





Webinar Objectives

- To provide relevant information and updates for ESC and LEA leaders who are supporting highly mobile and at-risk students.
- To take a deeper dive on new Division resources available to support LEAs for the launch of the 20-21 school year.



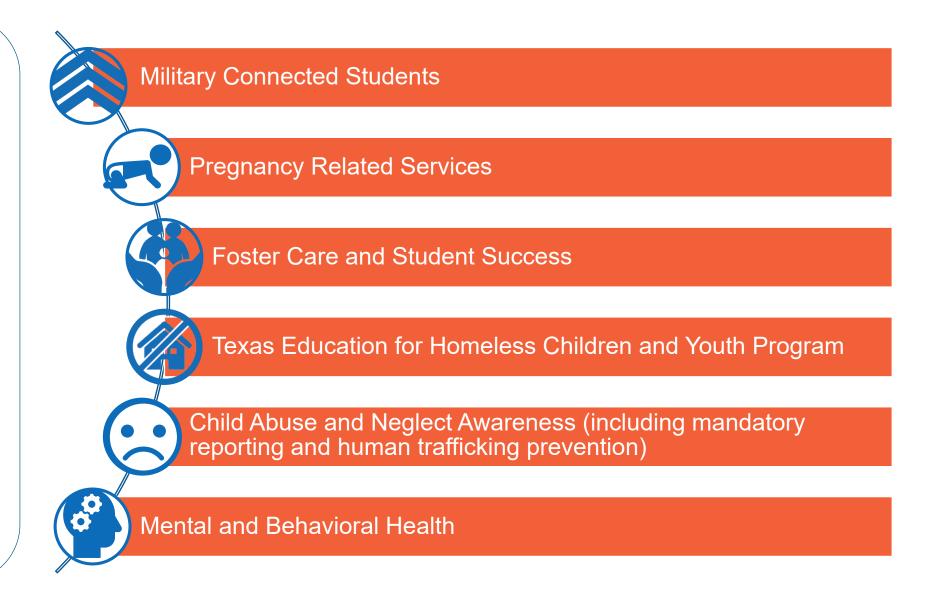
To provide individual program updates and resources to support Highly Mobile and At-Risk Students.

Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division

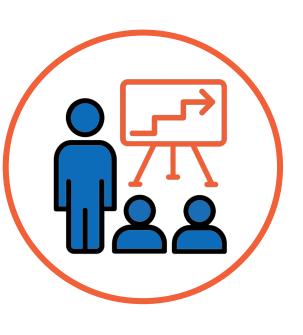
Purpose:

To increase awareness, build capacity, and improve TEA supports, resources and tools available for schools to address the unique needs and statutory requirements of highly mobile and at-risk students.

We are committed to improving the school experience and education outcomes of all highly mobile and at-risk students in Texas public schools.



