

Chapter 11 – TEASE Accountability

The Texas Education Agency Secure Environment (TEASE) is an authentication portal through which authorized users access sensitive or confidential TEA information resources. The TEASE portal includes several web applications that are relevant to administrators in school districts and education service centers (ESCs). One such application is the *ACCT–Accountability* application which provides authorized users with state and federal accountability products, Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS) and data validation products, and accountability research products pertaining to graduation and dropout summary reports and student lists.

Additionally, the *ACCT–Accountability* application is the location for first access to the performance reports, listings of schools identified under the Public Education Grant (PEG) program, and other information specific to alternative education accountability (AEA).

District and ESC administrators are encouraged to apply for access to the TEASE portal. They may also designate others in their district to have access.

Access to TEASE Accountability

District staff need a TEASE account to access any TEASE application. Even if approved district personnel currently have access to other TEASE applications (e.g., PEIMS Edit+, eGrants, etc.), they may still need to have the Accountability application added to their TEASE accounts. Staff in need of access to TEASE Accountability must complete the following form:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/forms/tease/accountability.htm>

The form must be printed, completed, signed by the district superintendent (or equivalent for charter operators), and mailed or faxed to the contact information provided on the form. Depending on the volume of requests, it may take several days for a request to be processed (if the request was mailed, several more days should be allowed for the request to reach TEA). Staff will receive an email from TEA Security once Accountability has been added to their TEASE accounts.

Confidentiality

Data on many of the reports available through TEASE are NOT masked to protect individual student confidentiality. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires that student information remain confidential. The TEASE site is intended for district or ESC use with district permission only.

Multiple District Access

Certain charter operators and ESC staff have the unique situation of requiring access to multiple school district or charter operator information. To gain access to TEASE Accountability information, multiple district users must obtain the superintendent's signature for each district to which the user requests access (one request form per district/charter). Multiple district login accounts do not provide access to all districts in any single ESC region, only to those districts that have granted access for the user. In some cases, it may not be possible to obtain a single login with access to multiple school district or charter information since some applications do not

support multiple-district users. For information about new single or multiple-district TEASE user accounts, please contact the Division of Performance Reporting at (512) 463-9704.

Products Available

The Accountability application is designed to contain products for districts produced by several divisions in the TEA Department of Assessment and Accountability. Once a user logs into TEASE and selects the Accountability application from the list of authorized applications, the main Accountability index screen will appear. This screen lists the types of products available from the site and may also contain recent announcements to districts related to accountability. Therefore, users must always be sure to read the main screen carefully for updated announcements and products.

The following accountability releases are planned for the 2013 cycle in chronological order. See *Chapter 12 – Calendar* for specific dates.

- AEA Campus Registration Process (Data Collection)
- Pairing Application (Data Collection)
- Graduation and Dropout Data
 - Lists of students who are dropouts
 - Campus and district dropout rates
 - Lists of students in the 4-year, 5-year, and 6-year longitudinal cohort
 - Campus and district 4-year, 5-year, and 6-year graduation rates
- Comparison Groups
- Preview Accountability Data Tables without Ratings
- Ratings Appeal Registration System
- Accountability Data Tables with Ratings and Distinction Designations
- Appeals Response Letters
- Updated Accountability Data Tables with Ratings and Distinction Designations
- Updated Preliminary Longitudinal Cohorts
- Performance Reports

Most Recent Products Only

The TEASE *ACCT–Accountability* site is not an archive of information; it is intended to contain only the most recent products released. When a reporting cycle begins for a new year, the prior year’s final products are taken off the site. Districts are encouraged to save the products provided on this site to a local secured location.