

# ESEA EMAC Desktop Programmatic Monitoring Manual

Arizona Department of Education, Title I, Part A Comparability

## Welcome

The purpose of Title I, Part A is to provide all children a significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education and help ensure that all children meet challenging academic standards. Title I-A provides financial assistance to Local Education Agency (LEA) and schools that serve a larger population of children from families experiencing poverty. By providing additional resources, the program is intended to help close the opportunity gaps and thus the achievement gap that some students experience.

Comparability is a school-level calculation that measures the level of State and local funds and resources provided to an LEA's Title I-A and non-Title I-A schools. The goal is to determine whether the distribution of State and local funds and resources to schools are comparable regardless of Title I-A status. If all schools are Title I schools, all schools must be "substantially comparable".

Per the **FY26 Comparability Requirements**, the required evidence for assurance and calculation described will be collected and submitted in the **Educational Monitoring, Assistance & Compliance (EMAC)** application/portal system. EMAC is an application in the ADE Connect system.

To support the implementation process, this manual takes LEAs through EMAC and its data collection and submission process based on the [FY26 Comparability Requirements](#). Comparability resources are available on the [Academic Achievement website](#). Do not go any further in EMAC, if you have not first consulted the current year Comparability Requirements guidance document and manually demonstrated comparability using one of the methods and its associated excel spreadsheet.

If you have specific questions about Comparability, please reach out to Academic Achievement Inbox [ESEA@azed.gov](mailto:ESEA@azed.gov) or call **602-364-1958**.

## Key Reminders & Best Practice Tips

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## Obtaining Access to EMAC

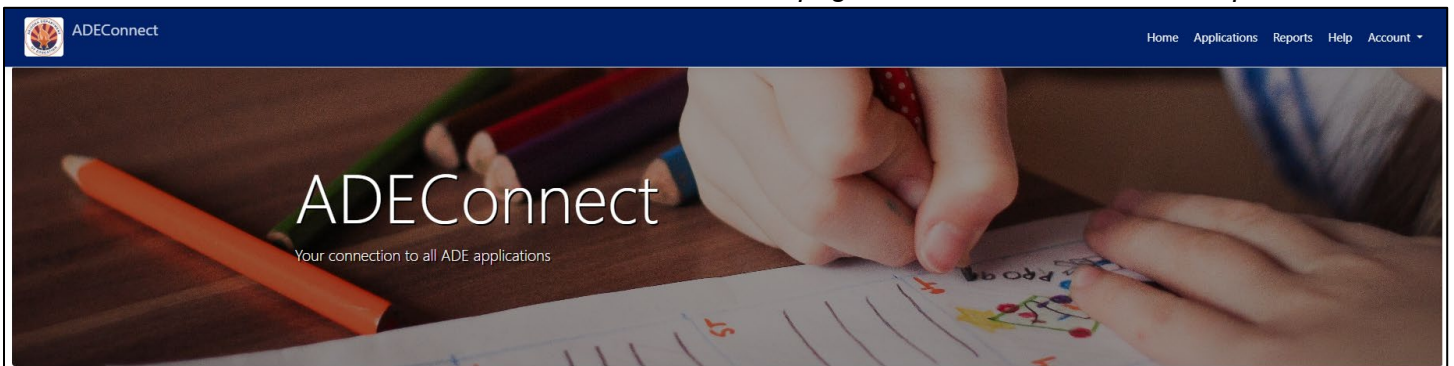
It is important for any person responsible for Comparability assurance and demonstration submission has access to EMAC.

### To ensure access to EMAC:

1. Verify you have a login to ADEConnect  
*Note: If you do not have access, request access by selecting this link: [HelpDesk](#) (Application Support Service Request/ADEConnect)*
2. Verify you have been set up to access the EMAC system by your Entity administrator. The LEA's Entity Administrator provides permission and assigns roles in ADEConnect for EMAC access for one of the following user roles:

<b>LEA User</b>	Ability to be assigned to all monitoring programs assigned to all district schools, they can enter information, review information, and submit information
<b>LEA User Read Only</b>	Ability to be assigned to all monitoring programs assigned to all district schools, they can review information, cannot enter or submit information
<b>School User</b>	Ability to be assigned to the single school identified, they can enter information, review information, and submit information for that one school
<b>School User Read Only</b>	Ability to be assigned to the single school identified, they can enter information, they can review information, cannot enter or submit information