Technical Support & Engagement

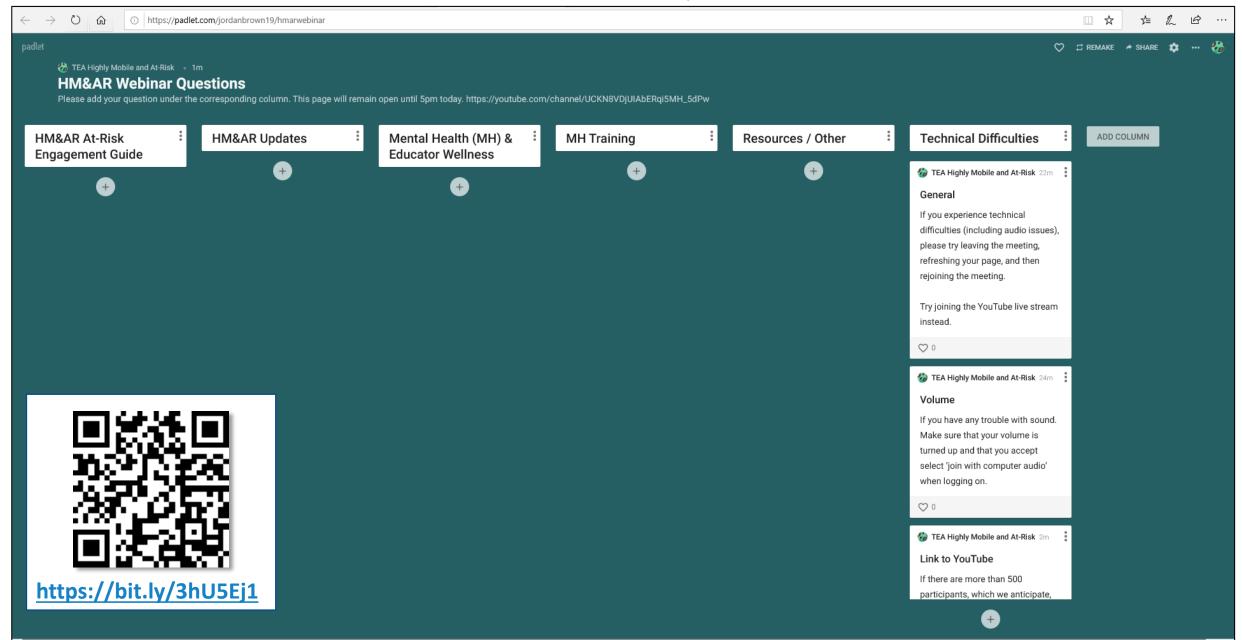


1) Please submit any questions during the presentation to the Padlet https://bit.ly/3hU5Ej1 (closes at 5pm).



- 2) Technical difficulties will also be addressed in the Padlet.**Zoom and YouTube chat will not be used.
- 3) This presentation will be recorded and available on HMAR website.
- 4) PDF of presentation will be sent to registration list.

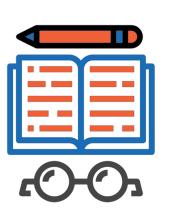
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Webinar Agenda Outline

- 1. Welcome and Introduction
- 2. High Mobile and At-Risk Engagement Guide
- 3. Highly Mobile and At-Risk Updates
- 4. Mental and Behavioral Health Educator Wellness
- 5. School Mental Health Components and Training
- 6. Mental Health Updates and Resources
- 7. Closure





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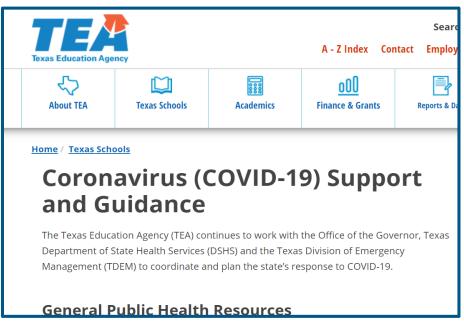
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Accessing TEA Resources

TEA uploads resources on the TEA COVID-19 page

Resources provided by year | 19-20 and 20-21

TEA COVID Webpage

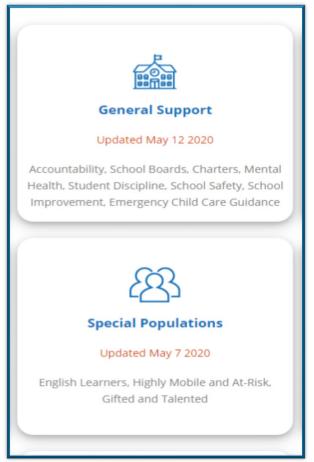


TEA COVID Page Link
TEA COVID Special Populations
TEA General Supports - Mental Health Resources

Tabs provided by topic:



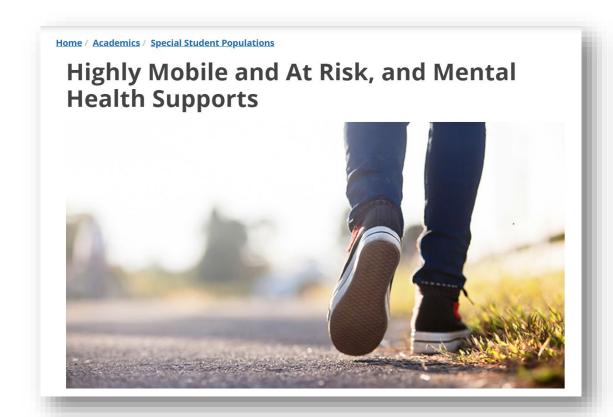
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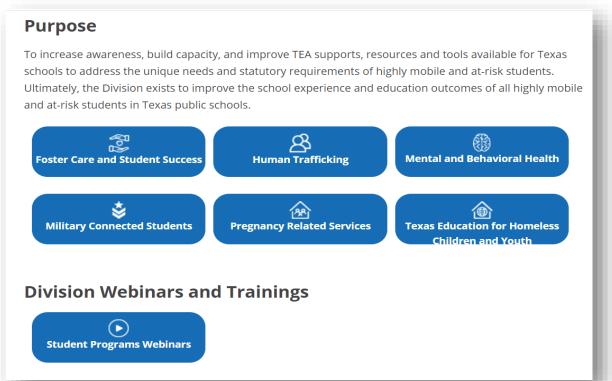


**Resources are provided by year 19-20 and 20-21. Select the appropriate tab on the webpage to locate resource.



TEA Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division Webpage:





https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/highly-mobile-and-at-risk-and-mental-health-supports



Highly Mobile and At-Risk Division Inboxes



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Homeless Education: homelesseducation@tea.texas.gov



Human Trafficking: preventinghumantrafficking@tea.texas.gov





Please direct questions that arise

to: disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov

inbox or the appropriate program office.





