

# Texas Education Agency Updates

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**TEA** COVID-19 FAQ: Accountability  
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- 1. Will state accountability provisions be carried out this year?**  
In recognition of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 emergency, TEA is proposing to label all districts and campuses *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster* for the 2019-2020 school year. It is important to note that this rating does not break the chain of consecutive years of unacceptable ratings for purposes of accountability interventions and sanctions. The proposed accountability manual, including this proposal, will be available for public comment beginning May 1 as part of the established accountability manual adoption process.
- 2. Will any sanctions be carried out in 2020-2021 for districts or campuses who were designated in need of improvement 2019-2020? What about comprehensive campuses?**  
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- 3. If a campus believes they would have gotten out of F status, can they use other data, such as a benchmark STAAR test, to provide evidence to change their rating?**  
No. All campuses will receive a *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster* rating, and districts and campuses shall continue to implement any previously ordered sanctions and interventions. This rating does not break the chain of consecutive years of unacceptable ratings for purposes of accountability interventions and sanctions. As a result, ordered sanctions and interventions carried out by districts and/or campuses in school year 2019-2020 will carry over and continue for school year 2020-2021.
- 4. Will College, Career and Military Readiness (CCMR) data be used?**  
CCMR data will be reported only on TEA reports such as Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR). It will not be used in ratings calculations for the 2019-2020 school year.
- 5. Will provisions be made to prevent loss of points in next year's ratings if CCMR points are affected by test cancellations?**  
This has yet to be determined. We have also asked the US Department of Education for guidance on how lagging indicators affected by COVID-19 will impact next year's accountability.
- 6. Can students who were enrolled in the HB 5, college preparatory courses still receive their college readiness waiver?**

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	2019	2020	2021
OVERALL F SCENARIO	 Overall F	 Not Rated	 Overall F
Accountability Rating	Unacceptable Performance	Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster	Unacceptable Performance
Required Intervention	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Overall F Interventions	Carry Over of 2019 Interventions	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Overall F Interventions




Critical Areas	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall F Campuses</li> </ul>	Campus Improvement Team (CIT) collaboration and planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective Schools Framework Action Planning</li> <li>Priority Areas &amp; Goals</li> <li>Evaluation of 19-20 efforts to address areas of improvement</li> </ul>

