



2024 Summer TSDS Training Questions and Answers

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Behavior Threat Assessment Program:

1. For the 2024-2025 school year, will LEAs need to send behavior threat assessment paperwork through the Texas Records Exchange (TREx)?

For the 2024-2025 school year, LEAs will still need to send behavior threat assessment paperwork through TREx. Beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, the behavior threat assessment paperwork should be in the new Sentinel system. When a student transfers to a new LEA, the new LEA should have access to the paperwork through Sentinel.

2. Is Sentinel accessed via the TEA Login (TEAL) system or is it a stand-alone system?

Sentinel is a stand-alone system.

3. Is there guidance for LEAs about what should be included in the behavior threat assessment paperwork?

The program area is working with district behavior coordinators to provide additional information about what should be included in the behavior threat assessment paperwork. When the behavior threat assessments are moved into Sentinel, there will be screening surveys for an LEA to use. These surveys will provide consistent documentation for each LEA to use for behavior threat assessments.

4. Will the data in Sentinel be used to determine if a school is safe?

None of the data in Sentinel will be used to determine if a school is classified as a safe school.

5. Which LEAs will be part of the 2024-2025 pilot program using Sentinel?

The LEAs participating in the pilot program have not been determined. The program area will be visiting each ESC beginning in September and will provide information to the ESCs on which LEAs will participate in the pilot program.

TSDS Web-Enabled Data Standards (TWEDS):

1. Is there a new descriptor table that replaces the SERVICE-ID (C022) table in the TSDS Upgrade Project?

In the TSDS Upgrade Project, the SERVICE-ID table is replaced by the CourseCode table. This table can be found in the TWEDS under References>Course Codes Link.

(<https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/TWEDSAPI/22/0/0/0/References/List/644>)