Working Submissions Under HB 8: Guidance Document

House Bill 8 (HB 8) introduced several shifts to Texas's A–F Accountability processes, including new rules governing the submission of prior-year College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) data. In response to HB 8, the Working Submission has been formalized as an available accountability data source for CCMR**, beginning with 2026 accountability.**

This document supports districts in understanding what Working Submissions are, how HB 8 changes the requirements for the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to allow prior-year TSDS PEIMS data corrections, and when and how districts should submit prior-year CCMR data to ensure accurate A–F accountability calculations.

Key HB 8 Requirement
TEA must allow districts to submit prior year CCMR data during the same time window used for current year CCMR Verifier submissions.

What is a PEIMS Working Submission?
The PEIMS Working Submission allows districts to provide additional or corrected prior-year data outside of the standard annual submission timelines. Working Submissions can be submitted for up to two school years prior to the current school year. The data submitted through a Working Submission does not change a district's PEIMS Accepted data. HB 8 only allows using the Working Submission for CCMR calculations and not for any other programs or areas of accountability.

What does this mean for Schools and School Systems?
Prior to HB8, the data submitted through Working Submissions was not considered for accountability ratings. Beginning with the 2026 accountability year, districts can submit Working Submissions for inclusion in accountability ratings. However, school systems must submit all prior-year CCMR-related corrections during the designated Working Submission window, or the data will stand as-is for accountability ratings. Please take note of the following:

- Previously submitted PEIMS errors must be corrected before preliminary ratings, not during appeals.
- Data corrections are not considered favorably during appeals, and districts must use the Working Submission window to ensure accuracy.
- Corrections made during Working Submission windows may be subject to a data-related compliance review, with documentation and other information requested to validate the data reported.

What Data Can Be Submitted in a Working Submission?

During the 2025-26 school year, Working Submissions from the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years can be submitted. Additionally, data submissions with errors from the 2025-26 PEIMS Fall Submission can be corrected through a Working Submission. While a Working Submission can be submitted for any data errors, only those related to CCMR indicators will be considered for accountability ratings.
These indicators include:

- College Prep Course Completion
- Dual Credit completions Industry-Based Certification (IBCs)
- Program of Study Completer elements
- Associate Degree attainment
- Diploma Type values for reported graduates with completed IEP and workforce readiness
- Diploma type and endorsement values for reported graduates earning an advanced diploma and who were served within Special Education Programs

Submission Timeline

Timeframe	District Action
Now through Late May	Districts send Working Submissions for PEIMS error corrections impacting 2026 Accountability to TEA (Data Standards/IT), preferably ahead of the CCMR Verifier opening.
June	**CCMR Verifier window closes June 26, 2026.** Working Submissions must be accepted before the Verifier closes.

Note: District working submissions must be complete and validated before the close of the Verifier window. Submissions after this deadline cannot be considered.

How to Submit a Working Submission

Enhanced procedures may be communicated in future years as system upgrades are implemented. Current expectations are:

1. Log in to TSDS PEIMS, select the correct School Year, Submission, and Instance (Accepted and Working).
2. **Generate reports from the Accepted Submission** showing inaccurate or incomplete data.
3. Promote, validate, and verify updated data in the Working Submission.
4. **Generate matching reports from the Working Submission** showing accurate data. Only send reports displaying corrected data. Please send the same reports as generated for the Accepted Submission.
5. **The Superintendent shall submit an email with a signed letter and the reports** attached to Terri Hanson, Associate Commissioner, Customer Relationship Management and Data Standards Department, Office of Information Technology: terri.hanson@tea.texas.gov. The email should include the following:
   a. Description of the error
   b. Explanation of why it occurred
   c. LEA's plan to prevent recurrence
   d. PEIMS PDM Reports with corrected data

What Happens After You Submit?

Following a submission, the LEA may receive a response directly from the TSDS PEIMS Data Review team requesting additional reports. Once TEA has confirmed through the submitted reports that the identified data has been submitted, the LEA will receive an email identifying the changes made through the Working Submission. The Performance Reporting team will be included in the email sent to the LEA. Following the email acknowledging receipt of the Working Submission, the LEA will receive follow-up communication directly from the Performance Reporting division. In this correspondence, Performance Reporting will communicate whether or not the Working Submission data can be used as a data source for CCMR calculations.

If the data submitted via Working Submission can be used in preliminary accountability ratings, there will be an additional request made of the superintendent or their designee to communicate the school system's understanding of which accountability year(s), domain(s), and component(s) will be affected by the updated data submitted.

Contact for Additional Support

- If you have a question or need support with your PEIMS submission, please create a TIMS Ticket or contact your ESC PEIMS specialist.
- If you have a question about accountability, please contact the TEA Performance Reporting Division at performance.reporting@tea.texas.gov.
- Please visit the College Preparatory Courses for CCMR Accountability webpage for support with College Preparatory Courses or submit questions to advancedacademics@tea.texas.gov.
- For more information about TEA IBCs, visit the Career and Technical Education webpage or contact cte@tea.texas.gov.