



2023 Summer TSDS Training Questions and **Answers**

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Core Collections

Census Block Tools

1. Will the number of census block numbers increase from 18,000 for the new school year?

Census Block Group Numbers are obtained from the Census Bureau data which is updated every 10 years. The current block group numbers will go unchanged until they are updated based on the 2030 census. TEA will use the block group numbers from the 2020 census for nine more years. The 2030 Census Block Group numbers will be assigned through the Census Block Group tool in the 2032-2033 school year.

All Other Questions

Emergent Bilingual Students

1. Do families who have already completed school registration with a Home Language Survey (HLS) form need to complete the new one?

No, this revision is not retroactive. The new required Home Language Survey with the third question is effective August 9, 2023. Any LEA that completes registration, whether online or in person, before August 9, 2023, would follow the existing enrollment process and families are not subject to completing the new form prior to August 9th.

2. How should an LEA report the HOME-LANGUAGE-CODE (E0895) and STUDENT-LANGUAGE-CODE (E1590) when a parent lists more than one language for any of the three questions on the home language survey?

If a parent lists more than one language for any of the three questions on the home language survey, the LEA will enter only one language (language other than English) into their student information system. For example, a parent enters English, French, and German for question one on the HLS. The LEA would enter French or German for the HOME-LANGUAGE-CODE (E0895).

3. Will TEA create a new data element for LEAs to report the type of language used by the student in a previous home setting?

No, at this time, TEA will not collect data on the type of language used by the student in a previous home setting. However, the response/s in the third question of the HLS may influence the second question regarding the languages spoken by the child.

4. What is TEA doing to ensure LEAs use the new HLS form?

TEA published a To the Administrator Addressed (TAA) letter outlining the new [Home Language Survey](#) requirements on August 3, 2023. Per the rule, LEAs must use the [Texas Education Agency \(TEA\) produced form](#) available in English and Spanish. Translations of the form in multiple other languages will be available on txel.org as translation work is completed. The Emergent Bilingual Support Division has provided the HLS in a fillable PDF to be uploaded to online platforms (when applicable).

5. What date would LEAs report as the start date for the home and student language?

There is no longer the need to report dates for home or student language. In the TEDS version 2024.2.0, TEA removed the data elements BeginDate (E3010) and EndDate (E3020).