



**Texas Education Agency (TEA)  
Information Task Force (ITF)  
September 30, 2025  
Zoom  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order**

**Catherine Bray, ITF Chair**

ITF Chair, Catherine Bray called the ITF meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call of the ITF members was taken by Lynne Smith.

**ITF Members Present:**

Dana Braun, Catherine Bray, Joel Garcia, Keitha Ivey, D'Lynne Johnson, Georgia Kalligeris, David Marx, Haily Rambo, John Newcom, Christopher Pace, Shawna Ohnesorge, Joycelyn Ray, Linda Roska, Elisa Sanchez, Brittany Wright, Sharron Zirkelbach

**ITF Alternate Members Present:**

Christine Barnes, Sarah Cagle, Denise Hendricks, Justin Jons, Tamara Kavanaugh, Andrea Laina, Kim Lyons, Dr. Lindsey McDaniel, Nina Taylor

**TEA Staff Present:**

Kathy Adaky, David Butler, Naomi Davis, Candice DeSantis, Terri Hanson, Monica Harwig, Jeanine Helms, Jamie Hicks, Scott Johnson, Laurie Kelso, Ed Linden, Jamie Muffoletto, Leticia Ollervidez, Melody Parrish, Gabriel Perez, Haritha Guduri, Donna Pruitt, Leanne Simons, Lynne Smith, Melissa Witcher, Alison Wright

**Educator Data, Research, and Strategy Department:**

Mark Olofson, Paige Tooley

**Educator Preparation and Certification Department:**

Trenton Law

**Office of Special Populations & Student Supports:**

Kristin McGuire

**School Finance Department:**

Amy Copeland, Al McKenzie, Rochelle Kingsley,

**State Funding Department:**

Sara Kohn, Amy Ma

**Complaints and Inquiries Department:**

Abby Rodriguez

**Approve Meeting Minutes from August 5, 2025, and August 12, 2025, ITF Meetings Action Item**

Catherine Bray called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 5, 2025, and August 12, 2025, ITF meetings.

Joel Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes.

Keitha Ivey seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Passed

**1. Collection of Grievance Data**

**Action Item**

**Background:**

During the 89th legislative session, Senate Bill (SB) 12 was passed, which amends Subtitle E, Title 2, Education Code, by adding Chapter 26A. This new section requires local education agencies (LEAs) to submit a report to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) on grievances filed in the LEA during the preceding school year (June 1 through May 31). The report must include, for each grievance, the resolution of the grievance and any corrective action taken.

**Overview:**

**Texas Education Data Standards Changes:**

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, TEA proposes adding one new entity, Grievance, to be reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission with three new data elements, LEAGrievanceIdentifier (E3XX1), GrievanceResolved (E3XX2), GrievanceCorrectiveAction (E3XX3), and one new common type, GrievanceLevelResolution with three new data elements, ResolutionOfGrievance (E3XX4), GrievanceLevel (E3XX5), and GrievanceLevelResolved (E3XX6). Additionally, TEA proposes adding two new descriptor tables, GrievanceCorrectiveAction (C3X1) and ResolutionOfGrievance (C3X2), with a total of 11 new descriptors to the PEIMS Summer Submission. TEA also proposes adding the data element reporting requirements in the Grievance Entity. One new report will be added, and data validation rules will be added to the PEIMS Summer Submission based on the changes in this proposal.

**Texas Records Exchange (TREx) Changes:**

None

**Presentation:**

Lynne Smith presented the proposal which includes:

**In the Texas Education Data Standards:**

1. Add new Grievance Entity to the Education Organization Domain to be reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission with the following new data elements:
  - a. LEAGrievanceIdentifier (E3XX1)
  - b. GrievanceResolved (E3XX2)
  - c. GrievanceCorrectiveAction (E3XX3)
2. Add new GrievanceLevelResolution common type in the Grievance Entity to be reported in the PEIMS Summer Submission with the following new data elements:
  - a. ResolutionOfGrievance (E3XX4)
  - b. GrievanceLevel (E3XX5)
  - c. GrievanceLevelResolved (E3XX6)
3. Add the Data Element Reporting requirements to the Grievance Entity.
4. Add a new descriptor table GrievanceCorrectiveAction (C3X1):
  - a. 01 -
 

**Short Description** – Administrative Remedies

**Long Description** – Administrative Remedies - Reversal or modification of decisions related to student discipline, grading policies, attendance records, campus transfers or classroom assignments
  - b. 02 -
 

**Short Description** – Personnel-Related Actions

**Long Description** – Personnel-Related Actions - Reassignment of staff, changes to job responsibilities, evaluation or retraining of staff
  - c. 03 -
 

**Short Description** – Policy Adjustments

**Long Description** – Policy Adjustments - Amendments to local policies or procedures, clarification or reinterpretation of existing local policies (e.g., dress code, homework practices)
  - d. 04 -
 

**Short Description** – Communication And Transparency

**Long Description** – Communication And Transparency - Issuance of written decisions with explanations and supporting documentation
  - e. 05 -
 

**Short Description** – Procedural Corrections

**Long Description** – Procedural Corrections - Remanding grievance for further review
  - f. 06 -
 

**Short Description** – Non-Retaliation Enforcement

**Long Description** – Non-Retaliation Enforcement - Investigation and disciplinary action against staff who retaliate against the complainant. Reporting educators to the State Board of Certification as applicable by law and rule.
5. Add a new descriptor table ResolutionOfGrievance (C3X2):
  - a. 01 -

