



Campus Comparison Groups

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To the Superintendent Addressed:

The purpose of this communication is to provide information regarding the release of the 2022 –23 Campus Comparison Groups within the [TEA Login \(TEAL\)](#) Accountability application.

These comparison groups will be used to award distinction designations, which will be available on September 26, 2023 (TEAL). An explanation of the grouping methodology is below and can also be found in [Chapter 6](#) of the *Preliminary 2023 Accountability Manual*.

Each campus is assigned to a unique comparison group comprised of Texas schools that are most similar to it. To determine the campus comparison group, each campus is identified by school type (See the school types chart in [Chapter 1](#) of the *Preliminary 2023 Accountability Manual* for more information.) then grouped with 40 other campuses from anywhere in Texas that are most similar in grade levels served, size, percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged, mobility rate, percentage of emergent bilingual students/English learners, percentage of students receiving special education services, and percentage of students enrolled in an Early College High School program. Each campus has only one unique campus comparison group. There is no limit on the number of comparison groups to which a campus may be a member. It is possible for a campus to be a member of no comparison group other than its own or a member of several comparison groups.

A campus earns a distinction designation if it is in the top quartile (Q1) of its comparison group for at least 33 percent (for high schools and K–12 campuses) or 50 percent (for elementary and middle schools) of the indicators used to award the distinction.

- For an indicator to be used to evaluate campuses for a distinction designation, at least 20 campuses in the comparison group must have data for that indicator. If fewer than 20 campuses have data for the indicator, it cannot be used to evaluate campuses for the distinction. This often affects campuses with non-traditional grade spans.
- When campuses have scores that tie in the Top 25 Percent: Comparative Academic Growth and Top 25 Percent: Comparative Closing the Gaps distinctions, the top ten campuses in the group are awarded the distinction. If the tie occurs at the ten-campus point, the campuses that tie with campus ten will be awarded the distinction.
- Campuses will not have access to the performance data of other campuses and will not know where they rank in their comparison groups until the public release of all accountability data.

If you have questions about the Campus Comparison Groups, please contact the Performance Reporting Division at (512) 463-9704 or performance.reporting@tea.texas.gov.

Thank you.