Engaging Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Guide





Special Populations

Updated August 26 2020

English Learners, Highly Mobile and At-Risk, Gifted and Talented

COVID-19 Support: Special
Populations
Webpage Link

PDF





Engaging Highly Mobile and At-Risk Students





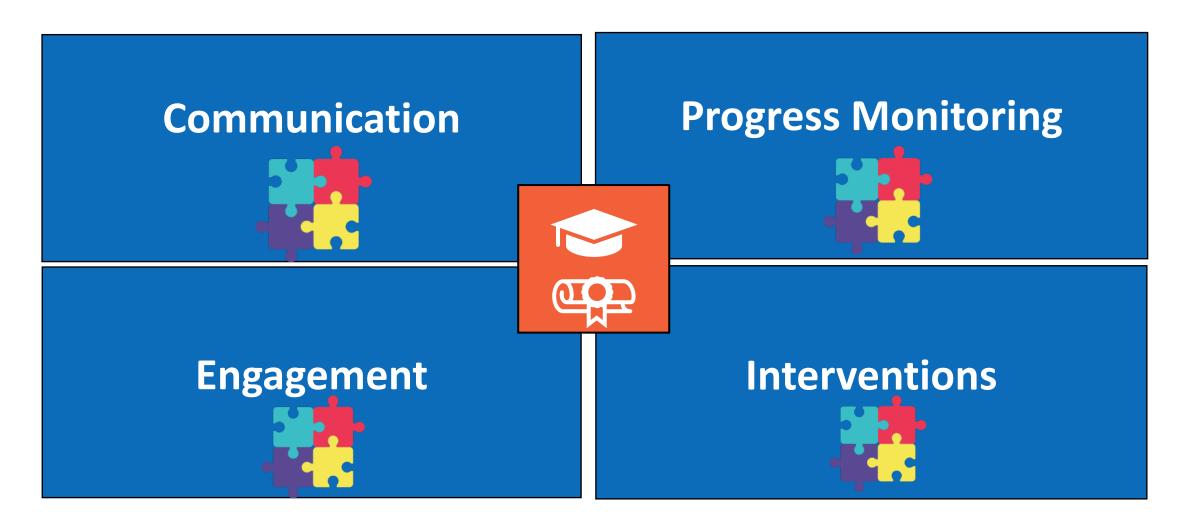
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Student Data and Academic Success





2019-2020 COVID-19 Crisis Codes Guidance

Crisis Codes Developed To:

- Inform policy makers
- Define level of student engagement
- Track duration of student engagement
- For the time period in which school buildings were closed due to COVID-19



COVID-19 Reporting Guidance: Crisis Codes June 4, 2020

(512) 463-9000

disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov

tea.texas.gov/coronavirus

For more information on attendance, enrollment and calendar related topics, please see the **Attendance and Enrollment FAQ** located on the <u>TEA Coronavirus webpage under Waivers, Finance & Grants.</u>

For more information on PEIMS and TREx reporting guidance, please see the **Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) FAQ** located on the <u>TEA Coronavirus webpage under</u>
<u>Reporting & Data.</u>

Crisis Codes Reporting Guidance: Section Topics

Click on the links below to go directly to that section of the guidance document.

- Purpose of Collecting Crisis Codes
- Definitions
- Crisis Code Values Reported in PEIMS Summer Submission
- Frequently Asked Questions

Purpose of Collecting Crisis Codes

To inform policy makers and support best practice. Exchange of information on students as they move from one district to another. This information will not be used for any accountability purposes.

Crisis Code indicator will be transmitted through TREx.

Definitions

Time period – The time period in which the campus was **closed-instructing** during the COVID-19 crisis in the 2019-2020 school year.

Engaged – Student was responding to requests from administrators and teachers and completing assignments. For students in multiple classes (typical of secondary), completing assignments in any core content areas would count as engaged.

Unengaged – Student was responding to requests from administrators and teachers; however, student was not completing assignments. For students in multiple classes (typical of secondary), not completing assignments in any core content areas would count as unengaged. Students should be classified as unengaged regardless for the underlying reason for not being engaged (whether by choice or uncontrollable circumstance).

