

# ESC REGION 11 LEAVERS, GRADUATES, AND MOVERS

TSDS Spring PEIMS  
Conference  
April 22nd, 2026



# AGENDA



- The Office of Governance & SRDU
- Leaver Reporting Requirements & Compliance Review Findings
- Leaver Reporting Processing Change
- Recommended Local Actions

# Mission Statement



*Office of*  
Governance

Proactively support school systems, keep students safe, and uphold Texas education law with integrity, objectivity, and excellence

# Self-Reported Data Unit (SRDU)



SRDU supports multiple data-driven systems and TEA program areas by analyzing TSDS PEIMS data as well as reviewing Performance-Based Monitoring (PBM) data validation indicators

They collaborate with LEAs and TEA program areas to improve the quality of self-reported data.

# Leaver, Graduates, and Movers Clarification

## Leavers

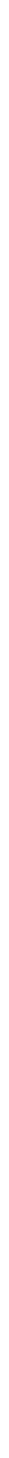
- Leave the Texas Public School System
- TEA required documentation

## Graduates

- Considered Leavers
- TEA required documentation

## Movers

- Moved to another Texas Public School
- Leaver data is not submitted
- Local policy for documentation



# SRDU Compliance Reviews

- **Compliance reviews** are issued whenever data anomalies or concerns been identified that necessitate a closer review of an LEA's data reporting and programmatic policies and procedures
  - Compliance review letters are sent to the superintendent via email and **request documentation and other information** by a particular deadline
  - SRDU reviews response to determine whether the LEA is in compliance with all relevant state and federal laws, rules, and regulations related to the review
  - SRDU will work with LEAs to help bring them into compliance, if necessary
- SRDU also issues **local audit requests** to LEAs – encourage LEAs to review agency guidance, evaluate their policies and procedures, and ensure compliance with all statutory requirements



# Leaver Records Data Validation & Complaints

## Leaver data concerns are identified through:

- The **Leaver Records Data Validation (LRDV) System**
- Internal data analyses and monitoring
- External complaints

LRDV system is being refreshed; compliance reviews directly tied to LRDV indicators will resume in 2027 and **will apply to 2025–26 school year leavers.**

This information was released in a TAA Letter in October 2025: [Leaver Records Data Validation Updates](#)



LEAVER REPORTING  
REQUIREMENTS &  
SRDU  
COMPLIANCE  
REVIEW FINDINGS

# Leaver Reporting Requirements

“Districts must document the withdrawal of students and maintain on file the appropriate paperwork associated with student withdrawals. **Documentation is required for all leaver reasons.**” - TWEDS 25/26

“**For 2025-26 Leavers Collected in Submissions 3 and 4:** Documentation supporting use of a leaver reason must exist in the district at the time the leaver data are submitted, i.e., **no later than the PEIMS Submission 4 September resubmission date.**” - TWEDS 25/26

Leaver Reporting Requirements have been updated in the [2025/2026 TWEDS](#) since the beginning of the school year.

The screenshot shows the 'TSDS Web-Enabled Data Standards' website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Search. Drill. Find.' and a search button. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs: 'Overview', 'Data Components', 'Descriptor Tables', 'References', and 'Rules'. The 'References' tab is currently selected. Underneath the tabs, there is a list of references. The first reference is '2025-2026 TEDS'. Below this, there are several sub-sections: 'Course Codes', 'TEA-specific Processing Tables', 'General Topics', 'PEIMS Career and Technical Education Indicator Calculation', 'PEIMS Career and Technical Education Programs of Study Resources', 'PEIMS College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM) Resources', 'PEIMS College Career Military Readiness Data Sources', 'PEIMS Discipline Data Resources', and 'PEIMS Industry-Based Certification (IBC) Resources'. The 'PEIMS Leaver Data - Documentation Requirements for the PEIMS Leaver Data' link is highlighted with a yellow border. To the right of the list, there is a sidebar with the title 'PEIMS Leaver Data - D' and a list of bullet points: 'completed high school', 'moved to other education', 'withdrawn by school', and 'other'. Below the sidebar, there is a section titled 'Determination of Move' and a paragraph of text.

## SRDU Identified: Common Documentation Issues



- Documentation does not meet TWEDS requirements

- Unique ID Enrollment Tracking used as confirmation for 'movers.'


- No documentation on file

- Documentation indicates intent to enroll in another educational setting

- Documentation obtained at the same time students withdrew

- Parents pressured to provide documentation to avoid truancy referral

## SRDU Identified: Common Reporting Issues



Student's whereabouts are not accurately reflected by EWT Descriptor

Local codes without a crosswalk to state approved codes

Failure to report leaver information for all leavers

EWT '98' not reported when appropriate.