**Short Description** – Grievance Relief Granted

**Long Description** – Grievance Relief Granted - LEA granted all requested remedies

b. 02 –

**Short Description** – Grievance Relief Denied

**Long Description** - Grievance Relief Denied - All remedies prior to a board of trustees hearing were denied

c. 03 -

**Short Description** – Grievance Relief Granted In Part

**Long Description** – Grievance Relief Granted In Part- LEA granted some requested remedies

d. 04 –

**Short Description** – Remanded The Administration’s Decision

**Long Description** - Remanded The Administration’s Decision -Decision was sent back to the prior grievance level for review

e. 05–

**Short Description** – Denied Grievance And Upheld Administration’s Decision

**Long Description** - Denied Grievance And Upheld Administration’s Decision – Board of Trustees upheld the prior decision

6. Add new TSDS reports to reflect the changes in this proposal.

7. Add associated data validation rules to reflect the changes in this proposal.

**In the Texas Records Exchange Data Standards:**

None

**ITF Discussion:**

Lynne Smith introduced Abby Rodriguez, Director, from the Complaints and Inquiries Department, to address any questions.

Keitha Ivey asked whether grievance reporting would begin in the 2026–2027 school year. Jamie Muffoletto said that the grievances from the 2026-2027 school year would be reported in the 2026-2027 PEIMS Summer Submission.

Catherine Bray asked whether the data would be reported using the student information system (SIS) or the human resources system. Jamie responded that the LEAs would need to work with their vendors to determine how this data will be reported. Catherine followed up with a question about LEAs using two different vendors, expressing concern about how data may be reported using these different vendors. Jamie explained that the LEA would need to determine how to report the data to ensure there are no duplicates.

Dr. Lindsey McDaniel asked how LEAs would handle grievances that are filed late in the school year, such as on May 30. Abby stated that she would provide additional information in the next meeting.

Sharron Zirkelbach asked what qualifies as a grievance. Abby clarified that under Senate Bill (SB) 12, a grievance is defined as a formal complaint filed by a parent, either in writing or online. Informal attempts to resolve issues are not counted unless they escalate to a formal grievance level. SB 12 also allows extended timelines for parents who initially attempt informal resolutions.

Elisa Sanchez asked whether the LEAs had already collected this data or if it was new under SB 12. Jamie clarified that LEAs already have grievance processes in place, with each LEA having its own policies and procedures. Jamie stated that the grievance process itself is not new, but SB 12 introduces the requirement for formal data collection and reporting into the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS).

ITF Chair, Catherine Bray, called for additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she requested a motion.

**ITF Action:**

Sharron Zirkelbach made a motion to approve the proposal.

Keitha Ivey seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Passed

## **2. Teacher Vacancy New Collection**

## **Action Item**

**Background:**

During the 89th legislative session, House Bill (HB) 2 was passed, which amends Subchapter J, Chapter 21, Education Code, by adding §21.468. This new section adds a collection of data from school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to address teacher retention and recruitment, including the classifications, grade levels, subject areas, duration, and other relevant information regarding vacant teaching positions at Local Education Agencies (LEAs).

**Overview:**

**Texas Education Data Standards Changes:**

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) proposes adding a new core collection, the Teacher Vacancy Collection. The new collection will include information such as staff classification, program assignment, instructional grade level, academic subject, posting, and filled dates for vacant teaching positions from September 1 through August 31 of each year. The new collection will be due yearly on the fourth Thursday of September

**Timeline:**

<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Submission</b>
<b>08/03/2026*</b>	TSDS Ready to load data to IODS
<b>09/07/2027</b>	2026-2027 Teacher Vacancy Collection ready for users to complete
<b>09/23/2027</b>	Teacher Vacancy Collection due date for LEAs
<b>10/07/2027</b>	Teacher Vacancy Collection data available to customers

\*vacant positions as of 9/1/2026 will be promoted for the 2026-2027 school year

**Example:**

September 1, 2026-August 31, 2027, vacancies due in September 2027.

September 1, 2027-August 31, 2028, vacancies due in September 2028.

**Teacher Vacancy Collection:**

For the Teacher Vacancy Collection, LEAs will report the following data for vacant teacher positions from the previous school year.

1. LocalEducationAgency:
  - E3019 EducationOrganizationCategory
  - E3037 NameOfInstitution
  - E0212 LocalEducationAgencyId
  - E3036 LocalEducationAgencyCategory
2. **\*\*New\*\* OpenStaffPositionExt:**
  - LocalEducationAgency (Reference)
  - **\*\*New\*\* PositionNumber**
  - E0721 StaffClassification
  - E3045 ProgramAssignment
  - E0017 GradeLevel
  - **\*\*New\*\* InstructionalSubject**
3. **\*\*New\*\* OpenStaffPositionExt>PositionVacancy**
  - **\*\*New\*\* DatePositionVacant**
  - **\*\*New\*\* VacancyReason**
4. **\*\*New\*\* RequisitionExt:**
  - **\*\*New\*\* OpenStaffPositionExt (Reference)**
  - **\*\*New\*\* RequisitionNumber**
  - **\*\*New\*\* EmploymentStatus**
  - **\*\*New\*\* DatePosted**
  - **\*\*New\*\* DatePostingClosed**
  - **\*\*New\*\* PostingClosedReason**
  - E3032 HireDate

**Texas Records Exchange (TReX) Changes:**

None

**Presentation:**

Lynne Smith presented the proposal which includes:

