



Texas Administrative Code (T.A.C.) §103.1213(e)(1)(A)

Required Use of Sentinel

Effective August 1, 2025, when conducting a BTA under TEC, §37.115, members of a threat assessment team shall utilize the threat assessment instrument, manual, and field guide in Sentinel, which are consistent with the model policies published by the Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC).

BTA Transfer of Records

Effective August 1, 2025, school systems shall utilize Sentinel to securely transfer under TEC, §25.036, any threat assessment conducted on a student to a receiving school system when a student transfers to a new school district. All BTAs for a student are subject to the transfer requirement. Any BTAs conducted prior to August 1, 2025, that are associated with a student transfer shall be uploaded into Sentinel in a manner determined by TEA.



Sentinel BTA Cases

- BTA cases assessed and managed in Sentinel.
- Sentinel will prompt the district of the transfer for acknowledgment and verification
- Upon transfer, the case becomes read only for both districts

Legacy BTA Cases

- Any cases initiated prior to August 1, 2025, are referred to as Legacy BTA Cases.
- Legacy BTA cases will need to be uploaded as a single PDF or a ZIP file.
- The file shall include all documents and information associated with the case.

Proactive Approach

Districts can upload Legacy Cases to Sentinel at any time to centralize their cases and to streamline the transfer process. Once uploaded, the system will facilitate the transfer in the event a student unenrolls, ensuring a well informed and timely transfer process.

Why the change?



Sentinel was developed as the official Texas School Safety platform, serving as a centralized, comprehensive system for all school safety functions under the Texas Education Agency.

Effective August 1, all Behavioral Threat Assessments (BTAs) must be conducted and transferred within Sentinel.

Sentinel facilitates secure and direct case transfers from one BTA team to another, while safeguarding personally identifiable information (PII).

This process establishes a streamlined, standardized, and efficient approach to ensure critical BTA case information is shared in a timely and compliant manner.

How Can PEIMS Coordinators Help?



Facilitate Internal Communication

- Collaborate with BTA Coordinators to ensure all relevant district and campus staff are informed of the transition from T-REX to Sentinel for BTA case transfers, including key dates and procedural changes.

Support Data Accuracy and Systems Alignment

- Communicate student enrollment and withdrawal information to the BTA team in a timely manner to support expedited transfers or supports, especially those with the BTA indicator.
- Help reroute Legacy cases to Sentinel for transfer instead of TREx.

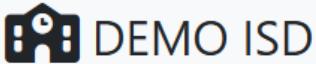
Help Identify Key Contacts

- Maintain updated BTA and PEIMS contacts at campuses to assist with coordination and accountability in the transfer process.

Promote Cross-Department Collaboration

- Encourage a shared understanding of respective roles between PEIMS and BTA teams to ensure a smooth and secure transition process that protects student information and meets state requirements.

Transfer of Records



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