course	. <u>TEALearn Dyslexia Modules</u> .

If you have questions about the contents of this dyslexia review summary, please contact Faith Hightower in the Texas Education Agency Department of Review and Support: Dyslexia Monitoring, by phone at 512-463-4140 or by email at faith.hightower@tea.texas.gov.

Corrective Action

The TEA reviews data collected from the dyslexia program evaluation to ensure compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements. In accordance with Senate Bill 2075 of the 86th Legislature, TEC 38.003 (c-1), and 19 TAC 74.28. regarding noncompliance identified through the dyslexia program evaluation, a finding of noncompliance is identified by the citation (i.e., program or process) that is violated.

Dyslexia Performance Plan (DPP)

If noncompliance is identified, the LEA is required to demonstrate correction of all noncompliance in the Dyslexia Performance Plan (DPP). This tool guides LEAs through a continuous improvement process. It addresses areas of growth that will positively impact students with dyslexia or other related disorders. LEAs should complete the DPP no later than 120-days after receiving notification of noncompliance. This document will be provided by the TEA or can be accessed in the resources section of the Review and Support website.

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	N/A		N/A	N/A
CAP	9/14/2021	7/30/2022		30 days
DPP	N/A			

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

Child Find/Evaluation

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
		TAC 89.1011 (d)and (e)	Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for students whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed.	Yes
				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 this area of noncompliance.	
				Demonstrate systemic, ongoing compliance in this area.	

IEP Implementation

Student File Review

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
IE1	34 CFR §300.322	TAC §89.1050(d)	Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meetings for student whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory are needed.	No
				Systemic—Not Applicable	

Properly Constituted ARD

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
PCA10		TAC §89.105 (c) (1)(J)	Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meeting for student whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed. Systemic—Not Applicable	No

IEP Content

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
IC1	34 CFR §300.324(b)		Yes	Individual—Yes Convene ARD committee meeting for student whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had been impacted and determine if compensatory services are needed. Systemic—Not Applicable	No

Transition

Item	IDEA Citation	TEC/TAC Citation	Evidence of Findings	Required Actions	Must Be Addressed in CAP
TR10	34 CFR	TAC	Yes	Individual—Yes	Yes
	§300.320(b)	89.1055(I) (1)		Convene ARD committee meeting for student whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had 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 this area of noncompliance.	
				Demonstrate systemic, ongoing compliance in this area.	
TR11	34 CFR	TAC	Yes	Individual—Yes	Yes
	§300.320(b)	89.1055(I) (1)		Convene ARD committee meeting for student whose records indicate noncompliance in this area to consider if the student's free, appropriate public education (FAPE) had 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.	
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