**In the Texas Education Data Standards:**

1. Add the existing LocalEducationAgency Entity in the Education Organization Domain to be reported in the new Teacher Vacancy Collection, including the following data elements:
  - a. EducationOrganizationCategory (E3019)
  - b. NameOfInstitution (E3037)
  - c. LocalEducationAgencyId (E0212)
  - d. LocalEducationAgencyCategory (E3036)

2. Add the new OpenStaffPositionExt Entity in the Staff Domain to be reported in the new Teacher Vacancy Collection with following data elements:
  - a. LocalEducationAgency (Reference)
  - b. PositionNumber (E3XX1)
  - c. StaffClassification (E0721)
  - d. ProgramAssignment (E3045)
  - e. GradeLevel (E0017)
  - f. InstructionalSubject (E3XX2)
3. Add the new PositionVacancy common type in the OpenStaffPositionExt Entity to be reported in the new Teacher Vacancy Collection with the following new data elements:
  - a. DatePositionVacant (E3XX3)
  - b. VacancyReason (E3XX4)
4. Add the new RequisitionExt Entity in the Staff Domain to be reported in the new Teacher Vacancy Collection with the following data elements:
  - a. OpenStaffPositionExt (Reference)
  - b. RequisitionNumber (E3XX5)
  - c. EmploymentStatus (E3XX6)
  - d. DatePosted (E3XX7)
  - e. DatePostingClosed (E3XX8)
  - f. PostingClosedReason (E3XX9)
  - g. HireDate (E3032)
5. Add Entity Description, General, and Data Element Reporting requirements for the new OpenStaffPositionExt Entity.
6. Add Entity Description and Data Element Reporting requirements for the new RequisitionExt Entity.
7. Add a new descriptor table InstructionalSubject (C3X1)
  - a. 01 -
    - Short Description** – Technology Applications
    - Long Description** - Technology Applications
  - b. 02 -
    - Short Description** - Special Education
    - Long Description** – Special Education
  - c. 03 -
    - Short Description** – Social Studies
    - Long Description** – Social Studies
  - d. 04 -
    - Short Description** – Self-Contained
    - Long Description** – Self-Contained
  - e. 05 -
    - Short Description** – Science
    - Long Description** – Science
  - f. 06 -
    - Short Description** – Physical Education & Health
    - Long Description** – Physical Education & Health
  - g. 07 -

- Short Description** – Other
    - Long Description** – Other
  - h. 08 -
    - Short Description** – Non-Classroom Role
    - Long Description** – Non-Classroom Role
  - i. 09-
    - Short Description** – Mathematics
    - Long Description** - Mathematics
  - j. 10-
    - Short Description** – Foreign Language
    - Long Description** – Foreign Language
  - k. 11 -
    - Short Description** – Fine Arts
    - Long Description** – Fine Arts
  - l. 12 -
    - Short Description** – English Language Arts
    - Long Description** – English Language Arts
  - m. 13 -
    - Short Description** – Career & Technology Education
    - Long Description** – Career & Technology Education
- 8. Add a new descriptor table VacancyReason (C3X2)
  - a. 01 -
    - Short Description** – New Position
    - Long Description** – New position
  - b. 02 -
    - Short Description** – Position Vacated: Retired
    - Long Description** – Position is vacant because the incumbent retired from the position
  - c. 03 -
    - Short Description** – Position Vacant: Leaving the profession
    - Long Description** – Position is vacant because the incumbent left the profession
  - d. 04 -
    - Short Description** – Position Vacant: Transfer
    - Long Description** – Position is vacant because the incumbent took another position within the LEA
  - e. 05 –
    - Short Description** – Position Vacant: Other
    - Long Description** – Position is vacant for reason other than what is listed
- 9. Add a new descriptor table EmploymentStatus (C3X3)
  - a. 01 -
    - Short Description** - Probationary
    - Long Description** - Probationary
  - b. 02 -
    - Short Description** - Contractual
    - Long Description** – Contractual



- c. 03 -  
**Short Description** - Employed/Affiliated With Outside Agency (Part-Time)  
**Long Description** - Employed by or affiliated with an outside organization other than the school system, working part-time
- d. 04 -  
**Short Description** - Employed/Affiliated With Outside Agency  
**Long Description** - Employed by or affiliated with an outside organization other than the school system
- e. 05 -  
**Short Description** - Employed Part-Time  
**Long Description** - Employed part-time
- f. 06 -  
**Short Description** - Other  
**Long Description** - Other
- g. 07 -  
**Short Description** - Substitute/Temporary  
**Long Description** - Substitute/temporary
- h. 08 -  
**Short Description** - Permanent  
**Long Description** - Permanent
- i. 09-  
**Short Description** - Volunteer/No Contract  
**Long Description** - Volunteer/no contract
- 10. Add a new descriptor table PostingClosedReason(C3X4)
  - a. 01 -  
**Short Description** – Position Filled  
**Long Description** – Position filled
  - b. 02 -  
**Short Description** – Posting Cancelled  
**Long Description** – Posting cancelled
- 11. Add the following new descriptors to the ProgramAssignment (C338) descriptor table:
  - a. 02 -  
**Short Description** - Regular Education  
**Long Description** - Regular Education
  - b. 03 -  
**Short Description** - Bilingual  
**Long Description** – Bilingual
  - c. 04 -  
**Short Description** – Compensatory/Remedial Education  
**Long Description** – Compensatory/Remedial Education
  - d. 05 -  
**Short Description** – Gifted and Talented  
**Long Description** – Gifted and Talented
  - e. 06 -  
**Short Description** – Career and Technical Education

- Long Description** – Career and Technical Education
- f. 07 -
  - Short Description** – Special Education
  - Long Description** – Special Education
- g. 08 -
  - Short Description** – ESL
  - Long Description** – ESL
- h. 09 -
  - Short Description** – Adult Basic Education
  - Long Description** – Adult Basic Education
- i. 10 -
  - Short Description** – Honors
  - Long Description** – Honors
- j. 11 -
  - Short Description** – Migratory
  - Long Description** – Migratory

12. Add new TSDS reports to reflect the changes in this proposal.

13. Add associated data validation rules to reflect the changes in this proposal.

**In the Texas Records Exchange Data Standards:**

None

**ITF Discussion:**

Lynne Smith introduced Mark Olofson, Director of Educator Data, Research, and Strategy, Paige Tooley, Director of EDRS Project Management, Educator Data, Research, and Strategy Department, and Trenton Law, Director of Educator Credentialing, Educator Preparation and Certification Department to address any questions.