Not Contactable – Student or family were not responding to requests from administrators or teachers.

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Crisis Code Level of Engagement Definitions

Engaged

Student was responding to requests from administrators and teachers and completing assignments.

Unengaged/Disengaged

Student was responding to requests from administrators and teachers; however, the student was not completing assignments. For secondary students, enrolled in multiple classes, not completing assignments in any core content areas would count as unengaged. Students should be classified as unengaged regardless for the underlying reason for not being engaged (whether by choice or uncontrollable circumstance).

TEA COVID-19 FAQ: Student Attendance: Uncontactable Student Guidance



Crisis Code Level of Engagement Definitions

Not Contactable/Uncontactable

An uncontactable student is defined as a student that did **not** participate in the continuing instruction formats provided by the district **and** for whom multiple efforts to contact them or their relatives listed as the student's contacts failed during the COVID-19 pandemic as campuses transitioned from in-person to virtual learning platforms in the 2019-2020 school year.

TEA COVID-19 FAQ: Student Attendance: Uncontactable Student Guidance



SY 2019-2020 Crisis Codes

CODE 7A	Start of Crisis <i>thru</i> April 30th - Engaged May 1st thru End of School Year - Engaged
CODE 7B	Start of Crisis thru April 30th - Not Contactable May 1st thru End of School Year - Not Contactable
CODE 7C	Start of Crisis <i>thru</i> April 30th - Not Contactable May 1st thru End of School Year - Not Engaged
CODE 7D	Start of Crisis thru April 30th - Not Contactable May 1st thru End of School Year - Engaged
CODE 7E	Start of Crisis thru April 30th - Not Engaged May 1st thru End of School Year - Not Engaged
CODE 7F	Start of Crisis thru April 30th - Not Engaged May 1st thru End of School Year - Not Contactable
CODE 7G	Start of Crisis thru April 30th - Not Engaged May 1st thru End of School Year - Engaged
CODE 7H	Start of Crisis thru April 30th – Engaged May 1st thru End of School Year - Not Contactable
CODE 7I	Start of Crisis thru April 30th - Engaged May 1st thru End of School Year - Not Engaged



Next Steps and Student Considerations

Noncontactable/Uncontactable Students



Create a list of uncontactable students to be located and reengaged.



Uncontactable students should not have been administratively withdrawn for the 2019-2020 school year.



Determine what factors may have contributed to a student's uncontactable status or change in engagement (e.g. loss of housing, moved out of the area, etc.).



Determine what academic interventions or supports are needed to ensure on-time promotion and graduation for the 2020-2021 school year.



Next Steps and Student Considerations

Not Engaged Students



Determine when the student was last engaged to identify interventions and supports.



Review student attendance and level of engagement to identify any gaps that occurred before or during COVID-19.



Develop a plan to reestablish engagement to support academic continuity.



Determine what academic interventions or supports are needed to ensure on-time promotion and graduation for the 2020-2021 school year.



Next Steps and Student Considerations

Engaged Students



Review 7D and 7G crisis code data to identify if these students were able to complete their coursework and were promoted or graduated.