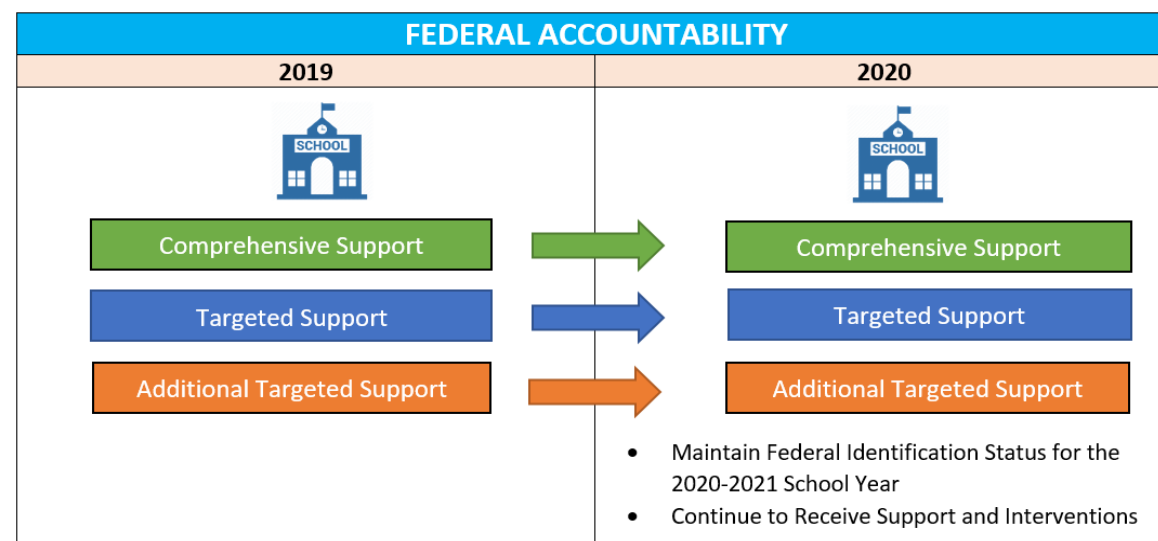


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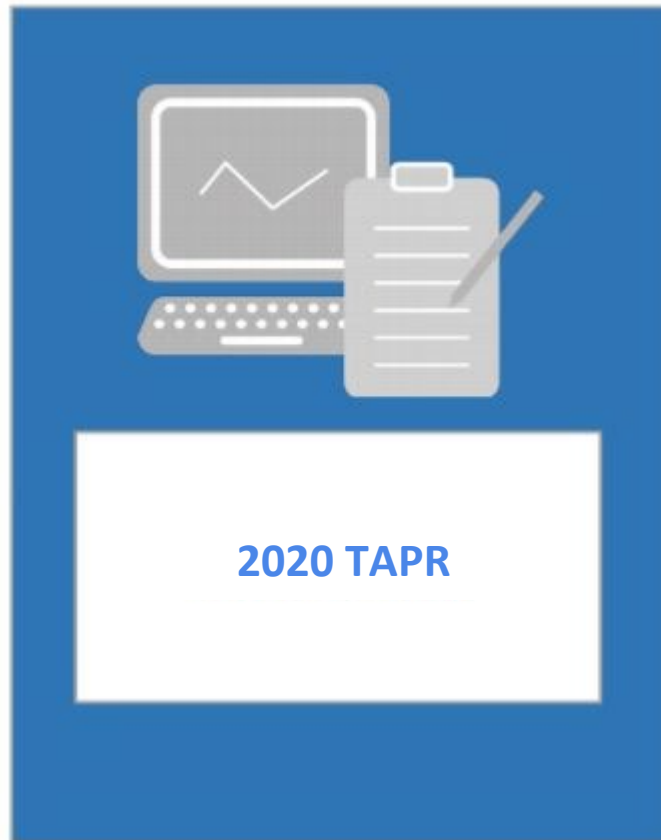
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Critical Areas	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall F Campuses</li> </ul>	<p>Effective Schools Diagnostic Report</p> <p>District/Campus Improvement Team and collaboration and planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective Schools Framework Action Planning</li> <li>Priority Areas &amp; Goals</li> <li>Evaluation of 19-20 efforts to address areas of improvement</li> <li>Review Benchmark Data for planning and interventions</li> </ul>



#### 4. Will College, Career and Military Readiness (CCMR) data be used?

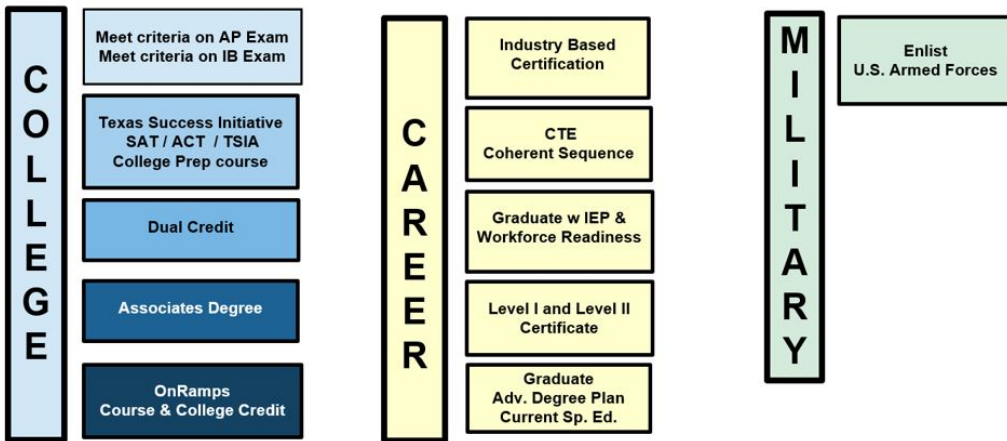
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>CCMR</b></li><li>● <b>2020 Accountability</b></li><li>● <b>TAPR</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 2020 Accountability<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ NR: Declared State of Disaster</li></ul></li><li>● 2020 TAPR Report</li><li>● Review the verification process for CCMR</li></ul>

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Critical Areas	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CCMR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current CCMR practices</li> <li>Verification process</li> <li>Leadership collaboration</li> </ul>

## 6. How will the statewide application of Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster to all schools and districts in SY 2019-2020 affect the data used in the calculation of 2020-2021 accountability?

Decisions regarding accountability for the 2020-2021 school year have not yet been made. Two advisory groups will have an opportunity to provide input into these decisions: the Accountability Technical Advisory Committee (ATAC), comprised of representatives from school districts and regional education service centers; and the Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (APAC) comprised of representatives from legislative offices, school districts, and the business community. TEA will work with these stakeholders to determine how the accountability system will be affected in 2020-2021.