Catherine Bray asked about the reporting timeline of September 1 to August 31, expressing concern that it mixes school years. Jamie Muffoletto responded that while hiring often occurs in the summer, the intent is to capture vacancies for the school year they are associated with, aligning them with the LEA's Individual Operational Data Store (IODS). Mark added that the goal is to avoid requiring two separate collections in a single year. Mark added that any position vacant at any point between September 1 and August 31 should be reported in that respective school year. Mark also suggested that more examples should be published in the Data Standards to help clarify how to handle overlapping dates.

Catherine followed up with a scenario about a vacancy for a teacher, posted in May 2027 and filled in July for the 2026–2027 school year. Mark replied that if the position became vacant in May and was filled in July, it would be reported in the 2026-2027 Teacher Vacancy Collection due on September 23, 2027. Leanne Simons clarified that the focus is on capturing vacancy data, not necessarily the hiring process itself, and that some positions may remain vacant at the end of the reporting period.

Sharron Zirkelbach asked how the data would be used. Mark explained that the data would support recruitment and retention analysis, including how long vacancies remain open and breakdowns by

subject area. Catherine expressed concern that this approach would result in a mix of vacancies from different school years, making it difficult to track retention accurately. Mark acknowledged the issue and said the team would analyze the data to distinguish between vacancies during the school year and those that occur between school years.

Catherine then asked whether the reporting would include both 087 (teacher) and 047 (long-term substitute) StaffClassifications (C021). Jamie clarified that the new collection is for 087 (teacher) only.

Dr. Lindsey McDaniel asked if the InstructionalSubject (C3X1) 04 (Self-Contained) referred to elementary grades, and Mark confirmed that it did.

Catherine brought up a scenario where a campus posts a vacancy for an English teacher but ends up hiring a CTE teacher and moving an existing staff member to the English vacancy. Catherine asked whether this type of scenario would require the reporting of two separate vacancies. Mark asked for clarification and confirmed that if the subject of the position changes before it is filled, only the final subject should be reported. Jamie added that LEAs can change the subject during the data validation process.

Catherine asked about internal transfers, especially in the context of school closures. Catherine asked whether reassigning staff from one campus to another counts as a vacancy. Mark clarified that if no external posting or hiring occurs, it is not considered a vacancy. However, if a position is posted, even if filled internally, it should be reported. Catherine noted that many LEAs post positions even when they plan to fill them internally. Haily Rambo added that posting all open positions may be a legal requirement, which complicates tracking for LEAs. Jamie said they would provide more guidance on which vacancies need to be reported.

Catherine asked about how grade levels should be reported. Jamie confirmed that each grade level should be listed separately. Catherine described a situation where she posted a vacancy for a fifth-grade teacher but hired a kindergarten teacher, then filled the fifth-grade position by internally moving staff. Terri Hanson asked whether the original vacancy should be reported. Mark agreed that the original vacancy is relevant and that the system should capture the reason for the vacancy.

Terri then asked how LEAs track position numbers and whether they change with reassignments. Catherine suggested that instead of tracking each vacancy individually, it might be more practical to report the grade ranges, such as elementary or middle school. Mark and Terri agreed to consider this for the new collection.

Catherine asked about split assignments, such as a teacher for both bilingual and regular education. Catherine wanted to know if multiple ProgramAssignments (C338) could be reported. Jamie said TEA could add the ability to allow multiple ProgramAssignments. Haily added that she had hired candidates who covered multiple areas, such as Career and Technical Education, Special Education, and English as a Second Language. Leanne noted that this feedback is valuable and would provide changes in the next meeting.

Catherine asked whether the reporting distinguishes between full-time and part-time positions. Mark said that the collection does not distinguish between full- and part-time positions.

Terri echoed the committee's need for additional guidance on whether the data should reflect the position that became vacant or the one that was ultimately filled. Mark agreed to provide additional guidance to the committee. Terri asked if the committee was comfortable voting on the structure of the new collection and refine the guidance later.

Catherine voiced concern about moving forward without knowing more about the implementation, and Keitha Ivey agreed, noting that HR teams would likely have many questions. Leanne reassured the group that guidance could be updated and emphasized the urgency of releasing the technical framework so vendors could begin development. Melody Parrish echoed the importance of early communication with vendors, given the volume of upcoming changes. Leanne added that for new data collections, publishing in the preliminary version of the Texas Education Data Standards is critical.

Catherine then asked what the next step would be. Jamie responded that they could proceed with either a roll call vote or a general vote, depending on the group's preference, and clarified that the concerns raised seemed more about implementation than technical feasibility. Catherine agreed and suggested proceeding with a roll call vote.

ITF Chair, Catherine Bray, called for additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she requested a roll call vote.

