

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund
Thursday, November 20, 2025**

The State Board of Education Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund met at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2025, in room, #2.034 of the Barbara Jordan Building, 1601 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Tom Maynard, chair; Marisa Perez-Diaz, vice chair; Keven Ellis; Will Hickman; and Aaron Kinsey

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. **Discussion of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, §109.25, State Compensatory Education Program Reporting and Auditing System, and Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract**
(Board agenda page III-1)

David Marx, Senior Director, Financial Compliance explained proposed revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter B, Texas Education Agency Audit Functions, §109.25, State Compensatory Education Program Reporting and Auditing System, and Subchapter D, Uniform Bank Bid or Request for Proposal and Depository Contract. He said that the proposed revisions would repeal §109.25, whose statutory authority was removed by HB 2, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. He also stated that the proposed revisions would also align language in Subchapter D with the TEC, §45.208, which no longer requires the depository contract to be submitted to Texas Education Agency (TEA). Additionally, he explained more about state compensatory education (SCE) funding and banking as it relates to the change to the depository contract.

2. **Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter C, Adoptions By Reference, §109.41, Financial Accountability System Resource Guide**
(Board agenda page III-47)

Mr. Marx described a proposed amendment to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter C, Adoptions By Reference, §109.41, Financial Accountability System Resource Guide. The proposed amendment would adopt by reference the updated *Financial Accountability System Resource Guide* (FASRG), which includes annual updates and removes information related to the compensatory education allotment to align with House Bill 2, 89th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. Mr. Marx explained the purpose of the FASRG, what it includes, and the types of changes being made.

ACTION ITEM

3. **Approval of Costs to Administer the 2025–2026 State-Developed Assessments to Private School Students**
(Board agenda page III-51)

Julie Cole, Director of Policy and Publications, Student Assessment, reminded the members that the State Board of Education (SBOE) must approve the per-student cost to private schools, which may not exceed the cost of administering the same assessment to a student enrolled in a public-school district. This item requests approval of these costs for the 2025–2026 school year.

MOTION: Member Perez-Diaz moved that the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund recommend to the State Board of Education that they approve the recommended per-student costs for administering the state assessments to private school students in the 2025–2026 school year as listed in Attachment II.

The motion was adopted. Attachment II is appended to these minutes.

The meeting of the Committee on School Finance/Permanent School Fund adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Recommended Private School Costs for the 2025–2026 School Year

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) and Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS)

| Program | Test | Number of Tests Based on Eligible Testers | Total Cost | Cost per Student per Test | Recommended Cost per Private School Student per Test |
|---------|-----------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------|--|
| STAAR | RLA* | 3,690,349 | \$41,525,878.38 | \$11.25 | \$11.25 |
| | Mathematics* | 2,851,199 | \$18,122,485.78 | \$6.36 | \$6.36 |
| | Science* | 1,281,996 | \$10,334,602.98 | \$8.06 | \$8.06 |
| | Social Studies | 848,723 | \$6,970,212.57 | \$8.21 | \$8.21 |
| TELPAS | Kindergarten–Grade 12 | 1,233,021 | \$17,711,507.24 | \$14.36 | \$14.36 |

*Includes English and Spanish versions for grades 3–5.