Guidelines

December 2024

2023–24 Texas Academic Performance Report

These guidelines intend to help districts fulfill their legal responsibilities regarding the annual report of their educational performance and the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). Please read these guidelines carefully.

As of December 2024, the TAPR does not include *A–F* ratings or Distinction Designations. *The issuance of the* A–F *ratings under 2024 rule is pending and subject to change.*

These guidelines are not a substitute for districts' knowledge and full understanding of the Texas Education Code (TEC), §39.306 and §39.362, or 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), §61.1022. TEC, §39.306 requires each district's board of trustees to publish an annual report that includes the PDF TAPR as well as the information summarized below under "Annual Report".

Statute, TEC §39.306, requires that each district's board of trustees hold a public hearing to discuss the district's annual report. Commissioner rule, TAC §61.1022, indicates this hearing for public discussion of the Texas Academic Performance Report must be held within 90 calendar days of receiving the PDF TAPR. Winter breaks do not count toward the 90 days. Within two weeks following the public meeting, each district must widely publish its annual report, in the same format as it was received from TEA.

1. **Annual Report** The PDF TAPR comprises the main part of the district's annual report, and it must be published in the same format as provided by TEA. Districts may promote the online reporting system as well, but the annual report must use the PDF TAPR.
    a. According to TEC, §39.306, in addition to the PDF TAPR, a district's annual report must include the campus performance objectives and the progress toward those objectives, information on violent or criminal incidents and prevention and intervention policies, findings that resulted from evaluations conducted under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994, information on the performance of the previous year's graduates in their first year of college as reported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the progress of the district and each campus in the district toward meeting the goals set in the district's early childhood literacy and mathematics proficiency plans adopted under TEC, §11.185; and college, career, and military readiness plans adopted under TEC, §11.186. Districts may include supplemental information, such as a narrative describing their schools; additional data, charts, and diagrams; or an explanation of the data prepared by TEA.
    b. As of December 2024, the PDF TAPR does not include *A–F* ratings or Distinction Designations.

    Districts are encouraged to provide a copy of the *TAPR Glossary*. The glossary provides definitions, describes methodologies, and lists sources for each data point in the TAPR. The Spanish version of the glossary is scheduled for release in early 2025. Other materials provided by TEA, such as these guidelines, are intended for district or campus use but may be shared with the public.

2. **PEIMS Financial Standard Reports (2022–23 Financial Actual Reports)** The financial section of the TAPR is provided by the State Funding Division. These reports can be accessed from a link on the last page of the TAPR or at http://tea.texas.gov/financialstandardreports/.

    For more information on the financial reports, please contact the State Funding Division at (512) 463-9238.

3. **District Accreditation Status** *District accreditation statuses for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years have not been issued as the issuance of the A–F ratings under the 2023 and 2024 rules are pending and subject to change*. Each district's annual report must instead include the 2022-23

accreditation status. Information on accreditation status is available online at http://tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/.

4. **Campus Performance Objectives** TEC, §11.253, requires each campus to have an improvement plan with performance objectives and to measure progress toward meeting these objectives. Both the objectives of each campus and each campus' progress toward meeting those objectives must be included in the district's annual report.

5. **Special Education Determination Status** *(district PDF TAPR only)* The annual report must include the district's special education determination status. The special education integrated intervention stage/determination status for each district is on the cover page of the report.
6. **Report on Violent or Criminal Incidents** The annual report must include information about violent or criminal incidents that occur on each campus. Each district determines the format of its report but must include the following:

    - The number, rate, and type of violent or criminal incidents that occurred on each campus, to the extent permitted under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
    - Descriptions of school violence prevention and violence intervention policies and procedures used to protect students
    - Findings from evaluations conducted under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

    For more information about the reporting of violent or criminal incidents during the Office of Civil Rights data collection, please visit https://ocrdata.ed.gov/.

7. **Student Performance in Postsecondary Institutions** TEC, §51.403(e), requires postsecondary institutions in Texas to report student performance during the first year of enrollment after high school graduation to the high school from which students graduated. Districts must include this information in the annual report.

    The THECB publishes a report listing this information for each high school in Texas (sorted by county and district) on its website. The first page explains the purpose of the report and data calculation methods. Please note THECB anticipates releasing an updated report mid-January 2025.

