Early Childhood Data System

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PROGRAM AREA UPDATES & GUIDANCE

▪ **Importance of reporting this information:**

- Statutory requirement

- Accurate data is informative at all levels, from the classroom to the state. Accurate data helps stakeholders make well informed decisions to support school communities across Texas.

▪ **Early Childhood Education (ECE) Division use of ECDS:**

- The Division of Early Childhood Education uses the ECDS data to gain a clear picture of the field's needs. In better understanding needs, the ECE division will be better able to support school communities across Texas.

PROGRAM AREA UPDATES & GUIDANCE

- **2021-2022 School Year:**
  - **Commissioner's List of Assessments:**
    - Prekindergarten: TBD
    - Kindergarten: Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must conduct a **beginning of year (BOY)** literacy assessment using either **TX-KEA** or **mCLASS Texas Edition**. The ECDS kindergarten submission will only accept BOY Kindergarten data from these two vendors.

  - **Program Area Guidance and Considerations:**
    - LEAs are strongly encouraged to begin the process of promoting and validating their assessment data in the ECDS application shortly after they receive their assessment results from their ECDS assessment vendor. When the data is validated and submitted in a timely manner, LEAs have more time to ensure data accuracy and avoid any technical challenges.

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2020-2021: REMINDERS

- **ECDS Prekindergarten Assessments:**
  - The prekindergarten process will remain the same for 2020-2021 as it was for 2019-2020. LEAs are expected to obtain their assessment results directly from their ECDS vendor and are responsible for loading their assessment data into the ODS. Prekindergarten assessment results will **NOT** be provided directly to TEA.

- **ECD0-000-003 Early Childhood Assessment Pre-K Sources**
  - LEAs should view the previous year report for students who have been assessed with a Commissioner approved kindergarten assessment.
  - If this report is generated in the current year, the report will not list any kindergarten readiness information.

2020-2021: SUBMISSION UPDATES – KG

- The 2020-2021 ECDS Kindergarten submission closed on **January 28, 2021**.

  Final Status Count:

  Completed – **775**

2020-2021: SUBMISSION UPDATES – PRE-K

- The 2020-2021 ECDS Prekindergarten submission is due on **June 24, 2021**.

  Current Status Counts:

  Promoted   – **4**

  Validated   – **7**

* LEAs will be able to complete their prekindergarten submission after May 31, 2021.

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- ECDS Kindergarten Assessments:

  - TEA is continuing to work with the kindergarten assessment vendors for **TX-KEA** and **mCLASS Texas Edition** to improve the process for providing the results directly to TEA in 2021-2022.

  - Please submit a TIMS ticket or contact TSDSCustomerSupport with any challenges that your LEAs may have had during the 2020-2021 KG submission, so TEA can determine any opportunities for improvement.

2021-2022: BUSINESS RULE UPDATES

- 2021-2022
  - No New Business Rules
  - No Updated Business Rules
  - No Deleted Business Rules

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- The following will be resolved in the **May 7, 2021** release:

  - **ECDS Prekindergarten Reports:**
    - ECD0-000-003
      - Incorrect totals are being displayed.
    - ECD0-000-006
      - The LEA and campus versions are incorrectly displaying a duplicate assessment record.
    - ECD0-000-008
      - Incorrect PK-SCHOOL-TYPE code is being displayed.
    - All ECDS private pre-K reports:
      - These reports are displaying no data.

  - **Converter Tool:**
    - Update for private pre-Ks to create their 2020-2021 xml interchanges.
    - Removal of the 'KINDER ASSESSMENT' selection from the dropdown.

CURRENT KNOWN ISSUES

- The following will be resolved in the **November 5, 2021** release:

  - **ECDS Kindergarten Reports:**
    - ECD0-000-001
      - Classroom positions, other than the Teacher of Record, are displaying on the report.
      - Campus ID and campus name are not matching in the report details section.
    - ECD0-000-005
      - Some students are displaying missing assessments, even though those subject areas are not part of the required domain for KG readiness.

  - **ECDS Business Rules:**
    - 10010-0016
      - The rule text is incorrectly displaying symbols and characters after the word "Agency's".

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TIMELINE: 2020-2021 PREKINDERGARTEN

Submission Due: June 24, 2021

Early Childhood Data System Collection (ECDS) - KG	
TSDS ready to load data to eDM	August 3, 2020
ECDS Prekindergarten ready for users to promote data	November 9, 2020
Private Prekindergarten application deadline for BPD (Business Partner Directory) Org number	May 27, 2021
ECDS Prekindergarten submission due date for LEAs and Private Prekindergarten Organizations	June 24, 2021
ECDS Prekindergarten data available to customers	July 8, 2021

TIMELINE: 2021-2022 KINDERGARTEN

Submission Due: January 27, 2022

Early Childhood Data System Collection (ECDS) - KG	
TSDS ready to load data to eDM	August 2, 2021
ECDS Kindergarten ready for users to promote data	November 8, 2021
ECDS Kindergarten submission due date for LEAs	January 27, 2022
ECDS Kindergarten data available to customers	February 10, 2022

TIMELINE: 2021-2022 PREKINDERGARTEN

Submission Due: June 23, 2022

Early Childhood Data System Collection (ECDS) - KG	
TSDS ready to load data to eDM	August 2, 2021
ECDS Prekindergarten ready for users to promote data	November 8, 2021
Private Prekindergarten application deadline for BPD (Business Partner Directory) Org number	May 26, 2022
ECDS Prekindergarten submission due date for LEAs and Private Prekindergarten Organizations	June 23, 2022
ECDS Prekindergarten data available to customers	July 7, 2022

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For 2021-2022, will the ECDS assessment vendor still only provide kindergarten assessment data directly to TEA? Will the prekindergarten process remain the same for 2021-2022?

- Yes. TEA is only receiving ECDS **kindergarten** data for **TX-KEA** and **mCLASS Texas Edition** assessments**.** The prekindergarten process will remain the same for 2021-2022, where LEAs are expected to extract and load their own prekindergarten assessment data.

Will the LEAs need to continue using the 'Load Assessments' button to load ECDS KG assessment data into the ODS for 2021-2022 school year?

Yes. LEAs will continue to utilize the 'Load Assessments' button in the ECDS application to load the latest kindergarten **TX-KEA** and **mCLASS Texas Edition** assessment results.

What if the LEA does not use any of the Commissioner approved kindergarten assessment instruments for 2021-2022? Will the LEA still have the option to file for an exemption?

For the 2021-2022 school year, LEAs will need to administer one of the kindergarten assessment instruments (TX-KEA or mCLASS) and report those assessment results in the ECDS Kindergarten submission.

LEAs will **NOT** have the option to file for an exemption.

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TECHNICAL RESOURCES

- **Technical Specifications:**
  - **Texas Education Data Standards (TEDS)**

- **Technical Support:**
  - **TSDSCustomerSupport@tea.texas.gov**

- **ECDS Program Area:**
  - **Early Childhood Education Website**
  - **ECDS Quick Support Guide**

- **Knowledge Base Articles:**
  - *TSDSKB-249 ECDS: General FAQs*
  - *TSDSKB-508 ECDS: Assessment Specifications*

Questions