

Figure: 19 TAC §229.1(c)

**Texas Accountability System for  
Educator Preparation (ASEP) Manual  
2018-2019**

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# Chapter 1 – Accountability Overview

The Accountability System for Educator Preparation Programs (ASEP) was the result of state legislation<sup>1</sup> that implemented an accountability framework for educator preparation programs (EPPs) and provided information for EPPs, policymakers, and the public. ASEP provides information about the performance of EPPs and establishes accountability measures related to EPP processes and outcomes. Within this legislation, The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) was charged with establishing rules<sup>2</sup> governing ASEP. Key provisions of the governing legislation and rules include:

- Establishing minimum standards for initial and continuing approval of EPPs
- Establishing sanctions for EPPs that do not meet standards
- Requiring annual reporting of performance data for each EPP
- Providing publicly available consumer information to support individuals in selection of EPPs and school districts in making recruitment and staffing decisions

## About This Manual

This manual provides descriptions and examples of the analyses and calculations used in calculating the values for the ASEP indicators for accreditation. These analytical approaches will be used to compute ASEP values based on 2018-2019 data. This manual is designed to be adopted into rule by the SBEC. To this end, it has been condensed from prior iterations to focus solely on those indicators and calculations for the ASEP accreditation indicators.

This manual begins with an overview of ASEP and accreditation, followed by methodological considerations that apply across the system (Chapter 2). Chapters 3-7 elaborate on each individual ASEP indicator and include an explanation of the analysis along with an example. Chapter 8 presents information about the recognition of high-performing EPPs.

### **Educator Preparation Advisory Committee:**

The purpose of the Educator Preparation Advisory Committee (EPAC) is to provide input on issues related to EPP policy in Texas. The committee members selected for the EPAC are representative of the different types of EPP stakeholders in the state. Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff engages other stakeholders through their professional organization events (conferences, workshops, board meetings, etc.) and invites representatives to EPAC meetings or portions of meetings as appropriate. Members of this standing committee are approved by the SBEC and meet regularly in Austin and in virtual spaces to provide their perspective and input.

### **Educator Preparation Data Workgroup:**

The purpose of the Educator Preparation Data Workgroup is to advise TEA staff on matters relating to the collection, analysis, reporting, and use of EPP data to improve the quality of the EPPs. Members of this standing committee are approved by the SBEC and meet regularly in Austin and in virtual spaces to provide their perspective and input.

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<sup>1</sup> Texas Education Code (TEC) §§21.045, 21.0451, and 20.0452.

<sup>2</sup> Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §229

## **ASEP Accountability Indicators**

ASEP accountability indicators are used to determine accreditation status of EPPs. These indicators are described in Texas Education Code (TEC) §21.045 and enacted in rule in Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 229. TEC statute identifies five measures, which TAC rule further delineates into seven separate indicators:

- ASEP Accountability Indicator 1a: Certification examination results for pedagogy and professional responsibilities (PPR) exams
- ASEP Accountability Indicator 1b: Certification examination results for non-PPR exams
- ASEP Accountability Indicator 2: Principal appraisal of the preparation of first-year teachers
- ASEP Accountability Indicator 3: Improvement in student achievement of students taught by beginning teachers
- ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a: Frequency and duration of field observations
- ASEP Accountability Indicator 4b: Quality of field supervision
- ASEP Accountability Indicator 5: Satisfaction of new teachers

These indicators are further explained in the following chapters, including the performance standards and methods for calculations.

## Chapter 2 – Methodological Considerations

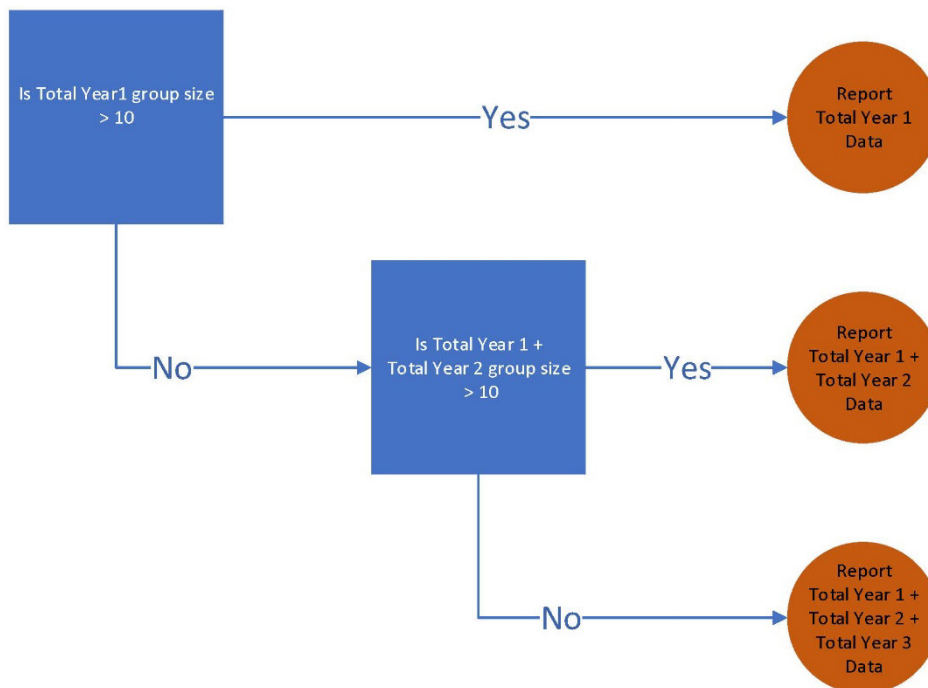
This ASEP chapter discusses methodological and reporting considerations that are relevant to ASEP accountability indicators.

### Small Group Aggregation

Per 19 TAC §229.4(c), selected ASEP accountability indicators are subject to a small group consideration and aggregation. These indicators are used for accountability if groups include more than 10 individuals in an individual year or contain 10 individuals when combined with the next-most prior year for which there are data, or when combined with the two next-most prior years for which there are data.

Illustration 1 summarizes the procedure for the small group aggregation. If 10 or fewer individuals are present in a reporting group in a year, data are combined with data for the next most prior year for which there are data. If the combined (Year 1 and Year 2) group size is more than 10, then the combined group data are reported. If the combined group size is 10 or fewer, then data from the next most prior year for which there are data are combined (Year 1, Year 2, and Year 3) and the performance for the combined group is reported regardless of sample size.

**Illustration 1: Overview of Small Group Aggregation Procedure**



As illustrated above, use of the small group exception may result in nonreported data for ASEP for some years. Because determination of accreditation status may be based on performance across multiple years, the small group procedure allows for accreditation determinations to be based on data from nonconsecutive years, including only those years in which enough data are available.

## Demographic Group Conventions

As prescribed by 19 TAC §229.4(a), ASEP accountability indicators are to be reported with disaggregation in respect to gender, race, and ethnicity. For these categories, TEA uses the race, ethnicity, and gender designations defined in 19 TAC §229.2(13).

As of this publication, Educator Certification Online System (ECOS) allows for self-identified gender designations of male and female, which are the disaggregated gender categories reported for ASEP. If no selection is made, the individual is excluded from the disaggregated performance metric calculations. However, the individual is still included in the aggregated performance metric calculations.

Per 19 TAC §229.2(13) ASEP uses these four categories for the race and ethnicity demographic group: African American, Hispanic, White, and Other. If no selection for race and ethnicity is made, the individual is excluded from the disaggregated performance metric calculations. However, the individual is still included in the aggregated performance metric calculations.