    If data for a district are masked due to small numbers of students, that district should still publish its section of the report, showing the masked data, just as it would publish any data that are masked in the TAPR. Questions about accessing these reports should be directed to the THECB at (512) 427-6153.

8. **Progress Toward Meeting HB 3 Goals** TEC, §39.306(a)(8) states the Annual Report is to include the progress of the district and each campus in the district toward meeting the goals set in the district's:
    (A) early childhood literacy and mathematics proficiency plans adopted under Section 11.185; and

    (B) college, career, and military readiness plans adopted under Section 11.186.

9. **Public Hearings** Statute requires that districts hold a hearing for public discussion of the annual report within 90 calendar days of the date of the release of the PDF TAPR. Districts may combine the hearing with a regularly scheduled meeting of the local board of trustees. Districts must notify property owners, parents, and others in a parental relationship to students of the hearing. This notification, which can be in the form of a press release, must be made available to local print and

electronic media (i.e., newspaper, radio, and television). It must clearly state the date, time, and place

10. **Accessing the PDF TAPR** The TAPR is available on the TEA public website (https://tea.texas.gov/perfreport/tapr/index.html). The PDF TAPR is designed to allow for two-sided printing. Blank pages have been added after the cover page and where needed to ensure that each report is an even number of pages.

11. **Publishing the Report** A district can upload its PDF TAPR to the district website or direct others to the TAPR on the TEA website. To accommodate those without internet access, a copy of the annual report should be made available in public places, such as school offices, local businesses, or public libraries. Districts may also distribute copies through email, standard mail, or by sending the reports home with students. *Each district is responsible for finding the most efficient method of making the annual reports widely available to the public.*
12. **Requirement for Notice on District Website** TEC, §39.362, requires each district to post the most recent PDF TAPR on its website by the 10th instructional day of the school year. This responsibility is ***separate*** from widely releasing the annual report to the public. This means for the 2024-25 school year, the 2022-2023 TAPR was posted on District websites as it is the most recent.

13. **Data Modification** By the time the TAPR is published, the window to correct inaccurate data submitted by a district has already closed. Districts must correct PEIMS data used in the TAPR per the procedures described in the *Texas Education Data Standards.* Districts must submit corrections for STAAR results, college admissions test data, Advanced Placement tests, or International Baccalaureate tests to the appropriate testing contractor. Districts are also afforded an opportunity to correct data associated with College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) via the CCMR Verifier prior to finalization. A district may include in its annual report an explanation of any discrepancies between the TAPR and locally computed data.

14. **Summary Report** In addition to publishing the complete PDF TAPR in its annual report, a district can develop and release a summarized report showing performance on key indicators. This summary must clearly indicate where and how to obtain a copy of the full report.

15. **Common Questions** Districts are encouraged to make a copy of the *TAPR Glossary* available locally. The glossary provides definitions, describes methodologies, lists data sources, and answers many of the most commonly asked questions. Following are some of the most common causes of perceived inaccuracies in the TAPR or discrepancies between state and local data.
    - **Time Frame** The time of data collection varies from indicator to indicator. For example, test scores for the ACT and SAT may be from tests taken when graduating seniors were juniors, or even sophomores. The *TAPR Glossary* provides additional information on data sources.
    - **PDF and Online System Data Sources** The PDF TAPR compiles data sets at a specific point in time to create an annual statistic. Districts that maintain cumulative or dynamic sets of similar information, such as student enrollment, may show different results.
    - **The Accountability Subset** The PDF TAPR includes the 2023 and 2024 STAAR results of only those students enrolled in the campus or district as of the previous PEIMS October snapshot. See the *TAPR Glossary* for a more complete explanation of the accountability subset criteria.

- **Masking** The TAPR applies masking rules to STAAR assessment results and other performance indicators when needed to comply with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. For more information on masking rules and symbols, please see the explanation of masking on the TEA website at https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/tapr/2024/masking.html.

16. **Recommended Meetings Beyond** the requirement to widely publish the district annual report and PDF TAPR, a superintendent may encourage principals to meet with staff to discuss their campus report and, following public discussion, schedule presentations of the information at meetings of local parent-teacher organizations.