*Note: To find your Entity Administrator select "Help" on the top of the ADEConnect Page. Then, click "Search" in the "Find an Administrator" section of the page and reach out to them to request access.*



3. Verify that you have been set up to access the EMAC system by your Entity Administrator.
  - a. Login to ADEConnect.
  - b. Verify there is a link "EMAC" on your list of applications.
4. Verify that you have been assigned to the current **"Title I, Part A Comparability"** program by your EMAC Administrator.
  - a. Select "EMAC" from your list of available applications in ADE Connect.
  - b. Assigned Users will see it listed on their dashboard.

# Completing Data Collection Tasks in EMAC

## Accessing, Viewing, and Navigating a Data Collection Task:

The EMAC application system offers both direct upload of documents and online forms that will collect Comparability assurance and calculations.

1. Log-in to ADE Connect and access the EMAC application from the list.
2. Once you open EMAC, it will open to your Dashboard.
3. On the Dashboard, ensure the current fiscal year button is selected (dark blue), and click on the dropdown menu to search for or select the **Title I, Part A Comparability** monitoring program. This will show you tasks associated with this program. Select "Not Started" to navigate to the list of assigned tasks.

**Dashboard** Task Count(s)

All Programs [Reset] FY 2026 2025 2024

**My Tasks**

Not Started	1	In Progress	1
Onsite Visits	0	Overdue	0

**Organization Tasks**

Not Started	1	In Progress	1
Completed	1	Onsite Visits	0
Overdue	0		

4. Once you locate the monitoring program task you are ready to complete, find the "pencil in the box" in the far right -hand column of that task row. Click the blue "pencil in the box" in the "Actions" column. This will open the task in a new window/tab.

Program Area	Program	Cycle	Task Name	Task Type	Onsite V...	Start Date	End Date	Status	Staff Assigned	Actions
Program Area	Program Area	Program Area	Task Name	Data Collection	No	11/10/2025	01/19/2026	Not Started	Program Specialist	

5. After you have opened a Data Collection Task, you will see all the information and details necessary to complete the task described in the [FY26 Comparability Requirements](#).
6. Below the "Purpose" section of this page you will find five tabs: Submission, Resource, Communication, Related Tasks, and History. The function of each of these tabs is described below:
  - **Submission:** This will have a link to complete the required Online Form and space to upload any Evidence documents requested.
  - **Resource:** This will be where resources to assist you with completing this task are found. For Comparability all resources are linked to the [FY26 Comparability Requirements](#).
  - **Communication:** This will be the record of communication between you and your assigned specialist regarding submissions, feedback, or questions for each Data Collection task.
  - **Related Tasks:** This will house a collection of tasks for Comparability. You can access the other Data Collection Tasks and see the status of each in this tab.
  - **History:** This will house a record of changes made to this task.

Submission Resource Communication Related Tasks History

### Online Forms

Name	Form Status	Last Updated	Action(s)
FY26 Comparability Assurance	Not Started		

### Evidence Documents

Not Available

### Evidence Documents Uploaded

Name	Tags	Action(s)
Select files...		Upload

You can only upload PDF, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PPT, GIF, JPG, PNG files. Maximum allowed file size is 10MB.

Mark as Completed

## Completing an Online Form:

1. When there is an Online Form to complete within a Data Collection Task, it will have a "name," "Form Status," "Last Updated," and "Action(s)." Form Status tells you that the online form is "Not Started," "In Progress," or "Completed."

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2. To access the Online Form and complete it, click on "pencil in the box" under Action(s) and it will open the form question(s) to be completed.

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3. When a form has multiple pages, you will not be able to proceed to the next page if required questions have not been completed. To view all the questions in the form as well as any already completed fields/answers, select “Download” at the top or bottom of the form for a PDF version.
4. As answers are entered, the form must be saved by clicking “Save Draft” so that exit and re-entry into the form will not delete responses. We **highly recommend typing answers into a separate document** to be pasted into the online form in the event that the form does not save or the site refreshes unexpectedly. Also, good practice for ensuring it is correct before submitting.

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## FY26 Comparability Assurance

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# Title I, Part A Comparability – FY26 Requirements

### Uploading Evidence:

When there is a requirement for documents to be uploaded into a task, there is a two-step process to complete submission: “Select Files” AND “Upload”.