## Rounding Conventions

Unless otherwise noted, to compute ASEP accountability indicators, conventional rounding rules are applied. For example, when rounding to a whole number, numbers that end with a decimal value of .4999 or less are rounded down; those that end with a decimal value of .5000 or more are rounded up. When rounding to a one-place decimal, numbers that end with .9499 round to .9, and those that end with .9500 round to 1.0.

# Chapter 3 – Certification Exam Pass Rate

## Overview

ASEP Indicator 1 is the pass rate on certification exams approved by the EPP. The SBEC has separated this indicator into two measures: the pass rate on PPR exams (1a) and the pass rate on non-PPR exams (1b). This chapter presents the individuals included, the assessments included, special methodological considerations, and a worked example of computing these two similar indicators.

## Individuals Included

For the 2018-19 academic year (AY), all individuals who are enrolled in an EPP and complete an examination required for licensure are eligible for inclusion. Individuals admitted to the EPP prior to December 27, 2016, who have not exited the program and subsequently re-entered the EPP following December 26, 2016, are excluded from this calculation. For the purposes of determining the pass rate, individuals shall not be excluded because the individual has not been recommended for a standard certificate.

## Assessments Included

For the 2018-19 AY, certification examinations approved by the EPP and required for certification in the category(ies) in which the candidate is pursuing certification are eligible for inclusion. The TEA identifies these examinations by comparing the examinations completed by the individual to the category being pursued, specified by the EPP on the finisher records list in ECOS with the category(ies) of the certificate associated with the internship active at the time of the examination, should such an internship exist.

The examination must be the first or second attempt for the particular examination<sup>3</sup> approved by the EPP for the individual. Examinations approved by the EPP and completed prior to the reporting year are used in determining the attempt-count for an individual. Results from examinations taken during the reporting year are used in the calculation of the pass rate. Examinations approved by the EPP but completed after the individual has finished the EPP are included. Examinations that are part of an exam pilot program as of the date they are approved by the EPP are excluded, both from the pass rate and from the determination of which examinations are the first two attempts.

## Calculation

### ASEP Accountability Indicator 1a:

Divide the number of passed PPR certification examinations on the first or second attempt by the total number of passed PPR certification examinations on the first attempt plus the number of PPR certification examinations passed or failed on their second attempt. Multiply by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

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<sup>3</sup> Examinations are uniquely identified by test number and test type

### **ASEP Accountability Indicator 1b:**

Divide the number of passed non-PPR certification examinations on the first or second attempt by the total number of passed non-PPR certification examinations on the first attempt plus the number of non-PPR certification examinations passed or failed on their second attempt. Multiply by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

## **Special Methodological Considerations**

### **Core Subjects Adjustment**

The Core Subjects examinations (291 Core Subjects EC-6 TExES and 211 Core Subjects 4-8 TExES) allow for candidates to re-take individual subject areas if they fail the examination on their first attempt. The way in which the test vendor reports this data back to TEA necessitates a post-hoc adjustment to the pass rates related to these exams. The core subjects adjustment treats individual subject retakes as second attempts only once a) all subject areas have been passed or b) a particular subject area has been failed the second time. If all subject areas are passed without a subject area being failed the second time, TEA identifies this as a second attempt pass. If the candidate fails an individual subject area a second time, TEA identifies this as a second attempt fail.

It should be noted that if individuals take the individual subject matter exams, each attempt counts towards their 5-time test limit for the overall (i.e., 291 Core Subjects EC-6 TExES and 211 Core Subjects 4-8 TExES) exam.

### **Disaggregation at the Test Level**

EPP results are disaggregated at the individual certification exam level. The same approach to candidate and assessment identification is used in this reporting. Additionally, the TEA uses the small group aggregation procedure described in Chapter 2 for the individual exam level. Per 19 TAC §229.5(e), results within individual certification areas are not disaggregated by race, gender, or ethnicity.

### **Small Group Aggregation and Enrollment Date**

As described in Chapter 2, if individual demographic groups contain ten or fewer test individuals, the TEA adds results from the prior year for which there is data. For use in ASEP Accountability Indicators 1a and 1b, these prior-year groups continue to exclude individuals who were admitted prior to December 27, 2016. This means that the earliest available year for aggregation is AY 2016-2017.

## **Worked Examples**

### **Example Calculation: Percent of Individuals Passing PPR Certification Examinations (ASEP Accountability Indicator 1a)**

Step 1: Using the test approval list in ECOS, identify all individuals admitted to the EPP after December 26, 2016.



Step 2: Identify which tests to include in calculations. PPR examinations which are necessary for the category(ies) necessary for the certificate(s) under which an individual is serving an internship and tests necessary for the category(ies) identified by the EPP on the finisher records list in ECOS are included. Tests which were part of a pilot program when they were approved by the EPP and completed by the candidate are excluded.

Step 3: Retrieve PPR exam results for candidates identified in Step 1 for their category(ies) identified in Step 2.

Step 4: Counting chronologically, identify the attempt number associated with each exam for each candidate in each category at each EPP.

Step 5: Identify which test scores to include in calculations. For the purpose of calculating pass rate, only passes on first attempts, passes on second attempts, or failures on second attempts are included. Only first attempt passes, second attempt passes, and second attempt fails completed in the academic year are included.

ASEP Indicator 1a Example

Name	Admission Date Test Date	Certificate Description Test Number / Name	Test Result
<b>Andrea</b>	<b>1/15/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6</b>	
Andrea	February 2019	160: PPR EC-12	F
Andrea	April 2019	160: PPR EC-12	P
<b>Betty</b>	<b>6/15/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8</b>	
Betty	October 2018	160: PPR EC-12	F
Betty	December 2018	160: PPR EC-12	F
Betty	February 2019	160: PPR EC-12	F
Betty	April 2019	160: PPR EC-12	P
<b>Carlos</b>	<b>1/1/2018</b>	<b>LOTE EC-12-Spanish</b>	
Carlos	February 2018	160: PPR EC-12	P
<b>Dana</b>	<b>12/15/2018</b>	<b>Physical Ed EC-12</b>	
Dana	April 2019	160: PPR EC-12	F
<b>Eduardo</b>	<b>7/15/2017</b>	<b>Social Studies 8-12 &amp; ESL Supplemental</b>	
Eduardo	February 2019	160: PPR EC-12	P
<b>Faye</b>	<b>6/6/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6</b>	
Faye	December 2017	160: PPR EC-12	F
Faye	December 2018	160: PPR EC-12	F
Faye	March 2019	160: PPR EC-12	F
Faye	August 2019	160: PPR EC-12	F
<b>Hector</b>	<b>3/15/2018</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8</b>	
<b>George</b>	<b>8/1/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6</b>	
George	December 2018	160 PPR EC-12	F
<b>Imogen</b>	<b>8/12/2018</b>	<b>Social Studies 7-12</b>	
Imogen	February 2019	270: PPR Trade and Industrial Education 6-12	P

Exclusion example:  
All results that are not shaded in gray are excluded from calculations because the individual did not make a second attempt during the reporting AY or already attempted the exam twice.