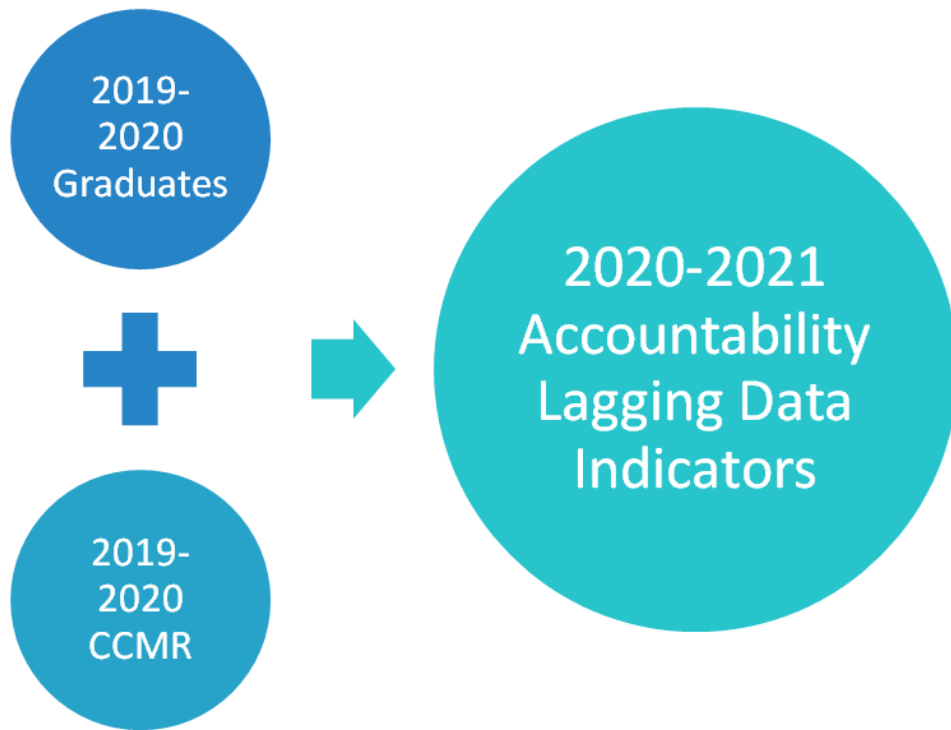
Critical Areas	Implications	Considerations
<b>Student Achievement Domain</b>	Lagging Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduation</li> <li>• CCMR</li> </ul>	Data Points to Track Growth in 2020-21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 STAAR Performance (students previously at Approaches, Meets, Masters)</li> <li>• 2020 Fall &amp; Spring BM results</li> <li>• Begin year with review/instruction of missed COVID-19 content, followed by early Fall Prior-Year Cumulative Assessment</li> <li>• Track academic growth utilizing above baseline criteria in place of 2020 STAAR results</li> </ul>
<b>School Progress Domain</b>	Academic Growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 (Not Rated)</li> <li>• 2020</li> </ul>	<i>Elementary Example:</i>
<b>Closing the Gaps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCMR - lagging data</li> <li>• Academic Growth: 2019 to 2020</li> </ul>	





## 7. Will 2019-2020 PEIMS Summer Submission records have any effect on 2020-2021 accountability?

How any lagging data indicators reported in 2019–2020 will be used in 2020–2021 accountability is to be determined, based on decisions made in consultation with ATAC and APAC, as described above.





Critical Areas	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 2019 Graduation Rate</li><li>● 2019 CCMR Data</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Current CCMR practices</li><li>● Verification process</li><li>● Leadership collaboration</li></ul>



## 8. How will schools that were rated unacceptable or triggered HB1842 during the previous year will be treated in 2020-2021 after the 2019-2020 application of Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster?

Any ordered sanctions and interventions carried out by districts and/or campuses in school year 2019-2020 will carry over and continue for school year 2020-2021.

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Unacceptable Performance	Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Overall F Interventions	Carry Over of 2019 Interventions

Critical Areas	Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall F Campuses</li> <li>Required Turnaround Plan (none in Region One)</li> </ul>	<p>Campus Improvement Team (CIT) collaboration and planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective Schools Framework (ESF) Action Planning</li> <li>Priority Areas &amp; Goals</li> <li>Evaluation of 19-20 efforts to address areas of improvement</li> </ul>



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