



To the Administrator Addressed

DATE: May 9, 2024

SUBJECT:

The purpose of this communication is to inform school districts and open-enrollment charter schools (school systems) about the publication of the final rule adopting the

Overview

The describes the 2024 accountability system and explains how information from various sources is used to measure district and campus performance, assign accountability ratings, and award distinction designations.

The manual also includes information that impacts future accountability cycles beyond 2024 accountability, thus allowing the manual to remain relevant for more accountability cycles.

The administrative rule adoption process for Chapters 1-12 of the is complete. The final , filed on Wednesday, April 24th, is now published on the [2024 Accountability Manual webpage](#) and will become effective on May 14, 2024.

A-F Accountability

The Texas A-F accountability system is a tool to help school systems continuously improve student performance to achieve the goals of eliminating achievement gaps based on race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status and ensuring Texas is a national leader in preparing students for postsecondary success. One of the design commitments of A-F is that the system maintains, to the extent possible, the same calculations and cut scores for up to five consecutive years without annual changes, to allow for better year-over-year performance comparisons.

2024 is not a Refresh Year

As noted in the To the Administrator Address Correspondence ([TAA](#)) from February 15, 2024, in the 2022-23 school year, the A-F system was refreshed. The refresh included changes to cut points, domain and indicator methodology, and changes to the overall system. To honor the A-F commitment to maintain the refreshed system without annual changes for up to five consecutive years, 2024 cut points, domain and indicator methodology, and the overall system remain the same as those communicated and established in rules adopted for 2023.

Background of Proposed 2024 Accountability Manual

The proposed 2024 Accountability Manual included previously communicated changes and updates based on policy changes. Preliminary 2024 Academic Accountability System Resources regarding the previously proposed changes are available on the [2024 Accountability Development webpage](#). After the public comment period, these proposed changes have been incorporated into the Final

. Edits for clarity regarding consistent language and terminology throughout each chapter are also embedded in the Final 2024 Accountability Manual due to public comment.

Final 2024 Accountability Manual

Below is a summary of the clarity edits that were made to the adopted version of Chapters 1-12 to provide clarification to readers in response to public comments.

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