**ITF Action:**

Lynne Smith called roll to obtain the vote:

Eleven committee members voted to approve the proposal.

One committee member voted not to approve the proposal.

Three committee members voted to abstain.

**Vote:** Passed

### **3. Special Education Data Collection Funding Changes** **Action Item**

**Background:**

During the 89th legislative session, House Bill (HB) 2 was passed to revise special education funding. The bill adjusts the basic allotment for students based on eight tiers of service intensity defined by commissioner rules, including a tier for students who receive only speech therapy s their special education service and a tier for students placed in residential program. HB 2 updates Section 48.051(a), TEC, which addresses the offset of the basic allotment for time spent by a student receiving special education services outside of a general education setting. HB 2 also updates Section 48.102, TEC, so that funding for each special education program equals the sum of the basic allotment and the allotment (if applicable) under Section 48.101, to which the district is entitled multiplied by a legislatively set weight for the highest service tier the student qualifies for. In addition, HB 2 amends Section Subchapter C, Chapter 48, Education Code by adding Sections

48.1021, which create a Special Education Service Group Allotment for each six-week period of services received, with at least four service groups determining funding. At least 55 percent of the funds must be used for special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29. Finally, Section 48.1022 directs the commissioner to adjust weights as necessary for the 2026-2027 school year to ensure that the estimated statewide amount provided by both Sections 48.102 and 48.1021 is approximately \$250 million greater than the amount that would have been provided under Section 48.102, as it existed on September 1, 2025, for that school year, calculating both amounts using the basic allotment in effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

### **Overview:**

#### **Texas Education Data Standards Changes:**

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) proposes adding two new entities, SpecialEducationTierOfIntensityAttendance Entity, with eight existing data elements and three new data elements, TierOfIntensity (E3XX1), EligibleDaysPresentInTierOfIntensity (E3XX2), EducationalEnvironment (E3XX3), and FlexibleSpecialEducationTierOfIntensityAttendance Entity, with eight existing data elements and two new data elements, TierOfIntensity (E3XX1), FlexAttendDaysEligibleInTierOfIntensity (E3XX4), to be reported in the PEIMS Attendance, Summer and Extended Year Submissions. In addition, TEA proposes adding two new common types, TierOfIntensitySet with three new data elements, TierOfIntensity (E3XX1), TierOfIntensityBeginDate (E3XX5), TierOfIntensityEndDate(E3XX6), and SPEDServiceGroupSet with three new data elements, SPEDServiceGroup (E3XX7), SPEDServiceGroupBeginDate (E3XX8), and SPEDServiceGroupEndDate (E3XX9). TEA also proposes adding a new data element, NumberOfHoursSPEDInGeneralEd (E3X10), to the BasicReportingPeriodAttendance Entity. Additionally, TEA proposes adding three new descriptor tables. The first, TierOfIntensity (C3X1), with a total of eight new descriptors, the second, EducationalEnvironment (C3X2), with 30 new descriptors, and the third, SPEDServiceGroup (C3X3), with a total of five new descriptors, to the PEIMS Attendance, Fall, Summer, and Extended Year Submissions. TEA also proposes adding the general and data element reporting requirements in the SpecialEducationTierOfIntensityAttendance, FlexibleSpecialEducationTierOfIntensityAttendance, StudentSpecialEducationProgramAssociation, and BasicReportingPeriodAttendance Entities. Reports and data validation rules will be added and revised in the PEIMS Attendance, Fall, Summer, and Extended Year Submissions based on the changes in this proposal.

### **Timeline:**

For the 2026-2027 academic year, students who receive special education services will continue to be reported using the same data elements as in the 2025-2026 academic year until their annual Admission Review and Dismissal (ARD) meeting is conducted. After the ARD meeting, the LEA will use the data elements outlined in this proposal to report student information.

#### **Texas Records Exchange (TReX) Changes:**

None

### **Presentation:**

Lynne Smith presented the proposal which includes:

**In the Texas Education Data Standards:**

1. Add new SpecialEducationTierOfIntensityAttendance Entity to the Student Attendance Domain to be reported in the PEIMS Attendance, Summer and Extended Year Submissions with the following data elements:
  - a. School (Reference)
  - b. Student (Reference)
  - c. CalendarCode (E0975)
  - d. ReportingPeriod (E0934)
  - e. GradeLevel (E0017)
  - f. NumberDaysTaught (E0935)
  - g. RegionalDaySchoolProgramForDeaf (E0833)
  - h. LEAofRDSPDService (E1527)
  - i. TierOfIntensity (E3XX1)
  - j. EligibleDaysPresentInTierOfIntensity (E3XX2)
  - k. EducationalEnvironment (E3XX3)
2. Add new FlexibleSpecialEducationTierOfIntensityAttendance Entity to the Student Attendance Domain to be reported in the PEIMS Attendance, Summer and Extended Year Submissions with the following data elements:
  - a. School (Reference)
  - b. Student (Reference)
  - c. CalendarCode (E0975)
  - d. ReportingPeriod (E0934)
  - e. GradeLevel (E0017)
  - f. NumberDaysTaught (E0935)
  - g. FlexibleAttendanceProgram (E1045)
  - h. TierOfIntensity (E3XX1)
  - i. FlexAttendDaysEligibleInTierOfIntensity (E3XX4)
  - j. EducationalEnvironment (E3XX3)
3. Add the new TierOfIntensitySet common type to the StudentSpecialEducationProgramAssociation Entity in the Alternative and Supplemental Services Domain to be reported in the PEIMS Attendance, Fall, Summer, and Extended Year Submissions with the following new data elements:
  - a. TierOfIntensity (E3XX1)
  - b. TierOfIntensityBeginDate (E3XX5)
  - c. TierOfIntensityEndDate (E3XX6)
4. Add the new SPEDServiceGroupSet common type to the StudentSpecialEducationProgramAssociation Entity in the Alternative and Supplemental Services Domain to be reported in the PEIMS Attendance, Fall, Summer, and Extended Year Submissions with the following new data elements:
  - a. SPEDServiceGroup (E3XX7)
  - b. SPEDServiceGroupBeginDate (E3XX8)
  - c. SPEDServiceGroupEndDate (E3XX9)
5. Add the new data element NumberOfHoursSPEDInGeneralEd (E3X10) to the BasicReportingPeriodAttendance Entity in the Student Attendance Domain to be reported as optional in the PEIMS Attendance, and Summer Submissions.