Exclusion example:  
Test 270: PPR Trade and Industrial Education for Imogen is excluded because it is not required for the candidates' certification category.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Admission Date Test Date</b>	<b>Certificate Description Test Number / Name</b>	<b>Test Result</b>
<b>Jermaine</b>	<b>9/1/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8</b>	
Jermaine	December 2018	160: PPR EC-12	P
<b>Ken</b>	<b>6/1/2019</b>	<b>Math 7-12</b>	
<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>9/12/2018</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8 &amp; Bilingual Supplemental Spanish</b>	
Lawrence	December 2018	160 PPR EC-12	F
<b>Mel</b>	<b>6/22/2017</b>	<b>Social Studies 78-12</b>	
Mel	Sept. 2018	160 PPR EC-12	F
<b>Nancy</b>	<b>12/29/2016</b>	<b>Physical Ed EC-12</b>	
Nancy	December 2018	160 PPR EC-12	F
<b>Oscar</b>	<b>2/11/2017</b>	<b>LOTE Spanish EC-12</b>	
Oscar	December 2018	160 PPR EC-12	F
Oscar	February 2019	160 PPR EC-12	P
<b>Patrice</b>	<b>1/12/2018</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6 &amp; Bilingual Supplemental - Arabic</b>	
Patrice	June 2019	160 PPR EC-12	P
<b>Quinn</b>	<b>6/15/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6 &amp; Bilingual Supplemental- Spanish</b>	
Quinn	June 2018	160 PPR EC-12	F
Quinn	October 2019	160 PPR EC-12	P
<b>Roberto</b>	<b>7/1/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8</b>	
Roberto	February 2018	160 PPR EC-12	F
Roberto	April 2019	160 PPR EC-12	P
<b>Sally</b>	<b>6/15/2018</b>	<b>LOTE Spanish EC-12</b>	
Sally	February 2019	160 PPR EC-12	P

Step 6: As necessary, perform the small group aggregation. If the aggregated group or any of the disaggregated groups contain ten or fewer individuals, perform steps 1-5 for the prior year and add those individuals to the list. See Chapter 2 of this manual for further explanation of the small group aggregation.

Step 7: Calculate the pass rate by dividing the number of eligible passed examinations on the first or second attempt (9) by the total number of eligible examinations passed on the first added to the total number of eligible examinations that were passed or failed on the second attempt (11). Multiply this value by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

### Example Pass Rate Calculation

$$= \frac{\text{Number of tests passed on first or second attempt}}{\text{Number of tests passed on first or second attempt or failed on second attempt}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{9}{11} \times 100 =$$

$$0.81818 \times 100 =$$

$$82\%$$

### Example Calculation: Percent of Individuals Passing Non-PPR Certification Examinations (ASEP Accountability Indicator 1b)

Step 1: Using the test approval list in ECOS, identify all individuals admitted to the EPP after December 26, 2016.

Step 2: Identify which tests to include in calculations. Non-PPR exams which are necessary for the category(ies) necessary for the certificate(s) under which an individual is serving an internship and tests necessary for the category(ies) identified by the EPP on the finisher records list are included.

Step 3: Retrieve non-PPR exam results for candidates identified in Step 1 for their category(ies) identified in Step 2.

Step 4: Counting chronologically, identify the attempt number associated with each exam for each candidate in each field at each EPP.

Step 5: Identify which test scores to include in calculations. For the purpose of calculating pass rate, only passes on first attempts, passes on second attempts, or failures on second attempts are included. Only first attempt passes, second attempt passes, and second attempt fails completed in the academic year are included.

ASEP Indicator 1b Example

Name	Admission Date Test Date	Certificate Description Test Number / Name	Test Result
<b>Andrea</b>	<b>1/15/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6</b>	
Andrea	October 2018	291 Core Subjects EC-6	F
Andrea	December 2018	291 Core Subjects EC-6	F
Andrea	February 2019	291 Core Subjects EC-6	F
Andrea	April 2019	291 Core Subjects EC-6	P
<b>Betty</b>	<b>6/15/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8</b>	
Betty	October 2018	211 Core Subjects 4-8	P
<b>Carlos</b>	<b>1/1/2018</b>	<b>LOTE Spanish EC-12</b>	

Exclusion example:  
All results that are not shaded in gray are excluded from calculations because the individual did not make a second attempt during the reporting AY or already attempted the exam twice.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Admission Date Test Date</b>	<b>Certificate Description Test Number / Name</b>	<b>Test Result</b>
Carlos	December 2018	613 LOTE Spanish EC-12	P
<b>Dana</b>	<b>12/15/2018</b>	<b>Physical Ed EC-12</b>	
Dana	December 2018	158 Physical Education EC-12	F
Dana	April 2019	158 Physical Education EC-12	P
<b>Eduardo</b>	<b>7/15/2017</b>	<b>Social Studies 7-12 &amp; ESL Supplemental</b>	
Eduardo	December 2018	232 Social Studies 7-12	P
Eduardo	January 2019	154 English as a Second Language Supplemental	P
<b>Faye</b>	<b>6/6/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6</b>	
Faye	December 2018	291 Core Subjects EC-6	F
Faye	March 2019	291 Core Subjects EC-6	F
Faye	September 2019	291 Core Subjects EC-6	P
<b>George</b>	<b>8/1/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6</b>	
George	September 2018	291 Core Subjects EC-6	P
<b>Hector</b>	<b>3/15/2018</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8</b>	
Hector	October 2018	211 Core Subjects 4-8	P
<b>Imogen</b>	<b>8/12/2018</b>	<b>Social Studies 7-12</b>	
Imogen	October 2018	232 Social Studies 7-12	F
Imogen	December 2018	232 Social Studies 7-12	F
Imogen	February 2019	232 Social Studies 7-12	F
Imogen	December 2018	233 History 7-12	P
<b>Jermaine</b>	<b>9/1/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8</b>	
Jermaine	October 2018	211 Core Subjects 4-8	P
Jermaine	February 2019	068 Principal	P
<b>Ken</b>	<b>6/1/2019</b>	<b>Math 7-12</b>	
Ken	June 2019	235 Math 7-12	P
<b>Lawrence</b>	<b>9/12/2018</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8 &amp; Bilingual Supplemental- Spanish</b>	
Lawrence	June 2019	164 Bilingual Education Supplemental	P
Lawrence	October 2018	211 Core Subjects 4-8	F
<b>Mel</b>	<b>6/22/2017</b>	<b>Social Studies 7-12</b>	
Mel	June 2019	232 Social Studies 7-12	F
<b>Nancy</b>	<b>12/29/2016</b>	<b>Physical Ed EC-12</b>	
Nancy	December 2018	158: Physical Ed EC-12	F
<b>Oscar</b>	<b>2/11/2017</b>	<b>LOTE Spanish EC-12</b>	
Oscar	December 2018	613: LOTE Spanish EC-12	P
<b>Patrice</b>	<b>1/12/2018</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6 &amp; Bilingual Supplemental - Arabic</b>	
Patrice	June 2019	164 Bilingual Education Supplemental	P

Name	Admission Date Test Date	Certificate Description Test Number / Name	Test Result
Patrice	October 2018	291 Core Subjects EC-6	F
Patrice	December 2018	291 Core Subjects EC-6	F
Patrice	February 2019	291 Core Subjects EC-6	P
<b>Quinn</b>	<b>6/15/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects EC-6 &amp; Bilingual Supplemental- Spanish</b>	
Quinn	June 2019	164 Bilingual Education Supplemental	P
Quinn	October 2018	291 Core Subjects EC-6	P
<b>Roberto</b>	<b>4/1/2017</b>	<b>Core Subjects 4-8</b>	
Roberto	June 2018	211 Core Subjects 4-8	F
Roberto	October 2018	211 Core Subjects 4-8	F
Roberto	December 2018	211 Core Subjects 4-8	P
<b>Sally</b>	<b>6/15/2018</b>	<b>LOTE Spanish EC-12</b>	
Sally	December 2018	613 LOTE Spanish EC-12	F

Step 6: As necessary, perform the small group aggregation. If the aggregated group or any of the disaggregated groups contain ten or fewer individuals, perform steps 1-5 for the prior year and add those individuals to the list. See Chapter 2 for further explanation of the small group aggregation.

