STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY

NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

State Peer Institution Selection

State Peer Evaluation Sources and Methodology

National, regional United States (U.S.), state and local sources were evaluated to determine an appropriate state peer group for Stephen F. Austin State University. National information was obtained through the federal Integrated Postsecondary Data Systems (IPEDS) National Center for Education Statistics reporting system. As a national, southern regional U.S. source, the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) was utilized since the body is the recognized accrediting group for eleven U.S. Southern states and their respective institutions of higher education that award associate, baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degrees. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Accountability System, associated strategic plan (60x30xTX) and the latest preliminary fall headcount report were the additional state sources reviewed. Local information on peer competitors was obtained by submitting non-enrolled SFA admitted student data to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC). The NSC and SFA data enabled the identification of the top institutions SFA fall-admitted students attended instead of enrolling locally.

The national IPEDS data evaluated included three different groupings of variables:
State = Texas
Sector = Public; 4-year or above
Carnegie Classification 2021:
        Basic = Doctoral Universities: High Research Activity
            Doctoral/Professional Universities
            Master's Colleges & Universities: Larger Programs (SFA)
            Master's Colleges & Universities: Medium Programs

SACS Level VI institutions were also identified. SACS Level VI indicates the institution offers four or more doctoral degrees and is the current SFA level.

The THECB Fall 2022 Preliminary Headcount report is the most recently released state data available and was utilized to evaluate current institutional size. Additionally, THECB peer accountability groupings, 60x30xTX regions and a preliminary Fall 2022 headcount size range were noted for institutions matching SFA values:
Accountability Group = Comprehensive
60x30xTX region = Southeast
Fall 2022 preliminary headcount enrollment = 9,000-25,000

Texas public 4-year institutions with 100 or more enrolled SFA admitted students in Fall 2022 were noted as admitted student competitors. Admitted student competitors were identified in the Non-Matriculant Details – Undergraduate online dashboard.

National, regional, state and local criteria were evaluated. SFA met 7 of the 8 criteria since the institution could not be considered a 'competitor' of its non-enrolled admitted students. An established target of over 50% (5 of 8) of the SFA matching criteria was utilized for peer institution selection. A total of 14 institutions met the criteria of over 50% for peer consideration.

The following detailed matrix summarizes the selection and methodology information. SFA is highlighted in purple. Institutions with 5 or greater criteria met (over 50%) are bold-type font and shown at the top of the listing.

SFA Texas Peer Group - Evaluation Matrix							
Spring 2023							
Texas Public University	Fall 2022 Prelim. Fall Headcount	IPEDS (3 values)	SACS Level VI	Fall 2022 Prelim: 9000-25000	THECB Accountability Group	THECB Southeast Region	Admitted Student Competitor	Number of Criteria Met
Lamar University	**15,403**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**8**
Stephen F. Austin State University	**11,327**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**		**7**
Prairie View A&M University	**9,187**	**X**	**X**	**X**	**X**		**X**	**7**
Sam Houston State University	**20,996**	**X**	**X**	**X**			**X**	**6**
The University of Texas at Tyler	**9,020**	**X**	**X**	**X**			**X**	**6**
Tarleton State University	**14,117**	**X**		**X**	**X**		**X**	**6**
Texas Woman's University	**15,443**	**X**	**X**	**X**				**5**
Texas A&M University-Commerce	**11,401**	**X**	**X**	**X**				**5**
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	**10,779**	**X**	**X**	**X**				**5**
Texas Southern University	**8,634**	**X**	**X**			**X**		**5**
Texas State University	**38,262**	**X**	**X**				**X**	**5**
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	**31,354**	**X**	**X**				**X**	**5**
West Texas A&M University	**9,275**	**X**		**X**	**X**			**5**
University of Houston-Downtown	**14,212**	**X**		**X**			**X**	**5**
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	6,108	X	X					4
Angelo State University	10,566	X		X				4
Texas A&M International University	8,480	X			X			4
University of Houston-Clear Lake	8,559	X						3
Texas A&M University-San Antonio	7,238	X						3
Midwestern State University	5,763	X						3
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	5,264	X						3
University of Houston-Victoria	4,108	X						3
University of North Texas at Dallas	3,701	X						3
Texas A&M University-Central Texas	2,194	X						3
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	2,132	X						3
Sul Ross State University	1,359	X						3
The University of Texas at El Paso	23,880		X	X				2
Texas A&M University	67,239		X				X	2
The University of Texas at Austin	52,189		X				X	2
University of Houston	46,581		X				X	2
University of North Texas	44,419		X				X	2
The University of Texas at Arlington	40,990		X				X	2
The University of Texas at San Antonio	33,557		X				X	2
Texas Tech University	39,743		X					1
The University of Texas at Dallas	31,530		X					1
Texas A&M University at Galveston	2,246							0
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College	718							0
Total Criteria Records		**26**	**21**	**21**	**6**	**3**	**14**	**143**