Lack of cross-checking, validation and training on PEIMS leaver data

# SRDU Compliance Review Findings

'01' Student graduated from a campus in this district or charter school



Not always viewed as "leavers" by LEA; must have transcripts on file showing student met graduation requirements

'16' Student returned to family's home country or emigrated to another country



Adult providing information on student's whereabouts and their relationship to the family is unclear

'60' Student is homeschooled



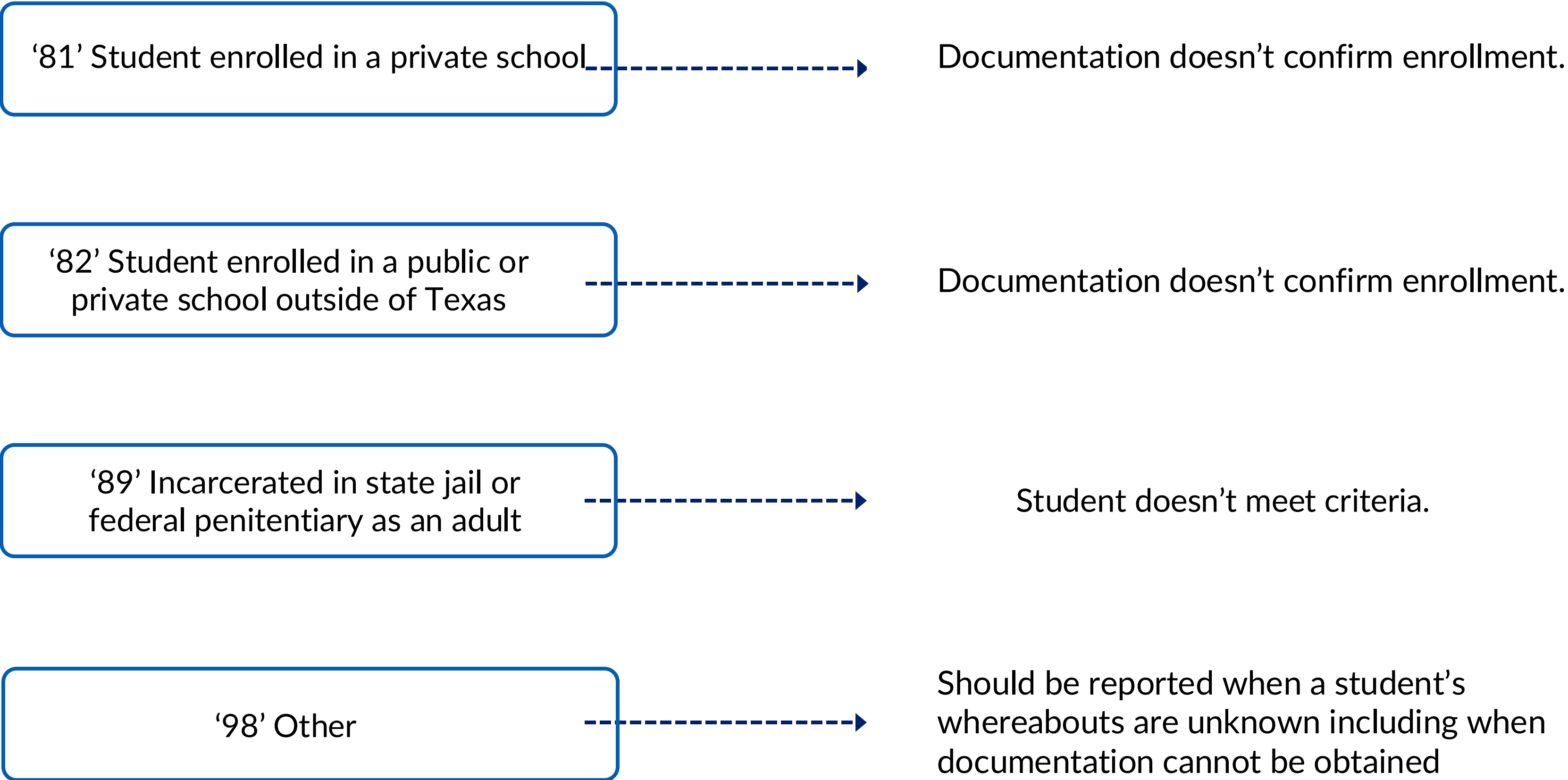
- 1. Incorrect definition of home school; must be parent led
- 2. Forms show intent only
- 3. Signed by adult student
- 4. Missing dates and signatures
- 5. Confusion regarding online programs

'66' Removed-Child Protective Services



Student not removed directly by CPS; documentation is not from CPS officer or representative

# SRDU Compliance Review Findings





# LEAVER REPORTING CHANGES

# Leaver Reporting Processing Change

To address non-compliance:

TEA will begin defaulting **any** missing required leaver records to **ExitWithdrawType '98'** starting with 2026/2027 leavers.



# Leaver Reporting Processing Change FAQ

To address non-compliance:  
TEA will begin defaulting **any** missing required leaver records to **ExitWithdrawType '98'** starting with 2026/2027 leavers.