Step 7: Calculate the pass rate by dividing the number of examinations passed on their first or second attempt (14) by the total number examinations passed on the first and second attempt plus the number of failed examinations on the second attempt (19). Multiply this value by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

#### Example Pass Rate Calculation

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\text{Number of tests passed}}{\text{Number of tests completed}} \times 100 \\
 &= \\
 &\quad \frac{14}{19} \times 100 = \\
 &\quad 0.736 \times 100 = \\
 &\quad 73.6\%, \text{ which rounds to } 74\%
 \end{aligned}$$

# Chapter 4 – Appraisal of First-Year Teachers by Administrators

## Overview

ASEP Accountability Indicator 2 is the percent of first-year teachers who are designated as *sufficiently prepared* or *well-prepared* based on survey ratings by their principals. The SBEC has approved a new survey for use in the 2018-2019 AY, which was previously piloted in the 2017-2018 AY.

The principal survey is administered between early April and mid-June at the end of the relevant academic year. The survey is delivered through the ECOS. The roster of first-year teachers is determined using certification data and Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data. This roster is loaded into ECOS and district-level human resources staff perform roster verification, certifying that the individual is employed in the district, was employed for at least five months in the reporting period, and works at the school designated in the system.

Principals log in to ECOS to complete the survey. Within the survey, the principal verifies that the individual is teaching in the area(s) for which he or she was prepared by the EPP and that the individual was employed for at least five months in the reporting period. If the principal does not verify these two statements, the survey is not collected.

The survey application requires the completion of all questions in the four required sections of the survey. These sections are Planning, Instruction, Learning Environment, and Professional Practices & Responsibilities. Additionally, if the principal indicates that the individual worked with students with disabilities or students who are English language learners, these additional survey sections are displayed and required to be completed.

Following the end of the principal survey data collection period, the data is retrieved from ECOS, cleaned, processed, de-identified, and posted online. Additionally, EPP-specific reports are generated and delivered to EPPs and the public. The aggregated and disaggregated results are used as ASEP Accountability Indicator 2.

## Individuals Included

All first-year teachers of record currently enrolled in an EPP or who finished an EPP program within the five years prior to the reporting period and taught in the Texas public school system for a minimum of five months during the reporting period are included.<sup>4</sup> Teachers on standard, intern, and probationary certificates are included. Teachers who are teaching under an emergency permit are excluded.

## Assessments Included

All complete surveys with valid data for teachers who meet the conditions above are included. Surveys that lack valid data on any of the four required survey sections are excluded. Data from optional sections (i.e., Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners) are included when available.

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<sup>4</sup> See TAC §229.2(18) for the definition of a first-year teacher

## Calculation

Count the number of principal surveys for the EPP that met standard. Divide this number by the total number of completed principal surveys for the EPP. Multiply by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

## Scoring Approach

In 2018-19 AY, the scoring approach was updated to align with the content and structure of the principal survey. This scoring approach was developed with input from the Educator Preparation Data Workgroup. The scoring approach weights all individual categories equally. Each item is weighted by the inverse of the number of items in the subscale. Operationally, this means that the average for each subscale is calculated, and then the average of these subscale values is calculated for the final individual-level score. The individual must average a score of 2 or better, corresponding with *sufficiently prepared*.

The individual subscales and their constituent items are presented in the table below.

Individual Subscales and Constituent Items

Subscale	Number of Items	Items in ECOS Survey
Planning	12	Q4 - Q15
Instruction	13	Q16 - Q28
Learning Environment	7	Q29 - Q35
Professional Practices & Responsibilities	6	Q36 - Q41
Students with Disabilities	6	Q43 - Q48
English Language Learners	4	Q50 - Q53

## Special Methodological Considerations

### Optional Sections and Missing Data

As noted above, the Students with Disabilities section and English Language Learners section are only displayed if the principal indicates that the teacher worked with either or both of these populations. If the survey sections are not displayed on the survey, no data are recorded for these sections. The determination of whether or not the individual survey met standard is based only on the sections of the survey with complete data.

The survey tool does not allow for individuals completing the survey to leave questions blank. Consequentially, each individual survey will have either four, five, or six complete survey sections.

### Small Group Aggregation

Per 19 TAC §229.4(c), the small group aggregation procedure as described in ASEP Manual Chapter 2 is conducted for ASEP Accountability Indicator 2. Only data from years in which ASEP Accountability Indicator 2 has been a consequential indicator are used in this aggregation. The small group aggregation procedure uses results calculated using the survey and scoring approach effective for the particular administration of the survey.

## Worked Example

### Example Calculation: Principal Appraisal of First-Year Teachers (ASEP Accountability Indicator 2)

Step 1: Retrieve principal survey data in ECOS.

Step 2: Average the item scores in each subsection.

Step 3: Average the subsection values.

Step 4: Identify which surveys have the minimum acceptable score or higher.

Example Survey Data and Calculation

Name <sup>5</sup>	Points by Survey Section <sup>6</sup>						Average by Survey Section						Overall Average	Met Standard
	PL	INS	LE	PPR	SWD	ELL	PL	INS	LE	PPR	SWD	ELL		
<i>Number of Questions</i>	12	13	7	6	6	4	12	13	7	6	6	4		
Kurt	27	28	16	16		12	2.25	2.15	2.29	2.67		3.00	2.47	Y
Salvador	26	28	18	15	14		2.17	2.15	2.57	2.50	2.33		2.35	Y
Regina	25	31	19	17	18	9	2.08	2.38	2.71	2.83	3.00	2.25	2.54	Y
Silvia	22	26	16	15	13	12	1.83	2.00	2.29	2.50	2.17	3.00	2.30	Y
Rachael	30	36	20	17	18	7	2.50	2.77	2.86	2.83	3.00	1.75	2.62	Y
Myra	29	32	19	16			2.42	2.46	2.71	2.67			2.56	Y
Darla	26	29	18	14	15	8	2.17	2.23	2.57	2.33	2.50	2.00	2.30	Y
Guadalupe	32	33	19	14	16	11	2.67	2.54	2.71	2.33	2.67	2.75	2.61	Y
George	21	24	16	13	12	6	1.75	1.85	2.29	2.17	2.00	1.50	1.92	N
Jessie	31	35	21	17	16	9	2.58	2.69	3.00	2.83	2.67	2.25	2.67	Y
Lewis	24	25	12	7	11	8	2.00	1.92	1.71	1.17	1.83	2.00	1.77	N
Ruby	26	25	16	15	16	5	2.17	1.92	2.29	2.50	2.67	1.25	2.13	Y
Josefina	33	35	20	16	17		2.75	2.69	2.86	2.67	2.83		2.76	Y
Susan	34	33	20	15	15	11	2.83	2.54	2.86	2.50	2.50	2.75	2.66	Y
Molly	28	29	18	14	15	5	2.33	2.23	2.57	2.33	2.50	1.25	2.20	Y
Sam	20	25	16	15	17	11	1.67	1.92	2.29	2.50	2.83	2.75	2.33	Y
Lucy	26	29	19	17	15	8	2.17	2.23	2.71	2.83	2.50	2.00	2.41	Y
Kevin	28	33	20	13	14		2.33	2.54	2.86	2.17	2.33		2.45	Y
Robin	29	35	19	11	13	5	2.42	2.69	2.71	1.83	2.17	1.25	2.18	Y
Mercedes	33	37	20	15	16	5	2.75	2.85	2.86	2.50	2.67	1.25	2.48	Y

<sup>5</sup> Public data sets do not include names.

