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Foreword

The 79th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, 2006, House Bill 1 (H.B. 1), directs the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to develop an electronic student records exchange system. The system enables the exchange of student records between Texas public school districts for transferring students as well as the transmission of high school transcript records from Texas public school districts to Texas public colleges and universities for students transitioning to post-secondary education. H.B. 1 requires each public school district, open-enrollment charter school, and public institution of higher education to participate in the implementation and use of the new student records exchange system.

With more than 1,200 public school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, an effective and rapid exchange of records between the school districts, campuses, and charter schools that comprise the Texas public education system benefits students, teachers, and administrators. The number of students enrolled in Texas public schools is approaching 5 million. If 10 percent of the students change school districts in a year, Texas schools process approximately 500,000 record requests. It is estimated that Texas high schools also process approximately 720,000 high school transcripts annually.

Texas public school districts report annually to TEA all Grade 7-12 students leaving their districts. The data on school leavers include dropouts and are used to calculate dropout and high school completion rates for accountability purposes. More than half the students leaving move to other Texas public school districts. An automated student record exchange system enables districts to more effectively communicate with each other about students who are withdrawing or enrolling. Improved communication should improve the reliability of dropout rate calculations. Additionally, the automated system facilitates the rapid and appropriate academic placement of students enrolled in a new district and ensures continuity of services provided to students who move between Texas school districts.

TEA developed the Texas Records Exchange (TREx) system as a web-based application designed for the exchange of electronic student records as mandated by H.B. 1. By using the TREx application, school registrars have the capability to electronically request and receive student records for students who have attended or will be attending Texas public schools. High school registrars and counselors also have the capability to electronically create and send official student transcripts to Texas public colleges and universities using TREx to access the University of Texas (UT) Standardization of Postsecondary Education Electronic Data Exchange (SPEEDE) server.

H.B. 1 mandates an electronic student record transfer system be implemented no later than the 2007-08 school year. Following is the TREx project timeline:

TREx Calendar of Events

Project Event	Expected Date
Preliminary *TREx Data Standards* available	06/04/2007
Final *TREx Data Standards* available	07/02/2007
TEA Training for ESCs (Train-the-Trainer)	07/31/2007
TEASE Automated Online Registration Begins	08/01/2007
TREx Phase I – System Available	09/04/2007
TREx Phase II – System Complete	11/05/2007
TEASE Automated Online Registration Begins for Districts and ESCs	11/05/2007
Vendor Deadline for Development of XML Extract for SIS	11/30/2007
District/Campus Requirement for Use of TREx Transfer Process	02/08/2008
Extended Date for District/Campus Requirement for Use of TREx Transfer Process	05/19/2008

The *TREx Data Standards* is intended to be used as a resource by all persons involved in the transfer of student records and transcripts using the TREx student record exchange process.

If you have any questions, please call the TREx Customer Support line at (512) 463-7246 or email TREx@tea.state.tx.us. Refer to the TREx website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/trex/ for training materials or updates.

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