



**Texas Education Agency
Information Task Force (ITF)**

November 18, 2025

Zoom

10:00 a.m. to 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 Leticia Ollervidez.

ITF Members Present:

Melinda Arguello, Dana Braun, Catherine Bray, Joe Herrera, Keitha Ivey, D'Lynne Johnson, Georgia Kalligeris, David Marx, John Newcom, Shawna Ohnesorge, Linda Roska, Elisa Sanchez, Brittany Wright, Sharron Zirkelbach

ITF Alternate Members Present:

Christine Barnes, Shawn (Denise) Hendricks, Justin Jons, Tamara Kavanaugh, Andrea Laina, Kim Lyons, Dr. Lindsey McDaniel, Antonio Najera, Nina Taylor

TEA Staff Present:

Office of Information Technology:

Connor Briggs, Naomi Davis, Terri Hanson, Monica Harwig, Jeanine Helms, Jamie Hicks, Scott Johnson, Laurie Kelso, Ed Linden, Jamie Muffoletto, Leticia Ollervidez, Melody Parrish, Donna Pruitt, Leanne Simons, Melissa Witcher

College, Career, and Military Preparation Department:

Krystal Garza

Approve Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2025, ITF Meeting Action Item

Catherine Bray called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 21, 2025, ITF meeting.

Shawna Ohnesorge made a motion to approve the minutes.

Sharron Zirkelbach seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed

1. Sunset of New Tech Student Characteristic Proposal **Action Item**

Background:

During the 89th Regular Legislative Session, House Bill (HB) 2 was passed, which amends Section 48.106 (a-1), Education Code, to remove the additional funding previously provided to campuses that are members of the New Tech Network. Specifically, districts were entitled to an extra \$150 per student in average daily attendance (ADA) for students enrolled at New Tech campuses. Due to this change, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) College, Career, and Military Preparation Division has requested that the New Tech student characteristic be sunset for the 2026-2027 school year. The data collected by the New Tech student characteristic was intended to determine if a student was eligible for the additional funding under the New Tech program, which is no longer stipulated in the statute.

Overview:

Texas Education Data Standards Changes:

TEA proposes the sunset of the New Tech descriptor in the StudentCharacteristic (C344) descriptor table used in the PEIMS Fall, Summer, and Extended Year Submissions. Additionally, TEA proposes removing data reporting requirements relating to the New Tech descriptor from the StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation Entity and the PEIMS College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM) Resources in the reference section of the TSDS Web-Enabled Data Standards (TWEDS). Reports and data validation rules will be revised or removed in the PEIMS Fall, Summer, and Extended Year Submissions based on the changes in this proposal.

Texas Records Exchange (TREx) Changes:

None

Presentation:

Jamie Muffoletto presented the proposal which includes:

In the Texas Education Data Standards:

1. Remove the following descriptor from the StudentCharacteristic (C344) descriptor table:
 - a. 08-
 - Short Description** – New Tech
 - Long Description** – New Tech
2. Remove Data Element Reporting requirements for the StudentEducationOrganization Entity.
3. Remove the New Tech Network Schools information from the PEIMS College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM) Resources from the References section of the TSDS Web-Enabled Data Standards (TWEDS).
4. Revise TSDS reports to reflect the changes in this proposal.
5. Remove associated data validation rules to reflect changes in this proposal.

In the Texas Records Exchange Data Standards:

None

ITF Discussion:

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

ITF Action:

Shawna Ohnesorge made a motion to approve the proposal.
Keitha Ivey seconded the motion.

Vote: Passed

2. StaffClassification and AuxiliaryRoleId Changes for LVN Proposal Action Item

Background:

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) report all professional, paraprofessional, and auxiliary staff employed as of the last Friday in October in the PEIMS Fall Submission. Professional staff are reported using descriptors in the StaffClassification (C021) descriptor table while auxiliary staff are reported using descriptors in the AuxiliaryRoleId (C213) descriptor table. Currently, the StaffClassification (C021) 022 (School Nurse) descriptor includes Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs), Registered Nurses (RNs), and Nurse Practitioners (NPs) This classification is inconsistent with the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §153.1021, which defines a school nurse specifically as a Registered Nurse (RN) licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas. The Financial Compliance Division at the Texas Education Agency (TEA) has requested that LVNs be removed from being reported using StaffClassification (C021) 022 and a new AuxiliaryRoleId (C213) descriptor be developed for staff such as LVNs, Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs), and clinic aides who provide basic health services but are not RNs. The change aims to ensure compliance with state regulations and improve data accuracy in personnel reporting.

Overview:**Texas Education Data Standards Changes:**

TEA proposes removing one descriptor and adding one descriptor to the StaffClassification (C021) descriptor table and adding one new descriptor to the AuxiliaryRoleId (C213) descriptor table. Reports and data validations rules will be revised based on the changes in this proposal.

Texas Records Exchange (TREx) Changes:

None

Presentation:

Leticia Ollervidez presented the proposal which includes:

In the Texas Education Data Standards:

1. Remove the following descriptor from the StaffClassification (C021) descriptor table:
 - a. 022
Short Description – School Nurse
Long Description - School Nurse - A person that complies with TEC 21.003(b), "is licensed by the state agency that licenses that profession", [Nurse Practitioner (NP), Registered Nurse (RN), Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)] is employed/contracted by the school district, and whose primary job responsibility is that of school nurse. Only persons licensed by the state agency that licenses nurses may be employed as a school nurse.
2. Add the following new descriptor to the StaffClassification (C021) descriptor table:
 - a. 122 –
Short Description – Registered Nurse/Nurse Practitioner

Long Description – Registered Nurse/Nurse Practitioner - A person that complies with TEC 21.003(b), "is licensed by the state agency that licenses that profession", [Nurse Practitioner (NP), Registered Nurse (RN)] is employed/contracted by the school district, and whose primary job responsibility is that of school nurse. Only persons licensed by the state agency that licenses nurses may be employed as a school nurse.

3. Add the following new descriptor to the AuxiliaryRoleId (C213) descriptor table:
 - a. 212 -

Short Description – Non-RN Clinic Staff

Long Description – Non-Registered Nurse Clinic Staff - Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), or clinic aide.

4. Revise TSDS reports to reflect the changes in this proposal.
5. Revise associated data validation rules to reflect changes in this proposal.

In the Texas Records Exchange Data Standards:

None

ITF Discussion:

Leticia Ollervidez introduced David Marx, Executive Director, Financial Compliance, to address any questions.

ITF Chair, Catherine Bray, called for 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

Other Business

Discussion Item

Open Forum

Jamie Muffoletto announced that the next Information Task Force (ITF) meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2026. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will present additional updates for the 2026-2027 school year.

Upcoming Meetings:

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.

Keitha Ivey made a motion to adjourn.

Shawna Ohnesorge seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.