<sup>6</sup> PL = Planning; INS = Instruction; LE = Learning Environment; PPR = Professional Practices & Responsibilities; SWD = students with disabilities; ELL = English language learners. Empty cells denote missing data.



Step 5: As necessary, perform the small group aggregation. If the aggregated group or any of the disaggregated groups contain ten or fewer individuals, perform Steps 1-5 for the prior year and add those individuals to the list. See Chapter 2 of the ASEP Manual for further explanation of the small group aggregation.

Step 6: Count the number of first-year teachers who met the criteria for being designated as *sufficiently-prepared* or *well-prepared* (18).

Step 7: Divide the number of surveys which met the criteria for being designated as *sufficiently-prepared* or *well-prepared* (18) by the total number of surveys with valid scores (20). Multiply this value by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

$$\frac{\text{Number of surveys meeting standard}}{\text{Total number of valid surveys}} \times 100 =$$

$$\frac{18}{20} \times 100 =$$

90%

# Chapter 5 – Improvement in Student Achievement of Students Taught by Beginning Teachers

## Overview

ASEP Accountability Indicator 3 is not reported in AY 2018-2019.

# Chapter 6 – Frequency, Duration, and Quality of Field Supervision

## Overview

ASEP Accountability Indicator 4 is the frequency, duration, and quality of field observations. The SBEC has separated this indicator into two measures: the frequency and duration of field observations (ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a) and the quality of field observations (ASEP Accountability Indicator 4b). ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a is based on data reported by EPPs into ECOS for each individual observation. ASEP Accountability Indicator 4b is based on an exit survey of teacher candidates which is administered at the time the candidates apply for their standard certificate. This section presents the individuals included, the data included, special methodological considerations, and a worked example of computing these two aligned indicators.

## Individuals Included

### ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a

For ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a, all individuals who completed an internship or clinical teaching appointment during the reporting period are included. In the cases where an internship or clinical teaching appointment overlaps two reporting years, the field experience is reported in the reporting year in which it ended. Individuals serving an internship are identified for the data set if they have an intern, probationary, probationary extension, or probationary second extension certificate which expires in the reporting year. Individuals completing a clinical teaching appointment are identified as being marked as a completer by the program without having held an intern, probationary, probationary extension, or probationary second extension certificate.

Individuals who have their internship certificate deactivated prior to the expiration of the certificate are removed from the data set. These deactivations must be communicated to the TEA by the EPP. Additionally, individuals who do not complete their field experience, due to extenuating circumstances or the issuance of a standard certificate prior to the conclusion of their field experience, are removed from the data set. EPPs communicate these exceptions via official letters to the TEA during the ASEP reporting period.

For the 2018-19 AY, only individuals completing clinical teaching or an internship for a teacher certificate are included in the data set.

### ASEP Accountability Indicator 4b

For ASEP Accountability Indicator 4b, all individuals who apply for an initial standard teaching license during the academic year are asked to submit surveys, which are completed in ECOS.

## Data Included

### ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a

All observations reported to the TEA through ECOS are used in the calculation for ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a. Observations must be reported in ECOS in the academic year during which they occurred. EPPs report the candidate name, candidate TEA ID, field supervisor name, field supervisor TEA ID, assignment begin date, assignment end date, observation date, observation duration, assignment type, notes, and any other field required by ECOS for each observation.

### ASEP Accountability Indicator 4b

All exit surveys with complete data that are submitted in the reporting year are included in the data set.

## Calculation

### ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a:

Divide the number of individuals who completed an internship or clinical teaching appointment in the reporting year who had the minimum number of required observations (as specified in 19 TAC §228.35(g)) by the number of individuals who completed an internship or clinical teaching appointment in the reporting year. Multiply by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

### ASEP Accountability Indicator 4b:

Count the number of surveys for the EPP that met standard. Divide this number by the total number of completed exit surveys for the EPP. Multiply by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

## Special Methodological Considerations

For ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a, results are disaggregated by race, gender, and ethnicity categories. Per 19 TAC §229.4(c)(1), the small group aggregation procedure does not apply to indicator 4a.

For ASEP Accountability Indicator 4b, the data collection mechanism does not capture race, gender, or ethnicity data. Consequentially, this indicator is reported only at the aggregated level. The small group aggregation procedure does apply to ASEP Indicator 4b.

## Worked Examples

### Example Calculation: Frequency and Duration of Internship and Clinical Teaching Field Observations (ASEP Accountability Indicator 4a)

Step 1: Identify all individuals completing an internship between September 1 and August 31 of the reporting year. These individuals are those who have an intern, probationary, probationary extension, or probationary second extension certificate which expired in the reporting year.

Step 2: Identify all individuals completing clinical teaching between September 1 and August 31 of the reporting year. These individuals are those who were marked as a completer by the program without having held an intern, probationary, probationary extension, or probationary second extension certificate.

Step 3: Combine the individuals from Steps 1 and 2. Remove any accepted exceptions reported to the TEA during the annual reporting period using the supplied form.

Step 4: Retrieve all field observations reported to the TEA which occurred during the internships or clinical teaching experiences in the data set resulting from Step 3.

Step 5: Count the number of observations of at least the duration specified in 19 TAC §228.35(g), for each candidate.

Example Observation Data

Name	Certificate / Assignment Type	Observation Date	Visit_Hours <sup>7</sup>
Carmen Adams	Intern	10/24/18	0:56
Carmen Adams	Intern	11/19/19	1:02
Carmen Adams	Intern	12/1/18	0:45
Carmen Adams	Intern	1/19/19	1:12
Carmen Adams	Intern	3/16/19	0:46
Christina Boyd	Intern	9/15/2018	0:57
Marjorie Brock	Clinical Teaching	9/25/18	0:50
Marjorie Brock	Clinical Teaching	10/1/18	1:14
Marjorie Brock	Clinical Teaching	10/19/18	1:02
Marjorie Brock	Clinical Teaching	11/4/18	1:02
Marjorie Brock	Clinical Teaching	12/19/18	1:09
Dora Cain	Intern	9/19/18	0:47
Dora Cain	Intern	11/12/18	0:51
Dora Cain	Intern	3/16/19	0:40
Dora Cain	Intern	5/1/19	1:00
Dianne Cannon	Clinical Teaching	9/20/18	1:13
Dianne Cannon	Clinical Teaching	11/12/18	0:38
Dianne Cannon	Clinical Teaching	2/16/19	0:53
Dianne Cannon	Clinical Teaching	4/25/19	0:47
Dianne Cannon	Clinical Teaching	5/10/19	1:01
Billie Daniels	Probationary	11/19/18	1:15
Billie Daniels	Probationary	1/29/19	0:58
Billie Daniels	Probationary	4/22/19	0:54
Madeline Doyle	Clinical Teaching	11/10/18	1:10
Madeline Doyle	Clinical Teaching	1/20/19	0:55
Madeline Doyle	Clinical Teaching	4/10/19	0:46
Jaime Fowler	Intern	9/30/18	0:59

Exclusion example:  
The observation of Dora Cain on 3/16/19 and Dianne Cannon on 11/12/18 are not counted because these observations were less than the requirement in 19 TAC §228.35(g).

<sup>7</sup> This column indicates the duration of the observation.

