

High School Webinar

FAQ's

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Please see the following link - https://www.esc12.net/page/COVID19_Communications - for access to the recorded webinar as well as a PDF copy of the presentation. There are many resources for administrators, counselors, teachers and other personnel within the ESC Region 12 COVID-19 Resource page - https://www.esc12.net/page/COVID19_home.

Q: If a student was truant during the first 9 weeks of this semester, will that stay in effect, or is the whole semester waived?

A: There are two aspects to the question - credit for courses and ADA for funding. In regards to credits, the waiver is for the 90% rule for attendance to gain credit but only applies to the spring semester. See the following link from TEA - https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/90_rule_guidance_march_26_2020.pdf.

From an ADA standpoint, the student was given credit for days that they attended up to closing of schools. After that point, they would fall under guidance from TEA for all students. See the following link from TEA for school finance FAQ - https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/School%20Finance%20FAQ_Updated%20March%2025%202020.pdf.

Q: Can there be a separate GPA/Ranking policy for Advanced Academics (AP, Dual Credit, etc.)?

A: You may have separate guidelines for weighting of these classes. We recommend you have your school's legal counsel look at whatever you are choosing to do to be equitable.

Q: Can we post an Incomplete for a student's final grade? What about course completion that has to be submitted to PEIMS during the summer upload in June?

A: Yes, follow normal guidelines for Incomplete grades. Summer submission has a code for Incomplete courses, check with your PEIMS person.

Q: Do we have to enter changes to the prior year after the rollover to the new school year?

A: Check with your software vendor.

Q: How will we administer the TSI to determine eligibility for dual credit for the 2020-2021 school year?

A: Currently THECB is reviewing the procedures for TSIA administration via proctor but this was suspended. Contact your IHE representative to get clarification on when students may test and how.

Q: Are there any options, other than paper, to review 2020-2021 course requests? Could we use electronic signatures?

A: Yes, you can use email and other software systems. You would be able to obtain e-signatures for course requests at this time.

Q: How do we indicate that EOC's have been waived on the transcripts?

A: For seniors, mark this as "Exempt" (or whatever your software uses for the out of state/private school/out of country/homeschool credit scenarios) as a placeholder until guidance has come from TEA. Keep a list of students from freshmen to juniors of what courses this would apply to for them until there is further guidance on this.

Q: How do we indicate Pass/Fail grades on the transcripts?

A: Connect with your software vendor for guidance and assistance. They will have a way to indicate P/F letters instead of numbers if you choose this option.

Additional Resources

504 Guidance for COVID-19

- There is federal guidance on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
 - <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/frontpage/faq/rr/policyguidance/Supple%20Fact%20Sheet%203.21.20%20FINAL.pdf>
 - <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ocr-coronavirus-fact-sheet.pdf>
 - <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/ga-covid-19-03-12-2020.pdf>

Special Education Guidance for COVID-19

- <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/special-education-and-special-populations>

CTE Links

- Programs of Study - One pager that notes what endorsements are earned when a program of study is completed
 - <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/approved-cte-programs-of-study>

Exemplar Board Policy for GPA and Class Rank

- [Dallas ISD](#) - "Best of" credit system

Certification Links

If you are a District of Innovation, you may have leeway on certification requirements for certain courses. Please work with the Certification Officer in your district.

- [TAC 231 Chart \(Teacher Assignment Chart\)](#)
- [CTE Certification Quick Look Chart](#)
- [Innovative Course Webpage \(within descriptions the course notes what is required to teach it\)](#)