

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) proposes an amendment to §97.1003, concerning local accountability systems. The proposed amendment would modify the timeline for submission of a local accountability plan to TEA.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: Section 97.1003 defines the requirements school districts and open-enrollment charter schools must meet if they choose to create a local accountability plan to assign an overall performance rating for a campus.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The amendment is proposed under Texas Education Code, §39.0544, which requires the commissioner to adopt rules regarding the local assignment of campus performance ratings by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The amendment implements Texas Education Code, §39.0544.

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§97.1003. Local Accountability System.

- (a) The local accountability system standards established by the commissioner of education under Texas Education Code (TEC), §39.0544, shall be used by school districts to develop a plan to locally evaluate the performance of their campuses. For the purpose of this section, the term school district includes open-enrollment charter schools.
- (b) A local accountability plan created by a school district must include domain performance ratings assigned by the commissioner under TEC, §39.054, and performance ratings based on locally developed domains or sets of accountability measures.
 - (1) A locally developed domain or set of accountability measures is referred to as a plan component. Plan components must describe each item and the reason for its inclusion in the plan. A school district must assign each component to one of the following five domains: academics, culture and climate, extra- and co-curricular, future-ready learning, and locally determined. The weight of all plan components must equal 100%.
 - (2) Each campus with an approved school district plan is eligible to receive local accountability rating. A campus with an overall state accountability rating of C or higher based on ratings derived

calculated by the school district is used to set standards for each level by setting the average at a C, or mid-

card shall include, at a minimum, the scaled score and rating for each component and domain along with the overall rating. A link to the local accountability ratings posted by the school district must be provided to TEA and may be included on the agency-developed school report card.

- (h) Ratings may be revised as a result of investigative activities by the commissioner as authorized under TEC, §39.057(d) and (e).