Name	Certificate / Assignment Type	Observation Date	Visit_Hours <sup>7</sup>
Jaime Fowler	Intern	11/1/18	1:07
Jaime Fowler	Intern	12/2/18	1:01
Jaime Fowler	Intern	2/7/19	1:00
Jaime Fowler	Intern	5/1/19	0:49
Chad Frazier	Clinical Teaching	9/27/18	0:46
Chad Frazier	Clinical Teaching	11/19/18	0:55
Chad Frazier	Clinical Teaching	2/1/19	1:11
Chad Frazier	Clinical Teaching	3/18/19	1:25
Jean Hawkins	Probationary Ex	10/1/18	0:58
Jean Hawkins	Probationary Ex	12/2/18	0:50
Jean Hawkins	Probationary Ex	2/10/19	1:00
Jean Hawkins	Probationary Ex	4/20/19	0:59
Grace Hoffman	Clinical Teaching	10/5/18	0:52
Grace Hoffman	Clinical Teaching	12/10/18	0:59
Grace Hoffman	Clinical Teaching	3/5/18	0:59
Doris Hunter	Probationary	9/25/18	1:03
Doris Hunter	Probationary	11/30/18	1:19
Doris Hunter	Probationary	3/30/19	0:45
Melba Jensen	Clinical Teaching	10/1/18	0:46
Melba Jensen	Clinical Teaching	1/10/19	0:53
Melba Jensen	Clinical Teaching	4/5/19	1:01
Edmund Kennedy	Intern	9/12/18	1:20
Edmund Kennedy	Intern	11/19/18	0:58
Edmund Kennedy	Intern	2/11/19	0:50
Edmund Kennedy	Intern	3/21/19	0:59
Edmund Kennedy	Intern	4/3/19	0:57
Neil Newton	Clinical Teaching	1/6/19	0:55
Neil Newton	Clinical Teaching	1/16/19	1:47
Neil Newton	Clinical Teaching	2/27/19	0:51
Neil Newton	Clinical Teaching	4/25/19	1:05
Neil Newton	Clinical Teaching	4/27/19	1:02
Elsie Pearson	Probationary	9/30/18	1:15
Elsie Pearson	Probationary	1/25/19	1:01
Elsie Pearson	Probationary	4/20/19	0:55
Christopher Ray	Clinical Teaching	9/3/18	0:58
Christopher Ray	Clinical Teaching	9/12/18	0:52
Christopher Ray	Clinical Teaching	10/5/18	0:47
Christopher Ray	Clinical Teaching	11/11/18	0:59
Christopher Ray	Clinical Teaching	12/5/18	0:46
Charlie Schultz	Intern	9/26/18	0:58
Charlie Schultz	Intern	11/19/18	0:45

Name	Certificate / Assignment Type	Observation Date	Visit_Hours <sup>7</sup>
Charlie Schultz	Intern	1/19/19	0:53
Charlie Schultz	Intern	2/9/19	0:52
Charlie Schultz	Intern	4/5/19	1:23
Duane Soto	Clinical Teaching	1/10/19	1:17
Duane Soto	Clinical Teaching	1/14/19	0:59
Duane Soto	Clinical Teaching	1/25/19	0:53
Duane Soto	Clinical Teaching	2/18/19	0:46
Duane Soto	Clinical Teaching	3/9/19	0:48
Duane Soto	Clinical Teaching	5/5/19	0:55
Penny Sutton	Clinical Teaching	11/19/18	0:59
Marty Wood	Clinical Teaching (28 week)	9/2/18	0:49
Marty Wood	Clinical Teaching (28 week)	9/20/18	0:45
Marty Wood	Clinical Teaching (28 week)	11/18/18	0:57
Marty Wood	Clinical Teaching (28 week)	1/9/19	1:25
Marty Wood	Clinical Teaching (28 week)	2/18/19	1:15
Marty Wood	Clinical Teaching (28 week)	4/9/19	1:25

Step 6: Identify candidates and interns who meet the minimum requirement of the number of observations required in 19 TAC §228.35(g).

Example Data Summary

Name	Pre-Certification Teaching Experience	Number of 45-Minute Field Observations	Meet Minimum Requirement?
Marjorie Brock	Clinical Teaching	5	Y
Dianne Cannon	Clinical Teaching	5	Y
Madeline Doyle	Clinical Teaching	3	N
Chad Frazier	Clinical Teaching	4	N
Grace Hoffman	Clinical Teaching	3	N
Melba Jensen	Clinical Teaching	3	N
Neil Newton	Clinical Teaching	5	Y
Christopher Ray	Clinical Teaching	5	Y
Duane Soto	Clinical Teaching	6	Y
Marty Wood	Clinical Teaching	6	Y
Penny Sutton	Clinical Teaching	1	N
Carmen Adams	Intern	5	Y
Cristina Boyd	Intern	1	N
Dora Cain	Intern	3	N
Billie Daniels	Probationary	3	Y
Jaime Fowler	Intern	5	Y
Jean Hawkins	Probationary Ex	4	Y
Doris Hunter	Probationary	3	Y
Edmund Kennedy	Intern	5	Y
Elsie Pearson	Probationary	3	Y
Charlie Schultz	Intern	5	Y

Calculation Rule: Penny only had one qualifying observation. She is identified as a candidate for whom the minimum requirement was not met.

Calculation Rule: Cristina had only one qualifying observation. She is identified as a candidate for whom the minimum requirement was not met.

Step 7: Divide the number of candidates who received at least the minimum field observations required by 19 TAC §228.35(g) (14) by the total number of candidates who completed clinical teaching (21).

$$\frac{\text{Number of candidates who met minimum requirement}}{\text{Number of candidates with field experiences}} \times 100 =$$

$$\frac{14}{21} \times 100 = 66.67\%, \text{ which rounds to } 67\%$$



## Example Calculation: Quality of Field Supervision (ASEP Indicator 4b)

Step 1: Access the Exit Survey results completed by candidates between September 1 and August 31 of the academic year. These results are recorded without personally identifiable information.

Step 2: Identify which candidate scores were within acceptable values for their field supervision rating. Candidates rate their field experience on 11 survey items (items 39–45, 47–50) on the Exit Survey using a 4-point scale where 4 = *Rarely*; 3 = *Occasionally*; 2 = *Frequently*; and 1 = *Always/Almost Always*. To meet the standard of *frequently* or *always/almost always* providing the components of structural guidance and ongoing support provision of high-quality field supervision (see 19 TAC §229.4(a)(4)(B)), responses to the applicable items must sum to equal or less than 22 points ( $11 \times 2 = 22$ ), corresponding with an average score of 2 or less across survey items.

Example Data

Name	Total Points	Within Acceptable Values
Candidate 1	21	Y
Candidate 2	20	Y
Candidate 3	23	N
Candidate 4	19	Y
Candidate 5	18	Y
Candidate 6	18	Y
Candidate 7	17	Y
Candidate 8	14	Y
Candidate 9	19	Y
Candidate 10	25	N
Candidate 11	23	N
Candidate 12	18	Y
Candidate 13	14	Y
Candidate 14	14	Y
Candidate 15	28	N
Candidate 16	19	Y
Candidate 17	26	N
Candidate 18	13	Y
Candidate 19	19	Y
Candidate 20	13	Y
Candidate 21	16	Y
Candidate 22	18	Y
Candidate 23	21	Y
Candidate 24	20	Y
Candidate 25	33	N
Candidate 26	40	N
Candidate 27	26	N
Candidate 28	17	Y

Name	Total Points	Within Acceptable Values
Candidate 29	17	Y
Candidate 30	19	Y

Step 3: Count the number of candidate scores that were within acceptable criteria (22).

