

Chapter 10—Hurricane Harvey

When Hurricane Harvey made landfall near Rockport on August 25, 2017, its direct impact was felt by many Texas school districts and charter schools, which were forced to suspend classes, some for an extended period.

Forty-seven Texas counties were identified by a Presidential Disaster Declaration as eligible for categories of public assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency: Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Brazoria, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Lavaca, Lee, Liberty, Madison, Matagorda, Milam, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Polk, Refugio, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, and Wharton.

On September 12, 2017, the commissioner of education asked superintendents to submit data through the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) Summer 1 collection by close of business every Friday when enrolling students with a Crisis Code 05. On October 5, 2017, the commissioner informed superintendents that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) made modifications to TSDS Crisis Code reporting for students affected by the hurricane for the 2017–18 data submissions. The new crisis code information serves various purposes by identifying the number of students impacted by Hurricane Harvey. The following chart shows the Hurricane Harvey TSDS Crisis Code values used in 2017–18 data submissions.

TSDS Crisis Code Values

Crisis Code	Meaning
00	Student Was Not Affected By A Health Or Weather Related Crisis
5A	This specific code indicates a student was enrolled or was eligible to enroll in an LEA impacted by Hurricane Harvey, and the student enrolled in a different LEA during the 2017–2018 school year.
5B	This specific code indicates a student was enrolled or was eligible to enroll in an LEA impacted by Hurricane Harvey, and the student enrolled in another campus in the same LEA during the 2017–2018 school year.
5C	This specific code indicates a student is identified as homeless because of Hurricane Harvey but has remained enrolled in their home campus during the 2017–2018 school year.

TSDS Weekly Crisis Code Report Final Submission

On February 8, 2018, the commissioner announced final crisis code data needed to be submitted by March 9, 2018. Crisis code data submitted through March 9, 2018, in conjunction with other information submitted to TEA, is used to inform decisions related to the impact of Hurricane Harvey for the purpose of accountability adjustments.

Hurricane Harvey Provision

School districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and campuses directly affected by Hurricane Harvey will be eligible for special evaluation if they meet the following criteria.

Campuses

Campuses will be evaluated under the Hurricane Harvey Provision if they meet at least one of the following criteria:

- a) The campus identified 10 percent or more of enrolled students in either the October snapshot data or in weekly crisis code reports finalized on March 9, 2018, with crisis codes 5A, 5B, or 5C. Campus enrollment is based on October snapshot data.
- b) The campus reported 10 percent or more of its teachers experienced homelessness due to Hurricane Harvey, as reported in the Homeless Survey announced February 14, 2018.
- c) The campus was reported to TEA as closed for ten or more instructional days due to Hurricane Harvey.
- d) The campus was reported to TEA as displaced due to Hurricane Harvey either because the student population was relocated to another geographic location at least through winter break or the student population was required to share its own campus facility with the students of another campus closed as a direct result of Hurricane Harvey at least through winter break.

Under the Hurricane Harvey Provision, 2018 accountability data and ratings will be generated for eligible campuses using available data. If a campus meets at least one of the Hurricane Harvey criteria described above and receives an *Improvement Required* rating, the campus will be labeled *Not Rated*.

School Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools

School districts and open-enrollment charter schools are eligible to be labeled *Not Rated* under the Hurricane Harvey Provision if all campuses within the school district or open-enrollment charter school are eligible for the Hurricane Harvey Provision.

Additionally, if 10 percent or more of the school district or open-enrollment charter school's students were reported on the October snapshot as enrolled in a campus eligible for the Hurricane Harvey Provision, the school district or open-enrollment charter school is eligible to be labeled *Not Rated*.

Under the Hurricane Harvey Provision, 2018 accountability data and ratings will be generated for eligible districts using available data. If a district or open-enrollment charter school meets at least one of the district and open-enrollment charter school Hurricane Harvey criteria described above and receives a *B*, *C*, *D*, or *F* rating, the district or open-enrollment charter school will be labeled *Not Rated*.

For purposes of counting consecutive years of ratings, 2017 and 2019 will be considered consecutive for school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and campuses receiving a *Not Rated* label in 2018 due to hurricane-related issues.

Appeals

Any hurricane-affected school district, open-enrollment charter school, or campus not identified as eligible for this provision may appeal under the accountability appeals process. The commissioner-adopted criteria detailed in this chapter are final. Therefore, requests for exceptions to the rules for a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or campus are viewed unfavorably and will most likely be denied. See "Chapter 8—Appealing the Ratings."

Hurricane Harvey and the Public Education Grant (PEG) Program Campus List

Campuses receiving a *Not Rated* label in 2018 due to Hurricane Harvey provisions will be excluded from the list of 2019–20 PEG campuses released on August 15, 2018. For more information about the PEG program, please see Chapter 9 and the PEG webpage on the TEA website at <https://tea.texas.gov/PEG.aspx>.