1. Under “Evidence Documents Uploaded”, click on “**Select Files**”. This will allow you to attach your file(s).
2. After attaching your file(s), be sure to click “**Upload**” to fully upload your files.
3. Once your Online Form is complete and any required evidence has been successfully uploaded, click on “**Mark as Completed**”. This can be found at the bottom of your Data Collection Task.

Submission | Resource | Communication | Related Tasks | History

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### Evidence Documents

Not Available

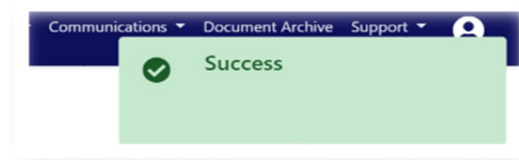
### Evidence Documents Uploaded

Name	Tags	Action(s)
<input type="text" value="Select files..."/>		<input type="button" value="Upload"/>

— You can only upload PDF, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PPT, GIF, JPG, PNG files. Maximum allowed file size is 10MB.

*Note* Once "Marked as Completed" is selected for the task, EMAC will lock the LEA side of the portal for the task. No changes can be made by the LEA unless your ESEA Program Specialist returns the submission and changes the status to "Action Required". The LEA will need to contact the ESEA Program Specialist to have them return the task for editing if any mistakes are made or any documents were not uploaded. **Please ensure all evidence and forms are complete before submitting.**

- Once you press this blue button, you will see a green "Success" box flash in the upper right-hand side of your screen. The Status at the top of your Data Collection Task page will also have a green "Completed" label on the left-side.




The Data Collection Task has now been officially submitted. This task is now in the queue for your ESEA Program Specialist to Review.

- If the ESEA Program Specialist accepts the submission, the Data Collection Task will remain in your "Completed" status category.
- If the ESEA Program Specialist is not able to accept the Data Collection Task, they will return your Data Collection Task, and this will change the status of the task to "Action Required".

### Resubmitting an "Action Required" Data Collection Task:

If the ESEA Program Specialist has identified necessary revisions to a submitted Data Collection Task, the LEA must complete the following steps to resubmit with corrections:

- Find the returned task in your Dashboard as previously detailed. The task will now be labelled as "Action Required".
- Once you locate the monitoring program task you are ready to complete, you will notice the red "Action Required" status of the task that has been returned. To enter this task, find the "pencil in the box" in the far right -hand column of that task row. Click the blue "pencil in the box" in the "Actions" column. This will open the task in a new window/tab.

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- Review the ESEA Program Specialist’s comments in the task’s communication tab to understand why the Data Collection Task was returned. To access the comments, first open the task and click on the “Communication” tab. This section contains comments from the assigned Program Specialist explaining the reason for the task rejection and the required revisions

Submission Resource Communication Related Tasks Notes History

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This data collection task was rejected because the LEA did not upload the Comparability Assurances from the LEA Business Manager, Entity Authorized Signer, and Authorized Representative.

Cancel Submit

- To revise an online form, click “Completed” located to the right of that form. The form will be editable again by clicking in the text boxes or manipulating the question types (checkboxes, etc.)



## Online Forms

**Online Form Name** Completed 

- To remove an uploaded document, click on the trash can icon located to the right of the document name. New or corrected documents may be uploaded in the same process as the initial upload.

Not Available

**Evidence Documents Uploaded**

 Evidence Upload Name PDF 

Select files...

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- Once all changes have been made, resubmit the task as was done in the first submission, and is detailed above within the “Uploading Evidence” section.

## Communications on Title I, Part A Comparability Assurance and Calculation:

Use EMAC for all communications to the assigned ESEA Program Specialist and ADE regarding collection, submission, and evaluation of required comparability assurance and calculations per the FY25 Comparability Requirements document.

There are 2 ways to communicate in EMAC by task specific and by email.

- View the task communications from ADE related to monitoring program activities.
  - Communication:** This will be the record of communication between you and your assigned specialist regarding submissions, feedback, or questions for each Data Collection task.

2. View the email communications from ADE related to the monitoring program activities.

Note: For technical issues contact [ESEA@azed.gov](mailto:ESEA@azed.gov) or call (602) -364 -1958. This includes support for correcting errors that occur when manually copying and pasting comparability method results into EMAC.