6. Add General and Data Element Reporting requirements to the SpecialEducationTierOfIntensityAttendance Entity.
7. Add General and Data Element Reporting requirements to the FlexibleSpecialEducationTierOfIntensityAttendance Entity.
8. Add Data Element Reporting requirements to the StudentSpecialEducationProgramAssociation Entity.
9. Add Data Element Reporting requirements to the BasicReportingPeriodAttendance Entity.
10. Add a new descriptor table TierOfIntensity (C3X1):
  - a. 01 -
    - Short Description** – Student Receiving Speech Therapy Only
  - b. **Long Description** – Student receiving speech therapy only
  - 02 –
    - Short Description** – Tier 2
    - Long Description** - Tier 2
  - c. 03 -
    - Short Description** – Tier 3
    - Long Description** – Tier 3
  - d. 04 –
    - Short Description** – Tier 4
    - Long Description** - Tier 4
  - e. 05–
    - Short Description** – Tier 5
    - Long Description** - Tier 5
  - f. 06–
    - Short Description** – Tier 6
    - Long Description** - Tier 6
  - g. 07–
    - Short Description** – Tier 7
    - Long Description** - Tier 7
  - e. 08–
    - Short Description** – Student Receiving Special Education Services In Residential Placement
    - Long Description** - Student receiving special education services in residential placement
11. Add a new descriptor table EducationalEnvironment (C3X2):
  - a. 01 -
    - Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting 100% Instructional Day – Regular Campus
    - Long Description** – The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting for the entire instructional day on the student’s regular home campus
  - b. 02 –
    - Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting 100% Instr Day – Non-Home Regular Campus

**Long Description** - The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting for the entire instructional day on a regular campus but not the student's home campus

c. 03 -

**Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting 80–99% Instr Day – Regular Home Campus

**Long Description** – The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting between 80% and 99% of the instructional day on the student's regular home campus

d. 04 –

**Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting 80–99% Instr Day – Non-Home Regular Campus

**Long Description** – The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting between 80% and 99% of the instructional day on a regular campus but not the student's home campus

e. 05 -

**Short Description** – Community Supports-Paid or Unpaid Employment

**Long Description** – Supports to maintain paid or unpaid employment aligned to postsecondary goals with regularly scheduled direct involvement by district personnel (only for students who have completed credit and assessment requirements for graduation but are continuing enrollment or have returned in accordance with 19 TAC 89.1070)

f. 06 –

**Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting 50–79% Instr Day – Regular Home Campus

**Long Description** – The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting between 50% and 79% of the instructional day on the student's regular home campus.

g. 07 -

**Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting 50–79% Instr Day – Non-Home Regular Campus

**Long Description** - The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting between 50% and 79% of the instructional day on the student's on a regular campus but not the student's home campus

h. 08–

**Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting 40–49% Instr Day – Regular Home Campus



**Long Description** - The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting less than 50% but at least 40% of the instructional day on the student's regular home campus

i. 09 -

**Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting 40–49% Instr Day – Non-Home Regular Campus

**Long Description** - The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting less than 50% but at least 40% of the instructional day on a regular campus but not the student's home campus

j. 10–

**Short Description** – Community Setting/Env-Not Operated by District

**Long Description** - Placed in community setting or environment, not operated by the district (designed to prepare student for postsecondary education/training, competitive integrated employment, and/or independent living) (only for students who have completed credit and assessment requirements for graduation but are continuing enrollment or have returned in accordance with 19 TAC 89.1070)

k. 11 -

**Short Description** – Community Setting/Fac/Env- Operated by District

**Long Description** - Placed in community setting, facility or environment operated by the district or a partner district (Prepares the student for postsecondary education/training, competitive integrated employment, and/or independent living. This could include a cooperative arrangement with 2 or more districts) (only for students who have completed credit and assessment requirements for graduation but are continuing enrollment or have returned in accordance with 19 TAC 89.1070)

l. 12 –

**Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting <40% Instr Day – Regular Home Campus

**Long Description** - The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting less than 40% of the instructional day on the student's regular home campus

m. 13–

**Short Description** – Gen Ed Classroom/Setting <40% Instr Day – Non-Home Regular Campus

**Long Description** - The special education and related services the student receives are provided in a general education classroom or setting less than 40% of the instructional day on a regular campus but not the student's home campus

n. 14 –

**Short Description** – Transition Services-Home Campus

**Long Description** - Student placed on home campus to address transition services (only for students who have completed credit and assessment requirements for graduation but are continuing enrollment or have returned in accordance with 19 TAC 89.1070)

o. 15 -

**Short Description** - Homebound or Hospital

**Long Description** - Student receiving special education services in a hospital program/setting or through homebound for medical purposes

p. 16 -

**Short Description** - Residential Facility

**Long Description** - Student receiving special education and related services in a public or private residential facility placed by their admission, review, and dismissal committee

q. 17 –

**Short Description** - Day Placement-Public

**Long Description** - Student spends more than 50% of the instructional day in a public day placement (program provided in a facility or classroom owned and operated by the district that is reporting the student but is not on a regular campus; could include students from multiple schools from within or outside the district)

r. 18 –

**Short Description** - Day Placement-Private

**Long Description** - Student spends more than 50% of the instructional day in a private day school placement (program provided in a facility or classroom operated by a private provider contracted by the district; facility or classroom can be publicly or privately owned. Also includes Harris County Department of Education placements.

