

A note about... Classroom Effectiveness Indices

#2

Enrolled vs. CEI-Eligible

More students are usually scheduled in a teacher's class than are eligible for inclusion in the CEI. A student *must* meet many criteria before their scores are used for CEIs, all of which exist to make the process fair to teachers and the results meaningful for those who use them. (These criteria are explained in "A Note About...." series #3.)

Students scheduled in a teacher's class are listed on the CEI report regardless of their CEI-eligibility. Ineligible students are listed separately on the report and in a different color. The reason for ineligibility is printed next to each student's name.

Scheduling Dates

For the 2013-14 CEIs, a student was added to the CEI roster, and thus, considered for inclusion in the CEI, if he was scheduled with the teacher on the course-relevant student start and stop dates. For semester 1 *ACPs* and year-long tests, students must be scheduled in the teacher's course by the first school day of the second six-week grading period. For semester 2 *ACPs*, students must be scheduled in a teacher's course by first school day of the fifth six-week grading period. Students must also be scheduled in a teacher's course on the last instructional day before the testing period begins. The specific student start and stop dates by test are listed in the table below.

Dates student must be scheduled with teacher to be consider for inclusion in CEIs

Test	Student Start Date	Student Stop Date
Semester 1 <i>ACPs</i>	September 30	December 13
Semester 2 <i>ACP</i>	February 24	May 2
<i>ITBS/Logramos</i>	September 30	March 28
<i>STAAR 3-8</i>	September 30	March 28 or April 21*
<i>STAAR EOC</i>	September 30	March 28 or May 2*

**date is based on the last instructional day before the testing period*

Attendance

In addition to being scheduled into a teacher's class on the course-relevant student start and stop dates (see above), students must also attend a set number of days in a course scheduling group¹ to be eligible for inclusion in CEIs. Please see "A Note About..." series #3 for more information about allowed student absences.

¹ Beginning in 2013-14, courses were clustered into course scheduling groups so that a student could be included on a teacher's CEI even if he was enrolled in another teacher's course, as long as the courses were in the same scheduling group. Please see "A Note About..." series #9 for more information about scheduling groups.

CEI Roster Verification

The CEI rosters display columns associated with the type of current-year tests on which CEIs for the courses are based (Full Year, Semester 1, Semester 2, and/or Semester). For example, students in a grade 7 Mathematics course have Semester 1, Semester 2, and Year columns next to their names because CEIs for that course are based on Semester 1 and 2 *ACPs* and grade 7 *STAAR* Mathematics. Some courses have multiple year columns because multiple course-relevant full year assessments are administered. A ✓ and an ✗ are used to indicate whether the student was scheduled with the teacher (i.e. scheduled with the teacher on the dates listed in the table) and in attendance in the course scheduling group a sufficient number of days during the test term. The marks in the term columns may be from the district's database ("SIS" label) or may have been added by the teacher ("Teacher" label) during CEI Roster Verification.

Please note that while the online CRV process allows a teacher to correct information about student scheduling and attendance, which is part of the CEI-eligibility criteria, there are other criteria for CEI-eligibility that cannot be altered through CRV. Please see "A Note About"...series #3 for a list of all CEI-eligibility criteria. If a teacher believes a student meets all eligibility criteria, yet did not receive a CEI, he can submit an adjustment request after CEIs are published. The form and instructions are provided on the [CEI Information page](http://mydata.dallasisd.org) on MyData Portal (<http://mydata.dallasisd.org>).

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: I updated my CEI rosters to show students who were in my class all year. Why weren't they included when my CEI was computed?

A: The students may have been scheduled with the teacher for the full term, but that does not imply that they are *CEI-eligible*. Students must meet all eligibility criteria in order to be included in the computation of CEIs. Being scheduled for the full term simply indicates that the student's CEI-eligibility should be evaluated further.

Q: I want to have a student included in my CEI even if he isn't eligible.

A: Students must meet all of the eligibility criteria to be included in a CEI (see "A Note About"...series #3). CRV allows teachers to include students who do not meet scheduling and attendance requirements only.

Q: So many of my students are ineligible that I won't have the minimum eight students necessary to get a CEI. Will the minimum be lowered so I can get a CEI?

A: No. CEIs computed on fewer than eight students are unreliable. We use a number that is as low as possible to include as many students as possible.

Q: Why is a student who was scheduled with another teacher for the first week of school included on my semester 1 and year-long CEI?

A: As long as a student is scheduled in your course on the student start and stop dates (i.e. the first school day after the end of the first six-weeks grading period *and* the last instructional day before the testing period), they are eligible to be included on your CEI. Please see the table on the previous page for specific dates.