



2020-21 LEA Approval Implementation



BEST FOR ALL

We will set all students on a path to success.

ACADEMICS

ALL TENNESSEE STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE

WHOLE CHILD

TENNESSEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS

EDUCATORS

TENNESSEE WILL SET A NEW PATH FOR THE EDUCATION PROFESSION AND BE THE TOP STATE TO BECOME AND REMAIN A TEACHER AND LEADER

Monitoring Duty and Authority

- T.C.A. § 49-1-201
- State Board of Education (SBE) Rule 0520-01-02-.01

Purpose



History

- Formerly known as *school approval*
- Hiatus – approval classifications
- Office of the Comptroller audit findings
- Redesign and 2020-21 reinstatement

Redesign

- *School approval* → *LEA approval*
- Three-year monitoring cycle
- Centralized monitoring results
- Additional approval classification
 - *Approved*
 - *Conditionally approved*
 - *Nonapproved*
- Fall classification reporting

School Year 2020-21 Special Provisions

- Deferred implementation of approval classifications
- Compliance assessment letter

Approval Metrics

Compliance Area	Compliance Metric
Length of School Day and Year	Does the LEA have a calendar approved by the department that reflects the required minimum length of the school day and school year?
Employee Background Checks	Is the LEA in compliance with the background check requirements of T.C.A. § 49-5-406 and § 49-5-413 for all teachers or for any other positions requiring close proximity to children?
Employment Standards	Are school and central office personnel appropriately licensed and endorsed?
Class Size	Are K-12 class sizes within prescribed limits?
Safety	Does the LEA have an open corrective action plan pertinent to noncompliance with school safety requirements?
Nutrition	Does the LEA have an open corrective action plan pertinent to noncompliance with child nutrition requirements?
Transportation	Does the LEA have an open corrective action plan pertinent to noncompliance with pupil transportation requirements?
School-administered Childcare Programs	Does the LEA have an open corrective action plan pertinent to noncompliance with school-administered childcare requirements?
Federal Programs and Oversight	<p>Does the LEA have an open corrective action plan pertinent to Federal Programs and Oversight monitoring (i.e., focus, onsite, desktop, or self-assessment)?</p> <p>(Monitoring scope includes but is not limited to special education and CTE compliance.)</p>
Office of General Counsel	Does the LEA have an open corrective action plan pertinent to compliance monitored by the Office of General Counsel (e.g., special education administrative complaints, civil rights noncompliance [i.e., Title VI, Title IX])?

Timeline



The department disseminates the *2020-21 LEA Approval Manual* via the Commissioner's Update.

The director of LEA approval notifies LEAs randomly selected for school year 2020-21 LEA approval monitoring.

The director of LEA approval commences monitoring (i.e., class size, employment standards, employee background checks) and continues through May 2021. Program areas (e.g., federal programs and oversight) that are scheduled to inform LEA approval classifications may have earlier monitoring notification and start dates.

The director of LEA approval compiles and synthesizes monitoring results, including program-area input, and prepares 2020-21 LEA compliance assessments for dissemination to LEAs selected for 2020-21 LEA approval monitoring.

The department disseminates 2020-21 compliance assessments to LEAs.

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