

**1. Which districts and campuses will be eligible to request the 2021 alternative evaluation?**

Senate Bill (SB) 1365 established the 2020–21 alternative evaluation procedure for certain campuses. SB 1365 did not provide an alternative evaluation procedure for districts. To be eligible, campuses must meet both of the following criteria:

- a. The campus must have a *D*, *F*, or *Improvement Required* rating for the most recent year it did not receive a *Not Rated* label, and
- b. for 2021, the campus must have a 95 percent participation rate. The participation rate is calculated only for the All Students group with all subject areas combined.

**2. What is the purpose of the alternative evaluation?**

SB 1365 established the 2021 alternative evaluation as a method for campuses to break the chain of consecutive years of unacceptable performance considering the 2021 *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster* ratings. This process allows campuses to demonstrate they have made sufficient improvement using available data from the 2020–21 school year.

If a campus meets the eligibility detailed in Question 1 and receives an overall *A*, *B*, or *C* using the methodology described in Question 8, the campus will be labeled *Acceptable* for 2021. An *Acceptable* rating for 2021 is considered a break in years of unacceptable performance.

**3. When will we know which campuses are eligible for alternative evaluation?**

Upon the completion of the rulemaking process in mid-November, Performance Reporting will publish a list of campuses with their consecutive years of unacceptable performance in TEAL Accountability (ACCT).

Districts and open-enrollment charter schools containing campuses with prior *D*, *F*, or *Improvement Required* ratings as described in Question 1 will receive alternative evaluation campus data in TEAL ACCT. This data release will include the most recent SB 1365 eligible rating (*D*, *F*, or *Improvement Required*) and year of such rating, the campus' 2021 participation rate, and if the campus is eligible to request the alternative evaluation. See Questions 7–9 for additional data to be included in this release.

**4. What is the process for requesting the alternative evaluation?**

Districts will submit a request via TEAL ACCT before 5 p.m. on December 15, 2021.

**5. If my district/charter school has an eligible campus and we request the alternative evaluation, what are the possible rating outcomes?**

Eligible campuses will either retain the 2021 *Not Rated: Declared State of Disaster* label or, if the methodology described in Question 8 results in an outcome of *C* or better, the campus will be labeled *Acceptable*. The data released in TEAL ACCT will display the alternative evaluation outcome for each campus. Districts will know the outcome of the alternative evaluation prior to the request.

**6. How is the participation rate calculated for the alternative evaluation?**

- 1) Number of answer documents with a score code of “S”,
- 2) number of STAAR Alternate 2 testers with a score code of “N”,
- 3) number of “A” or “O” reading answer documents with a scored TELPAS or TELPAS Alternate assessment,
- 4) number of “A” or “O” mathematics answer documents with a scored TELPAS or TELPAS Alternate assessment for year 1 asylee/refugees and SIFEs,
- 5) number of accelerated testers’ EBRW SAT or ELA ACT assessments and mathematics SAT or ACT assessments\*

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Number of “scored” (S),  
 “absent” (A),  
 “no authentic academic response” (N),  
 “other” (O) assessments, and  
 accelerated testers  
 (from CAF)

\* SAT results include assessments from August 2017 through the May 2021 administration, and ACT results include assessments from August 2017 through the April 2021 administration.

Please see Appendix H of the [2021 Accountability Manual](#) for additional details.

**7. Is the participation rate rounded to a whole number?**

Yes. The participation rate is rounded to the nearest whole number. For example, a 94.6 percent rate is rounded to 95 percent.

**8. What if I believe my campus has a higher participation rate than what was calculated? Can I correct the participation rate in order to meet eligibility?**

Districts and charter schools are responsible for providing accurate information to TEA, including information provided on student answer documents or submitted via online testing systems. Districts and charter schools have several opportunities to confirm and correct data submitted for accountability purposes during the correction window. There will be no additional correction opportunities after the 2021 participation rates are published in TEAL ACCT.

**9. What is the methodology for determining if an eligible campus meets the 2021 *Acceptable* rating standard?**

SB 1365 specified the 2021 alternative evaluation must use data from the Student Achievement and School Progress, Part B: Relative Performance domains. Performance Reporting will calculate a 2021 scaled score for both domains for all eligible campuses. In the proposed

methodology, the 2021 overall score will be the outcome of averaging the scaled scores for these two domains.

If adopted as proposed, the overall score will be used to determine if the campus meets the threshold for a 2021 *Acceptable* rating. The minimum averaged scaled score necessary to receive an *Acceptable* rating is a 70. If a campus does not have a School Progress, Part B: Relative Performance score, the Student Achievement scaled score will be used as the overall score.

The data released via TEAL ACCT in November will contain the scaled scores for the Student Achievement and School Progress, Part B: Relative Performance domains. It will also contain the averaged, overall score. This will provide districts with the data necessary to determine if the campus is eligible for an *Acceptable* rating prior to submitting the request.

If the final rule updates the proposed methodology, the updated criteria will be shared in the Performance Reporting ListServ and in the *Texas Register*. Any data release examples in this FAQ will be adjusted as necessary to align with the final rule.

**10. Does the alternative evaluation impact federally required school improvement labels: comprehensive support and improvement (CSI), targeted support and improvement (TSI), or additional targeted support (ATS)?**

No. The outcome of the alternative evaluation does not affect CSI, TSI, or ATS identifications or any associated interventions.

**11. What will the November TEAL ACCT data release contain?**

An example of data aligned with the proposed methodology is provided below.

Dist #	Dist Name	Campus #	Campus Name	Most Recent SB 1365 Eligible Rating	Year of Most Recent SB 1365 Eligible Rating	2021 Participation Rate: All Students, All Subjects	Eligible for 2021 Alternative Evaluation?	2021 Student Achievement Domain Scaled Score	2021 Relative Performance Domain Scaled Score	Average of 2021 Student Achievement and Relative Performance Scaled Scores	Eligible for 2021 Acceptable Rating?
001901	Example ISD	001901101	Example EL	F	2019	92%	-	-	-	-	No
001901	Example ISD	001901001	Example HS	F	2019	96%	Yes	76	63	70	Yes
001901	Example ISD	001901041	Example MS	D	2019	95%	Yes	72	61	67	No

**12. If my district submitted an alternative evaluation request for a campus in TEAL ACCT between September 15–23, do I need to resubmit during the new submission window?**

No, districts will not need to resubmit a request. TEA will consider the requests submitted between September 15–23 as part of the alternative evaluation process.

**13. What is the timeline for the alternative evaluation?**

- August 6–September 7, 2021: Public comment period for 2021 alternative evaluation methodology (TAC, §97.1006)

- November 3, 2021: Final TAC, §97.1006 rule and public comments posted in the *Texas Register*.
- November 14, 2021: TAC, §97.1006 2021 alternative evaluation rule effective
- November 15, 2021: Consecutive years of unacceptable performance published on public site
- November 15, 2021: 2021 alternative evaluation campus data released in TEAL ACCT
- November 15, 2021: *2021 Consecutive School Years of Unacceptable Ratings Appeal System* and the *2021 Optional Alternative Evaluation Request System* open in TEAL ACCT
- By December 15, 2021: Districts submit the alternative evaluation request for eligible campuses in TEAL ACCT
- By January 14, 2022: TEA updates and publishes the 2021 *Acceptable* ratings for campuses that met the SB 1365 eligibility criteria and the evaluation criteria adopted in TAC, §97.1006

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