s. 19 –

**Short Description** – Texas School For The Blind And Visually Impaired

**Long Description** – Student placed by admission, review, and dismissal committee at Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

t. 20 –

**Short Description** – Texas School For The Deaf

**Long Description** - Student placed by admission, review, and dismissal committee at Texas School for the Deaf

u. 21 –

**Short Description** - Correctional Facility

**Long Description** - Student receiving special education and related services in short-term detention facility (community-based or residential) or correctional facility

v. 22 –

**Short Description** - Parentally Placed Private School-School Age

**Long Description** - Student receives services through a services plan because they are a parentally placed private school child with a disability (could include homeschool if meets definition of private school)

w. 23 –

**Short Description** - Service Provider Location

**Long Description** - Service Provider Location (does not fit in any other category)

x. 24 –

**Short Description** - ≥10 hrs/wk Early Childhood Prog – Majority SPED Svc in Reg ECP

**Long Description** - At least 10 hours per week in a regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education services in a regular early childhood program

y. 25 –

**Short Description** - ≥10 hrs/wk Early Childhood Prog – Majority SPED Svc in Other Location

**Long Description** - At least 10 hours per week in a regular early childhood program and receiving the majority of special education services in some other location

z. 26 -

**Short Description** - Under 10 Hrs/Week Reg ECP, Majority SPED Services in Early Childhood

**Long Description** - Less than 10 hours per week in regular early childhood program and receiving majority of special education services in a regular early childhood program

aa. 27 –

**Short Description** - Under 10 Hrs/Week Reg ECP, Majority SPED Services at Other Location

**Long Description** - Less than 10 hours per week in regular early childhood program and receiving majority of special education services in some other location

bb. 28 –

**Short Description** - Early Childhood Separate Class

**Long Description** - Child attends special education program (less than 50% of students without disabilities) in a separate special education class

cc. 29 –

**Short Description** - Early Childhood Separate School

**Long Description** - Child attends special education program (less than 50% of students without disabilities) in a separate school

dd. 30 -

**Short Description** - Early Childhood Residential Facility

**Long Description** - Child attends special education program (less than 50% students without disabilities) in a residential facility (placed by admission, review, and dismissal committee)

ee. 31 –

**Short Description** – Early Childhood Home

**Long Description** - Child does not attend a regular early childhood program or a special education program and receives majority of special education services in the home

ff. 32 –

**Short Description** – Parentally Placed Private School-Early Childhood

**Long Description** - Student receives services through a services plan because they are a parentally placed private school child with a disability (could include homeschool if meets definition of private school)

gg. 33 –

**Short Description** – Early Childhood Service Provider Location

**Long Descriptions** - Child does not attend a regular early childhood program or a special education program and receives majority of special education services in a service provider location or some other location that is not in any other category (could include child who receives only speech therapy once a week and comes to the school for the service)

12. Add a new descriptor table SPEDServiceGroup (C3X3):

a. 01 -

**Short Description** – SPED Service Group One

**Long Description** – SPED service group one

b. 02 -

**Short Description** – SPED Service Group Two

**Long Description** - SPED service group two

c. 03 -

**Short Description** – SPED Service Group Three

**Long Description** – SPED service group three

d. 04 –

**Short Description** – SPED Service Group Four

**Long Description** - SPED service group four

e. 05–

**Short Description** – SPED Service Group Five

**Long Description** - SPED service group five

13. Add and revise TSDS reports to reflect the changes in this proposal.

14. Add and revise associated data validation rules to reflect the changes in this proposal.

**In the Texas Records Exchange Data Standards:**

None

**ITF Discussion:**

Leanne Simons opened the discussion by acknowledging that many questions remain about the changes outlined in the proposal. Leanne emphasized that while some descriptor values are defined, others are still pending commissioner rules, which would not be finalized until early 2026. Leanne added that the goal was to establish the data structure now for implementation in the 2026–2027 school year. Additional information will be provided to the committee after the rulemaking process is completed.

Lynne Smith introduced Amy Copeland from the School Finance Department and Kristin McGuire from the Office of Special Populations and Student Supports to address any questions.

Haily Rambo began the discussion by asking whether the new data element, EducationalEnvironment, is tied to funding. Kristin clarified that educational environment data is not tied to funding. The educational environment is collected for federal reporting purposes. Kristin explained that service intensity for students, captured through the tier system, would be tied to funding. Students receiving more intensive services would be assigned higher tiers.

Dr. Lindsey McDaniel expressed appreciation for the alignment of percentages, which she said makes the data easier to use, and asked for clarification on the term *Non-Home Campus*. Kristin explained that *Non-Home Campus* refers to students placed by their Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee at a different campus within the LEA, allowing for better tracking. Dr. McDaniel followed up and asked about emergent bilingual students who are placed at non-home campuses for reasons unrelated to special education. Kristin responded that while this distinction does not affect federal reporting, it would be considered as definitions are refined.

