



CORRIGAN-CAMDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The purpose of this communication is to provide information about 2020—21 Public Education Grant (PEG) List.

Corrigan-Camden Elementary is one of the campuses on the list of campuses identified under the PEG program, authorized under Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 29, Subchapter G, §§29.201–29.205. This list, effective for the 2020–21 school year, identifies campuses that received an F rating in both the Student Achievement and the School Progress domains in 2019 accountability.

A school district chosen by a student's parent under this statute is entitled to accept or reject the application to transfer but may not use criteria that discriminate on the basis of a student's race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficiency, sex, or socioeconomic status.

If you have any further questions, please contact your child's school administrator.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the PEG program?

In 1995, the Texas Legislature created the Public Education Grant (PEG) program (Texas Education Code [TEC], §§29.201–29.205). The PEG program permits a parent whose child attends a campus on the PEG List to request a transfer to another campus within their home district or to a campus in a different district. A list of PEG-designated campuses is provided to districts annually. By February 1, districts must notify each parent assigned to a campus on the [PEG List](#). Parents may then request a transfer for the following school year.

Transfer

How does a parent obtain a transfer?

The parent contacts the district to which they wish to transfer their child and submits a written transfer request. Either the PEG notification letter from the home district or the [PEG List](#) provides adequate justification for the transfer request.

Can a PEG-listed campus deny a student the right to request a transfer to another campus?

No, the purpose of the letter sent by the PEG-listed campus is to notify every parent that they can request a transfer under the PEG program.

Can TEA tell me if my PEG transfer request will be granted?

No. PEG transfer requests are decided locally.

I can't find the parent notification letter from our home campus; I'm not even sure the district sent me one. Can I still request a transfer?

Yes, simply show the destination district the [PEG List](#), and explain that your home campus is listed.

Must a district accept all students who request transfers under the PEG program?

No, but districts must follow the same policies they follow for evaluating non-PEG transfer requests. For example, they may restrict transfers by using a first-come-first-serve system and may deny further requests for lack of space.

My daughter attends a very low-performing campus that is now on the PEG List. I would like to transfer her to a high-performing campus in another district. They have rejected her transfer even though other students have been allowed to transfer under PEG. They tell me their district has a policy of only accepting PEG transfers of students who perform well on the STAAR. Is this legal?

No, districts may not discriminate based on a student's academic performance. A school district chosen by a student's parent under TEC §29.201 is entitled to accept or reject the application for the student to attend a campus in that district but may not use criteria that discriminate on the basis of a student's race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficiency, sex, or socioeconomic status (TEC §29.203 [d]).

Can a district refuse to accept a transfer because they do not wish to incur the additional special education expenses for that student?

No, a district cannot discriminate based on special education needs.

Can a district accept PEG transfers only for the children of staff?

No, however, a district may deny PEG transfers and accept non-PEG transfers for the children of staff as long as this is consistent with the district's policy.

Does the ability to transfer last the duration of the 2020–21 school year?

Yes, parents may request a transfer under the PEG program any time during the 2020–21 school year.

Can students transfer before the beginning of the upcoming school year?

Any PEG transfers must be based on the [PEG list](#) currently in effect. If a student is enrolled in a campus on 2019–20 [PEG list](#), they may initiate a PEG transfer anytime during the 2019–20 school year.

The [PEG list](#) released in August 2019 is effective for the 2020–21 school year. It is not permissible to request an immediate PEG transfer in the fall of 2019 based on the 2020–21 PEG list. Transfer requests should follow local transfer timelines for the 2020–21 school year.

Can a student transfer from one PEG-listed campus to another PEG-listed campus under the PEG program?

No, under the PEG program criteria, a student may not transfer from one PEG-identified campus to another PEG-identified campus under the PEG program.

What happens to students who transferred to a district under the PEG program, and in a subsequent year the campus they attend becomes a PEG-listed campus? Do they remain eligible to stay at the campus?

The conditions of their original transfer are no longer in effect. They may still request to transfer during 2020–21 but only as a non-PEG transfer.

In the situation above, do the PEG-transferred students get the same notification as all other enrolled students?

Yes, all students attending the campus that is PEG-identified must be notified that the campus they are attending is on the [PEG List](#).

Are districts required to allow those transfers?

Districts must follow the same policies they follow in allowing any transfer requests. For example, they may deny a request because of lack of space.

Transportation

Are districts responsible for providing transportation for students if they transfer to a campus in another district?

No, districts are not required to provide transportation for students who transfer to another district under the PEG program.

Financial Questions

Can a district charge tuition for a student who transfers under the PEG program?

No.