

February 12, 2026

Victor Omar Yanar, Superintendent
El Paso Leadership Academy
1918 Texas Avenue
El Paso, TX 79901

**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION –
ACTION REQUIRED**

EMAIL & REGULAR/CERTIFIED MAIL

071-810
2024-2025
2025-2026

Dear Mr. Yanar:

For the reasons stated below, the accreditation status for El Paso Leadership Academy for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years is: **Accredited-Warned**.

In a *To The Administrator Addressed* letter dated January 29, 2026, the Texas Education Agency (TEA or agency) disseminated information describing the process and timelines for assigning 2024-2025¹ and 2025-2026 accreditation statuses to school districts and charter schools, which can be accessed at <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/correspondence/taa-letters/2024-2025-and-2025-2026-assignment-of-accreditation-statuses>. The assignment of accreditation statuses is required by Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 39, Subchapter C and authorized in 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 97, Subchapter EE, Division 1. Subchapter EE of Chapter 97 defines the accreditation statuses of Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked and states how accreditation statuses are determined and assigned to districts and charter schools, including definitions, purpose, and oversight appointments. The commissioner's rules related to accreditation may be viewed at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch097ee.pdf>, and additional information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses can be found on the *Accreditation Status* homepage of the TEA website at <http://tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/>.

Under the requirements of statute and rule, El Paso Leadership Academy has been assigned a **2024-2025** accreditation status of **Accredited-Warned** due to the ratings assigned to the charter school in the state's academic accountability rating system.² Specifically, El Paso Leadership Academy was assigned an academic accountability rating of *F* for 2023 and 2024. Additionally, El Paso Leadership Academy has been assigned a **2025-2026** accreditation status of **Accredited-Warned** due to the ratings assigned to the charter school in the state's academic accountability rating system. Specifically, El Paso Leadership Academy was assigned an academic accountability rating of *F* for 2023 and 2024 and an academic accountability rating of *D*³ for 2025.

Districts and charter schools that are assigned a status of **Accredited-Warned** must take specific actions to notify the parents of students enrolled in the district and property owners in the district. The requirements for public notification are specified in 19 TAC §97.1055(f), and a template that reflects the

¹ The issuance of 2024 academic accountability ratings were pending and subject to judicial ruling due to litigation. Therefore, 2024-2025 accreditation statuses were delayed due to the pending accountability ratings. The Fifteenth Court of Appeals ruled that TEA could release 2024 accountability ratings in July 2025. Both the 2024 and 2025 preliminary academic accountability ratings were released on August 15, 2025, and were finalized on December 11, 2025. As a result, the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 accreditation statuses are being issued simultaneously.

² TEC §§39.051 and 39.052; 19 TAC §97.1055.

³ A *D* rating is not an acceptable rating that breaks the charter school's consecutive-year unacceptable rating count although earning a *D* following an *F* rating does provide a sanction pause such that the charter school's consecutive-year unacceptable rating does not increase upon earning a *D* rating (TEC §39.0543(b)).

TEA-required format and language for the public notice is posted to the TEA website at <http://tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/>. The El Paso Leadership Academy must complete the notification requirements **no later than March 13, 2026**. The El Paso Leadership Academy also must send the TEA by certified mail, return receipt requested, documentation showing compliance with the notification requirements addressed as follows:

Division of Accreditation and Enforcement
Texas Education Agency
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701
Accred@tea.texas.gov

Districts and charter schools with an accreditation status below Accredited may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in 19 TAC Chapter 97, Planning and Accountability, Subchapter EE.

Informal Review of Accreditation Status

In accordance with 19 TAC §157.1123, the district may request an informal review related to the assignment of a 2025-2026 accreditation status of **Accredited-Warned**. The rules regarding the request for an informal review can be referenced at 19 TAC, Chapter 157, Division 1 on the TEA website at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch157ee.pdf>.

Review Requests

The form to request an informal review in writing is attached. The request must be submitted with all supporting documentation, received by the TEA **no later than February 20, 2026**, and may be addressed as follows:

Division of Accreditation and Enforcement
Texas Education Agency
EnforcementCoordination@tea.texas.gov

If no informal review is requested by the deadline, a final order may be issued without an informal review, as applicable. 19 TAC §157.1123(d).

We appreciate your assistance as the agency continues to implement accreditation requirements. If, after reviewing the TEA website, you have questions regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to districts and charter schools or required public notification, please contact your regional education service center or the Division of Accreditation and Enforcement at (512) 463-5899 or via e-mail at accred@tea.texas.gov. If you have questions regarding the process for an informal review, please contact the Division Accreditation and Enforcement.

Sincerely,



Steve Lecholop
Deputy Commissioner of Governance

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Enclosure

REQUEST FOR REVIEW
2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Accreditation Status Assignments

District or Charter Name: _____

CDN: _____

Name and Title of Requestor: _____

Signature: _____

I am requesting the following review(s):

INFORMAL REVIEW of my **2024-2025** accreditation status.

A request for an informal review and any written information you wish to be considered during the informal review must be received by TEA no later than **February 20, 2026**. 19 TAC §157.1123(c). If no informal review is requested by the deadline, a final decision may be issued without informal review. 19 TAC §157.1123(d).

INFORMAL REVIEW of my **2025-2026** accreditation status.

A request for an informal review and any written information you wish to be considered during the informal review must be received by TEA no later than **February 20, 2026**. 19 TAC §157.1123(c). If no informal review is requested by the deadline, a final decision may be issued without informal review. 19 TAC §157.1123(d).

Please submit the form along with required documentation to:

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