Sharron Zirkelbach raised a question about funding transitions, asking whether TEA would be funding students in two different ways during the first year of implementation. Amy responded that additional guidance would be provided through To the Administrator Addressed (TAA) letters and training. Amy clarified that instructional setting data would not be used for funding purposes. Instead, the new tier of intensity data would be used to determine funding, ensuring that students are funded for the full year based on their tier of intensity. Sharron asked for confirmation that the reported tiers of intensity would apply for the entire year, and Amy confirmed.

Catherine Bray asked whether instructional settings would be phased out once the tier of intensity was fully implemented. Amy confirmed that the 2026–2027 school year would be the last year where instructional settings were reported. Jamie Muffoletto added that TEA would return in 2026 with a list of data elements to be sunset for the 2027–2028 school year.

Dr. McDaniel brought up a concern about Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) students in InstructionalSetting (C035) (45) Full-Time Early Childhood Special Education Setting (appropriate only for students 3 – 5 years of age not in kindergarten), not qualifying as prekindergarten (PK) under current rules and asked whether that same limitation would apply under the new system. Kristin responded that she is working with the state funding team to resolve that issue.

Andrea Laina asked whether the educational environment would still be calculated based on Individualized Education Program (IEP) services. Kristin explained that while instructional arrangements are currently calculated that way, the new system would phase them out, using educational environment data only for federal reporting.

Catherine asked whether virtual campuses would be considered Non-Home Campuses, and Kristin said most likely yes, though this is still being discussed.

Jamie noted that while descriptors for tiers of intensity and service groups may be modified, the current structure aligns with the changes needed and should be sufficient for vendors to begin implementation. Jamie added that updates would be shared in future meetings.

John Newcom raised a concern about redundancy, noting that two new entities being added are very similar to existing entities and may duplicate data. John asked whether it would be better to add new elements to existing entities and sunset the old data elements later. Jamie agreed to review the approach and provide an update in the next meeting. Terri Hanson stated that there may be issues with the keys for the entities, and John clarified that his concern was primarily about data redundancy.

Dr. McDaniel then asked whether the tier of intensity is related to the services a student receives. Kristin explained that there are eight tiers of intensity used to determine special education funding. Rather than focusing on where a student is served, the funding would be based on the intensity of services provided. Tiers 2 through 7 are still being defined. Kristin shared that a crosswalk would be developed to help ARD committees determine the appropriate tier based on the services received and where the services are provided to a student. All changes will still go through stakeholder engagement and the rulemaking process.

Dr. McDaniel further asked whether this new model would help secure funding for walk-in speech therapy students. Kristin said that TEA is looking at this request.

Catherine asked about students receiving fewer than 10 hours of services per week, which would be reported with an ADA of 0. Kristin responded that this is currently being reviewed. Catherine asked if this would require changes to the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH), and Kristin confirmed that it may.

Catherine asked if additional data elements would be collected for LEAs regarding completed special education evaluations. Kristin clarified that LEAs report special education evaluations completed in the Special Education Data System Summer Submission, and TEA would provide funding based on the reported data.

Shawna Ohnesorge asked about the timeline for communication and whether this would be part of the PEIMS Enrollment Submission. Jamie responded that it would not be included in the PEIMS Enrollment Submission.

Catherine then asked how transfers and homeless students would be handled regarding *non-home campus* situations. Kristin acknowledged that this ties into earlier questions and said she would revisit the definitions.

Jamie concluded by stating that version 2 of the proposal would be shared with members and encouraged members to send in questions. Jamie also noted that updates would be provided in a future ITF meeting. Jamie asked whether the group was ready to vote on the current proposal or preferred to table it. Catherine responded that the proposal was on the right track and agreed to move forward.

Leanne Simons stated that this proposal can be tabled until the next ITF meeting.

Georgia Kalligeris said that tabling this proposal until the next ITF meeting in October would allow TEA to address questions related to the suggestion to use the existing entity instead of new ones.

ITF Chair, Catherine Bray, called for additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she requested a motion.

#### **ITF Action:**

Georgia Kalligeris made a motion to table the proposal until the October meeting.

Sharron Zirkelbach seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Tabled

#### **Other Business**

#### **Discussion Item**

##### **TeacherIncentiveAllotmentDesignation (E1722) Data Element Definition Revision**

Leticia Ollervidez presented the Other Business Discussion Item, which updates the data element definition for TeacherIncentiveAllotmentDesignation (E1722) to include the new designation, Acknowledged. Leticia also informed the committee that a To the Administrator Addressed letter was sent on September 25, 2025, about this topic.

Catherine Bray called for questions or comments. There were none.

#### **Open Forum**

##### **Additional Instructional Days for Reading Intervention – Update**

Jamie Muffoletto informed the committee that the proposal for Additional Instructional Days for Reading Intervention, which was sent to ITF members in an email on August 19, 2025, would not be implemented in the 2025-2026 school year. The changes in the proposal would be implemented in the 2026-2027 school year. The changes were not added to the September 2, 2025, publication of the 2025-2026 Texas Education Data Standards (TEDS) Post-Addendum. The changes should be included in the 2026-2027 TEDS Preliminary publication on December 1, 2025.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

October 21, 2025

November 18, 2025

January 13, 2026

March 3, 2026

April 14, 2026

### **Adjournment**

ITF Chair, Catherine Bray, called for additional questions or comments. Hearing none, she requested a motion to adjourn.

Shawna Ohnesorge made a motion to adjourn.

Georgia Kalligeris seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 p.m.