

PNP Ombudsman

Texas has designated an ombudsman to monitor and enforce equitable services requirements under Title I, Part A and Title VIII of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). The ombudsman serves as the state's primary point of contact for addressing questions and concerns from private school officials and local school districts. Other ombudsman duties include:

- Offering technical expertise in interpreting, understanding, and implementing accountability requirements for equitable services;
- Offering guidance to local school districts and private schools, as needed;
- Addressing complaints regarding consultation and/or equitable services provisions;
- Ensuring all equitable services reporting requirements are met;
- Overseeing the *TEA Private School Equitable Services Workgroup*;
- Developing monitoring protocols;
- Participating in the TEA's *Title I Committee of Practitioners* meetings
- Participating in the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission and Texas Private Schools Association meetings

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