Step 4: Divide the number of candidates whose scores were within the acceptable criteria (22) by the total number of candidates with scores (30). Multiply this value by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

$$\frac{\text{Number of candidates' scores that were within acceptable values}}{\text{Total number of survey responses}} =$$

$$\frac{22}{30} \times 100 =$$

73.33%, which rounds to 73%

# Chapter 7 – New Teacher Satisfaction

## Overview

ASEP Accountability Indicator 5 is the percent of new teachers who indicate that they were *sufficiently-prepared* or *well-prepared* by their EPP, as measured on the teacher satisfaction survey. The SBEC has approved a new survey for use in the 2018-2019 AY, which was previously piloted in the 2017-2018 AY.

The teacher survey is administered between the beginning of April and mid-June at the end of the relevant academic year. In the 2018-2019 AY, the survey was delivered using the Qualtrics survey platform. The sample of new teachers is determined using certification data and PEIMS data. This roster is loaded into Qualtrics and an email containing a link to the survey is sent to the teacher. New teachers verify that they are completing their first year of teaching while holding a standard teaching certificate.

Teachers are required to complete all questions in the four required sections of the survey. Additionally, if the teacher indicates that he or she worked with students with disabilities or students who are English language learners, those additional sections are displayed and are required to be completed by the teacher.

Following the close of the teacher survey data collection period, the data is retrieved from Qualtrics, cleaned, processed, de-identified, and posted online. The aggregated and disaggregated results are used as ASEP Accountability Indicator 5.

## Individuals Included

All new teachers who finished an EPP program within the five years prior to the reporting period and are completing their first year of teaching while holding a standard certificate are included.<sup>8</sup> Teachers must have taught in the Texas public school system for a minimum of five months during the reporting period as evidenced by their presence in the PEIMS employment data gathered in October of the reporting year. Only teachers with standard certificates as of the October snapshot date are included. Teachers who are teaching under an emergency permit or who were not listed as employed in the PEIMS data in the reporting period are excluded.

## Assessments Included

All complete surveys with valid data for teachers who meet the conditions above are included. Surveys that lack valid data on one or more of the four required survey sections are excluded. Data from additional sections (i.e., Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners) are included when available.

## Calculation

Count the number of teacher surveys for the EPP that met standard. Divide this number by the total number of completed teacher surveys for the EPP. Multiply by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

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<sup>8</sup> See TAC §229.2(25) for the definition of a new teacher

## Scoring Approach

The scoring approach aligns with the scoring approach for the principal survey. Each item is weighted by the inverse of the number of items in the subscale. Operationally, this means that the average for each subscale is calculated, and then the average of these subscale values is calculated for the final individual-level score. The individual must average a score of 2 or better, corresponding with *sufficiently prepared*.

The individual subscales and their constituent items are presented in the table below.

Individual Subscales and Constituent Items

Subscale	Number of Items	Items in Survey (Question #)
Planning	12	Q4 - Q15
Instruction	13	Q16 - Q28
Learning Environment	7	Q29 - Q35
Professional Practices & Responsibilities	6	Q36 - Q41
Students with Disabilities	6	Q43 - Q48
English Language Learners	4	Q50 - Q53

## Special Methodological Considerations

### Optional Sections and Missing Data

As noted above, Students with Disabilities section and English Language Learners section are only displayed if the teacher indicates that he or she worked with either or both of these populations. If the survey sections are not displayed on the survey, no data are recorded for these sections. The determination of whether or not the individual survey met standard is based only on the sections of the survey with complete data.

The survey tool does not allow for individuals completing the survey to leave questions blank. Consequentially, each individual survey will have either 4, 5, or 6 complete survey sections.

### Small Group Aggregation

Per 19 TAC §229.4(c), the small group aggregation procedure as described in ASEP Manual Chapter 2 is conducted for ASEP Accountability Indicator 5. Only data from years in which ASEP Accountability Indicator 5 has been a consequential indicator are used in this aggregation. The small group aggregation procedure uses results calculated using the survey and scoring approach effective for the particular administration of the survey.

## Worked Example

### Example Calculation: New Teacher Satisfaction (ASEP Accountability Indicator 5)

Step 1: Access teacher satisfaction survey results.

Step 2: Average the item scores in each subsection.

Step 3: Average the subsection values.

Step 4: Identify which surveys have the minimum acceptable score or higher.

Example Survey Data and Calculation

Name <sup>9</sup>	Points by Survey Section <sup>10</sup>						Average by Survey Section						Overall Average	Met Standard
	PL	INS	LE	PL	INS	LE	PL	INS	LE	PL	INS	LE		
<i>Number of Questions</i>	12	13			13	7	12	13	7	12	13	7		
Kurt	27	28	16	16		12	2.25	2.15	2.29	2.67		3.00	2.47	Y
Salvador	26	28	18	15	14		2.17	2.15	2.57	2.50	2.33		2.35	Y
Regina	25	31	19	17	18	9	2.08	2.38	2.71	2.83	3.00	2.25	2.54	Y
Silvia	22	26	16	15	13	12	1.83	2.00	2.29	2.50	2.17	3.00	2.30	Y
Rachael	30	36	20	17	18	7	2.50	2.77	2.86	2.83	3.00	1.75	2.62	Y
Myra	29	32	19	16			2.42	2.46	2.71	2.67			2.56	Y
Darla	26	29	18	14	15	8	2.17	2.23	2.57	2.33	2.50	2.00	2.30	N
Guadalupe	32	33	19	14	16	11	2.67	2.54	2.71	2.33	2.67	2.75	2.61	Y
George	21	24	16	13	12	6	1.75	1.85	2.29	2.17	2.00	1.50	1.92	Y
Jessie	31	35	21	17	16	9	2.58	2.69	3.00	2.83	2.67	2.25	2.67	N
Lewis	24	25	12	7	11	8	2.00	1.92	1.71	1.17	1.83	2.00	1.77	Y
Ruby	26	25	16	15	16	5	2.17	1.92	2.29	2.50	2.67	1.25	2.13	Y
Josefina	33	35	20	16	17		2.75	2.69	2.86	2.67	2.83		2.76	Y
Susan	34	33	20	15	15	11	2.83	2.54	2.86	2.50	2.50	2.75	2.66	Y
Molly	28	29	18	14	15	5	2.33	2.23	2.57	2.33	2.50	1.25	2.20	Y
Sam	20	25	16	15	17	11	1.67	1.92	2.29	2.50	2.83	2.75	2.33	Y
Lucy	26	29	19	17	15	8	2.17	2.23	2.71	2.83	2.50	2.00	2.41	Y
Kevin	28	33	20	13	14		2.33	2.54	2.86	2.17	2.33		2.45	Y
Robin	29	35	19	11	13	5	2.42	2.69	2.71	1.83	2.17	1.25	2.18	Y
Mercedes	33	37	20	15	16	5	2.75	2.85	2.86	2.50	2.67	1.25	2.48	Y

<sup>9</sup> Public data sets do not include names.

<sup>10</sup> PL = Planning; INS = Instruction; LE = Learning Environment; PPR = Professional Practices & Responsibilities; SWD = students with disabilities; ELL = English language learners. Empty cells denote missing data.

Step 5: As necessary, perform the small group aggregation. If the aggregated group or any of the disaggregated groups contain ten or fewer individuals, perform Steps 1-5 for the prior year and add those individuals to the list. See ASEP Manual Chapter 2 for further explanation of the small group aggregation.

Step 6: Count the number of surveys that met the criteria for being designated as *sufficiently-prepared* or *well-prepared* (18).

