



## To the Administrator Addressed

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>January 17, 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2019-2020 Assignment of Accreditation Statuses</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>Accreditation</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with Appropriate Staff</b>

The assignment of district and charter school accreditation statuses is authorized by Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 39, Public School System Accountability, and 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 97, Planning and Accountability, Subchapter EE, Accreditation Status, Standards, and Sanctions. The rules define the accreditation statuses of Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked and describe how accreditation statuses are determined and assigned. These rules may be viewed at the [Texas Administrative Code](http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/index.html) link available at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/index.html>, and additional information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to districts and charter schools can be found on the *Accreditation Status* homepage of the Texas Education Agency (TEA or agency) website at <http://tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/>.

The purpose of this letter is to notify districts and charter schools that, under the authority of TEC, §39.051 and §39.052, and 19 TAC §97.1055, TEA will assign accreditation statuses for the 2019-2020 year. Accreditation statuses will be posted publicly to the TEA website on January 31, 2020, on the *Accreditation Status* homepage at <http://tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/>. When accessing the website, users will be able to sort accreditation results by clicking on a grid column heading to sort ascending or descending. Additionally, the results may be filtered using the search feature or by selecting pre-defined values from the column pick lists. Background information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses will also be posted.

Prior to the 2019-2020 public posting of statuses, districts and charter schools will be able to view their individual accreditation status by accessing the *Intervention Stage and Activity Manager* (ISAM) application through the Texas Education Agency Login (TEAL) application at <https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us>. Accreditation statuses will be posted to ISAM on January 24, 2020, and the assigned status will be displayed in an information panel on the Event Summary screen.

Districts and charter schools that are assigned a status of Accredited are not required to take any specific action. However, districts and charter schools that are assigned a status of Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, or Not Accredited-Revoked must take specific actions to notify the parents of students enrolled in the district or charter school and property owners in the district. The requirements for public notification are specified in 19 TAC §97.1055(f), and a template that reflects the TEA-required format and language for the public notice is posted to the TEA website at <http://tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/>. Districts and charter schools with an accreditation status below Accredited may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in 19 TAC Chapter 97, Planning and Accountability, Subchapter EE. Districts and charter schools that are assigned a status of Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, or Not Accredited-Revoked will receive individual correspondence from the agency detailing required next steps and opportunities for review of the status assignment.

We appreciate the ongoing support of districts and charter schools, as the agency continues to implement accreditation requirements. If, after reviewing the TEA website, you have questions regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to school districts or charter

schools, please contact your regional education service center or the Division of Governance at (512) 463-5899 or via e-mail at [accred@tea.texas.gov](mailto:accred@tea.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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