What is a missing leaver record?

Any student not reported with an ExitWithdrawType that did not return to a Texas Public School.

How do I know if I have a missing leaver record?

Newly developed reports similar to the Fall PEIMS reports:

- PDM1-320-002 Preliminary Presumed Underreported Student Lists
- PDM1-321-001 Presumed Underreported Student

Att + Enr	No	Yes	No	No	No	No
Att + Enr	No	No	No	No	No	No

Previous report verbiage “\*\*NOTE: If this report is run prior to the close of Fall Resubmission, the Presumed Summertime Mover column may not contain data from all LEAs, and therefore the data may not be correct”

How can you “miss” a leaver record?

- SIS ExitWithdrawType crosswalk not set up correctly
- Level 1 and 1.5 Filters (Unaffiliated Students)
- Unverified enrollment coding



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TEA will begin defaulting any missing required leaver records to **ExitWithdrawType '98'** starting with 2026/2027 leavers.

This change will be reflected in the 2028 state accountability system and applied to:

- 2026-27 annual dropouts
- Class of 2027 four-year cohort
- Class of 2026 five-year cohort
- Class of 2025 six-year cohort

Resources:

[Academic Accountability System Overview](#)

[2026 Accountability Manual](#)



This change impacts future data submissions and data previously reported to TEA.





# Leaver Reporting Change Appeals

LEAs will have the opportunity to submit an appeal.

When submitting an appeal, the LEA **must be able to provide the required supporting documentation outlined in TWEDS** to validate these students not be classified as ExitWithdrawType '98'



# RECOMMENDED LOCAL ACTIONS

# Leaver Reporting Recommendations





# Recommended Local Actions

## Documentation Requirements & Best Practices

- Ensure documentation meets TWEDS requirements
- Collect required documentation separately from withdrawal process.
  - Obtain documentation shortly after withdrawal
  - Do not wait until PEIMS Submission
- Capture contact information for documentation provider for audit purposes

# Recommended Local Actions



<b>2025-2026 School Year (Transition Year)</b>
<b>2024-2025 School Year Leavers and Graduates</b>
<b>Close of School Start Window – September 26, 2025</b>
<b>PEIMS Fall Submission Due – December 11, 2025</b>
<b>PEIMS Fall Resubmission Due – January 15, 2026</b>
<b>2025-2026 School Year Leavers and Graduates</b>
<b>PEIMS Summer Submission Due – June 18, 2026</b>
<b>PEIMS Summer Resubmission Due – July 16, 2026</b>
<p>Report 2025-2026 students in grades 7 through 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who were enrolled at some time during the school year but not on the final day of the school year (AsOfStatusLastDayEnrollment (C323) "I").</li> <li>• Who were enrolled on the final day of the school year (AsOfStatusLastDayEnrollment (C323) "H"), and the LEA now has documentation that the student has since entered a new educational setting.</li> <li>• Who graduated between the first and last day of school.</li> </ul>
<b>PEIMS Extended Year Submission Due – August 27, 2026</b>
<p>Report 2025-2026 students in grades 7 through 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who were enrolled at some time during the school year but not on the final day of the school year (AsOfStatusLastDayEnrollment (C323) "I"), and who were not reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission or Resubmission unless the LEA has documentation to change the ExitWithdrawType (C162).</li> <li>• Who were enrolled on the final day of the school year (AsOfStatusLastDayEnrollment (C323) "H"), and who were not reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission or Resubmission unless the LEA has documentation to change the ExitWithdrawType (C162).</li> <li>• Who graduated before August 31, 2026, and who were not reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission or Resubmission unless the LEA has documentation to change the ExitWithdrawType (C162).</li> </ul>
<b>Close of School Start Window – September 25, 2026</b>
<p>The LEA should ensure all students in grades 7 through 12 who were enrolled any time during the 2025-2026 school year have either returned to the LEA during the 2026-2027 school start window (no leaver record needed), have moved to another Texas public school (no leaver record needed), or have been reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission, Resubmission, or the Extended Year Submission with an ExitWithdrawType (C162).</p>
<b>PEIMS Extended Year Resubmission Due – October 1, 2026</b>
<p>Report 2025-2026 students in grades 7 through 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who were enrolled in the 2025-2026 school year and did not return to the LEA during the 2026-2027 school start window, and who were not reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission, Resubmission, or Extended Year Submission with an ExitWithdrawType (C162).</li> <li>• Who graduated on or before August 31, 2026, and were not reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission, Resubmission, or Extended Year Submission with an ExitWithdrawType (C162).</li> <li>• Who were reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission, Resubmission, or Extended Year Submission and the LEA has documentation to change the ExitWithdrawType (C162).</li> </ul>



# THANK YOU!

**Support what you report.**

TWEDS PEIMS Leaver Data Requirements:

<https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/TWEDSAPI/31/0/0/References/List/999>

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