Step 7: Divide the number of surveys which met the criteria for being designated as *sufficiently-prepared* or *well-prepared* (18) by the total number of surveys with valid scores (20). Multiply this value by 100. Round to the nearest whole number.

$$\frac{\text{Number of surveys meeting standard}}{\text{Total number of valid surveys}} \times 100 =$$

$$\frac{18}{20} \times 100 =$$

90%

## Chapter 8 – Educator Preparation Program Commendations

Per 19 TAC §229.1(c), an accredited EPP may receive commendations for success in areas identified by the SBEC. The TEA worked with the SBEC and the EPP stakeholder advisory groups in 2018 to identify and refine a framework for recognition and issues related to EPP eligibility and calculations. In 2019, the SBEC established a four-part framework for recognizing high-performing EPPs. This ASEP chapter presents that framework, related performance standards or metrics, sources of data, and descriptions of relevant calculations.

### High-Performing EPP Framework

The framework consists of four parts. The framework was developed to allow for the recognition of EPPs that are high-achieving in both established and emerging measurements and priorities. Dimensions consist of multiple measures. The dimensions for recognition include:

- Rigorous and Robust Preparation
- Preparing the Educators Texas Needs
- Preparing Educators for Long-Term Success
- Innovative Educator Preparation

The measures within each dimension are presented in the table below. These measures are calculated annually to reflect EPP performance in the prior academic year. The TEA conducts these calculations in conjunction with the ASEP accountability calculations and presents both sets of the results to the SBEC for approval on similar schedules. In all cases, the small group aggregation procedure as described in ASEP Manual Chapter 2 is applied to these measurements. However, if the small group aggregation is used, only programs with more than 10 individuals over the three years necessary for the calculation are eligible to receive a commendation related to the measure.

High Performing EPP Framework

Dimension	High-Performing EPP Measures	Standard
Rigorous and Robust Preparation	First test pass rate <sup>11</sup>	95% or greater
	First Test Pass rate in teacher shortage areas	95% or greater
	Principal Survey % of candidates Met Standard	95% or greater
Preparing the Educators Texas Needs	Preparing teachers in shortage areas	Top 5 EPPs
	Preparing Educators of Color	Top 5 EPPs
	Preparing Teachers for Rural Schools	Top 5 EPPs
Preparing Educators for Long-Term Success	Teacher Retention as a Texas public school teacher for 5 years	95% or greater
	Educator Retention as a Texas public school professional for 5 years	95% or greater
	Principal Employment in Principal or Assistant Principal Role within 3 years	75% or greater
Innovative Educator Preparation	Approved by the SBEC per EPP petition	

<sup>11</sup> EPPs are only eligible for this commendation if the differences between pass rates of different demographic groups are less than 10 percentage points

## **Rigorous and Robust Preparation**

This dimension of high-performance uses the same data as the ASEP accountability indicators. The first measure is the overall pass rate for a candidate's first attempt on exams. All exams, including PPR and non-PPR exams, are pooled for this measure. Following ASEP Indicator Accountability 1, only tests necessary for the certificate(s) under which an individual is serving an internship and tests necessary for the category(ies) identified by the EPP on the finisher records list in ECOS are included. The standard is set at 95% or greater. Additionally, EPPs are only eligible for this recognition if the differences in the pass rates disaggregated by race and ethnicity are 10 percentage points or smaller for all groups meeting the minimum size criterion, following small group aggregation. Groups are only included in this analysis only if they contain more than 10 candidates following the small group aggregation.

The second measure in this dimension is the first test pass rate in Texas-identified, federally designated teacher shortage subject areas. These shortage areas are identified annually and reported to the United States Department of Education. For this measure, only those subject-area exams necessary for certification in the specified categories are included. The standard is set at 95% or greater.

The third indicator in this category is EPP performance on the principal survey. Following the procedure in ASEP Manual Chapter 4, results on the principal survey are computed at the EPP level. The standard is set at 95% or more individuals being rated as “met standard.”

## **Preparing the Educators Texas Needs**

This dimension of high-performance identifies EPPs that prepare high percentages of educators identified by the SBEC and TEA as targeted for growth. For measures in this category, the top five programs, as a percentage of their completers, are recognized. As with all high-performing recognitions, only EPPs with an accreditation status of “Accredited” are eligible for recognition. This means that fewer than five EPPs may be recognized in any of these categories. Additionally, although the small group aggregation procedure is applied, only those programs which prepare more than 10 educators in any of the specified categories or groups once three years of data are aggregated are eligible for these commendations.

The first measure in this dimension is preparation of educators in teacher shortage subject areas. This indicator identifies EPPs that specialize in the preparation of educators for Texas-identified, federally-recognized teacher shortage areas. The top five EPPs in each identified certification category are eligible to be recognized.

The second measure in this dimension recognizes EPPs that prepare the highest percentage of educators who identify as African American and Hispanic. The top five EPPs with respect to each demographic group are eligible to be recognized.

The third measure is preparation of teachers for rural schools. Using first-year employment data available in the PEIMS database and the district-level geographic designations, the TEA identifies a) completers who are employed and b) completers who are employed in a rural district. The percentage of educators working in a rural district is then calculated. The EPPs with the five highest percentages are eligible to be recognized.

## **Preparing Educators for Long-term Success**

This dimension of high-performance identifies EPPs that prepare educators who continue working in Texas public schools for at least five years. The first measure identifies the percentage of teachers who are recommended for certification by an EPP who are working as classroom teachers five years after their standard



certification becomes effective. To calculate this measure, the TEA first identifies that subset of educators from an EPP who are working as classroom teachers in the year following their completion with the EPP and determines which of those teachers are employed as classroom teachers five years later. Using these numbers, the TEA computes a percentage. The standard for recognition on this measure is set at 95% or higher.

The second measure in the dimension is continued employment in any role in the Texas public education system. The calculation for this measure is similar to the prior measure; however, this measure reports the percentage of classroom teachers still employed in any role after five years. The eligible population is educators from all certification classes prepared by the EPP. The standard for recognition on this measure is 95% or higher.

The third measure in this dimension is the employment of newly prepared principals. The calculation for this standard is the percentage of newly prepared principals working in a public school in Texas in an educational leadership role (principal, assistant principal, instructional leader, etc.) within three years of obtaining principal certification. The standard for recognition on this measure is 75%.

### **Innovative Educator Preparation**

The final dimension of recognition gives the SBEC the opportunity to designate EPPs that have implemented innovative approaches to educator preparation. Specific calls for innovation are updated annually using input from the SBEC, the TEA, and advisory committees. EPPs shall respond to these calls by July 1 of the reporting year with a complete set of materials to be eligible for recognition. The TEA reviews applications for topic alignment and completeness. Appropriate applications are reviewed by an SBEC subcommittee and approved by the full SBEC. Recognition is awarded at the discretion of the committee and the SBEC.

For 2019-2020, the SBEC seeks to recognize EPPs with innovative practices related to authentic, practice-based educator preparation. Strong partnerships between EPPs, local education agencies (LEAs), and campuses can foster teacher preparation that benefits teachers, schools, and students in ways that traditional internships or clinical teaching appointments may not. Practice-based preparation may include, for example, residency models or multi-semester clinical teaching appointments. Programmatic requirements must be well above the SBEC-mandated minimums to be considered.

Applications for recognition will include an executive summary, a description of the program's innovative practices in authentic, practice-based educator preparation, a demonstration of success including measurable outcomes, an explanation of related programmatic values and goals, a description of the implementation of current practices as part of a continuous improvement effort, supporting information from candidates and EPP partners, and peer-reviewed research identifying the EPP practices as best practices in the field.