

Texas Education Agency Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Private School Equitable Services Workgroup

OVERVIEW

Background

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has established a state-level private school equitable services workgroup to enhance communication and collaboration among private nonprofit (PNP) schools, the TEA, and school districts on the requirements of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). This group also fulfills part of the PNP Ombudsman responsibilities and reviews equitable services requirements (i.e., monitoring protocols, complaint procedures, process for requesting the state provide equitable services, and input on the types of support needed for equitable services, etc.). In addition, the workgroup will discuss key topics and activities that address issues of mutual interest to Texas' public and PNP school communities.

Purpose

The purpose of the *Private School Equitable Services Workgroup* is to facilitate communication between state and local public and PNP school officials on such issues as:

- Services provided to PNP school students and teachers through federal programs authorized under:
 - the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*; and
 - other federal and state grant programs.
- PNP information sharing, such as contact information and enrollment statistics; and
- Other issues of mutual interest identified by group members

Membership

Members of the *Private School Equitable Services Workgroup* include representatives from public school districts in Texas, TEA staff overseeing ESSA programs, representatives of the Education Service Centers, and representatives from PNP schools. Additional members may be added over time.

Meetings

The *Private School Equitable Services Workgroup*, coordinated by the TEA, meets face-to-face and through virtual meetings several times per year.