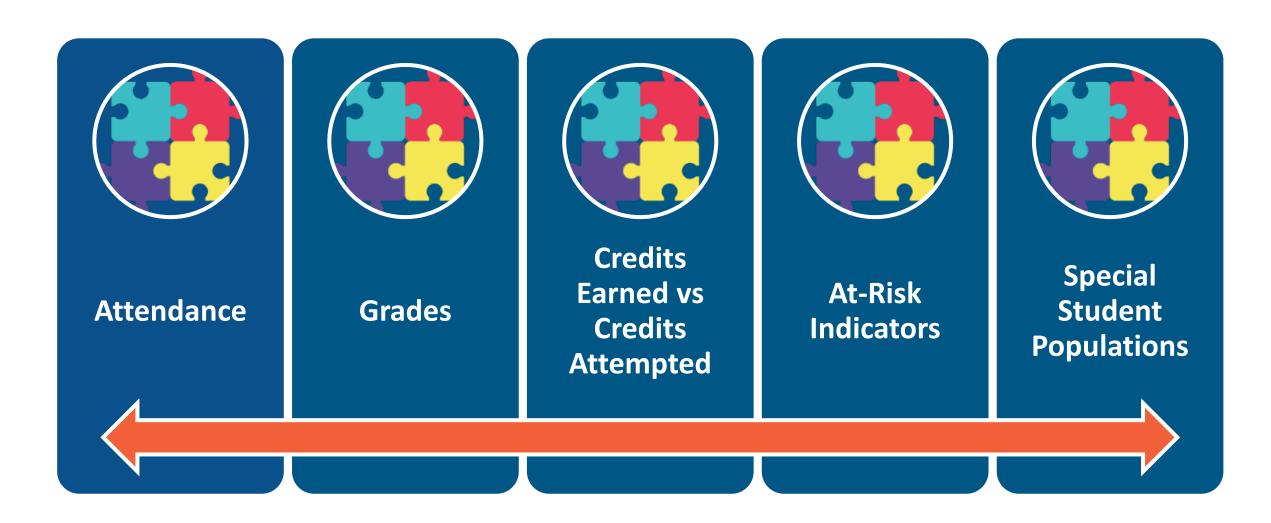


Assess what interventions or additional academic progress monitoring were utilized to ensure on-time promotion and graduation for the 2019-2020 school year.



Review grades and credits to ensure all engaged students are on track for on-time promotion and graduation for the 2020-2021 school year.

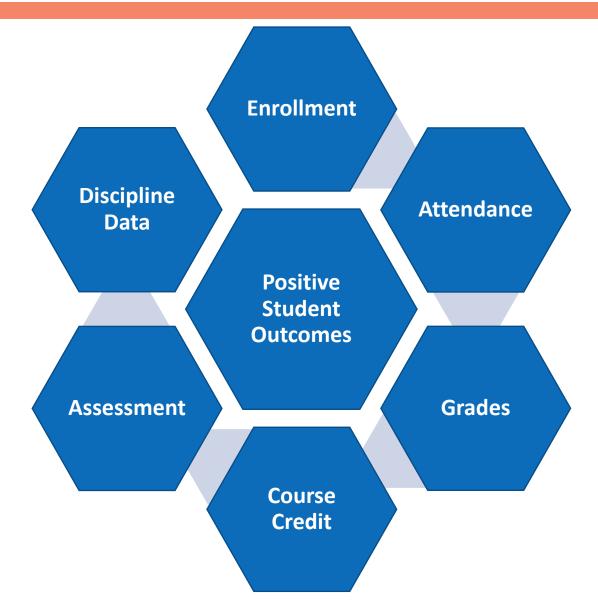
Academic Data Reports







Multi-Faceted Academic Transition Plan



Next Steps and Student Considerations: Academic Transition Plans



Identify any attendance, enrollment, and engagement data trends from the 2019-2020 school year.



Identify any data trends by grade level, student group, and special student population from the 2019-2020 school year.



Ensure students received the appropriate class credit or final grade for courses taken during the 2019-2020 school year.

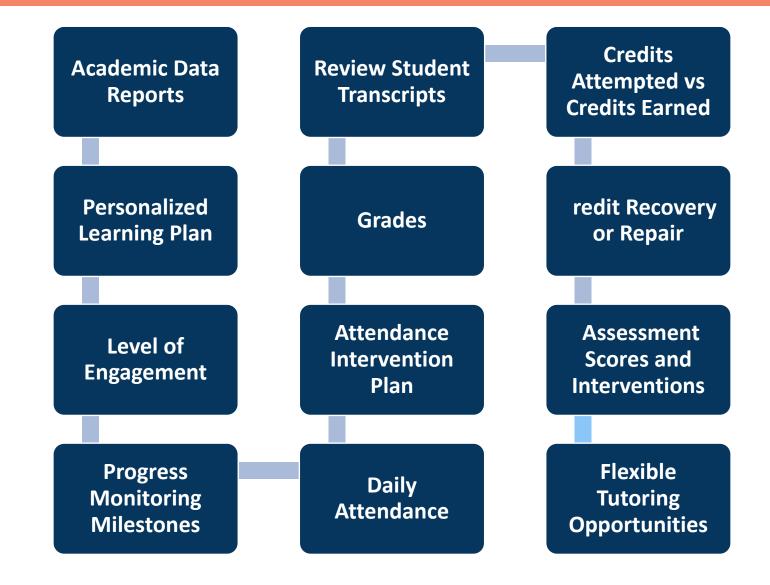


Develop baseline data that will support development of strong metrics and milestones for the 2020-2021 school year.





Student Academic Progress Monitoring



Next Steps and Student Considerations: Academic Progress Monitoring



Monitor student daily attendance for in-person, hybrid, or fully remote instruction.



Develop attendance intervention plans to ensure students are on track to meet the 90% attendance rule.



Develop and provide credit repair or credit recovery opportunities.

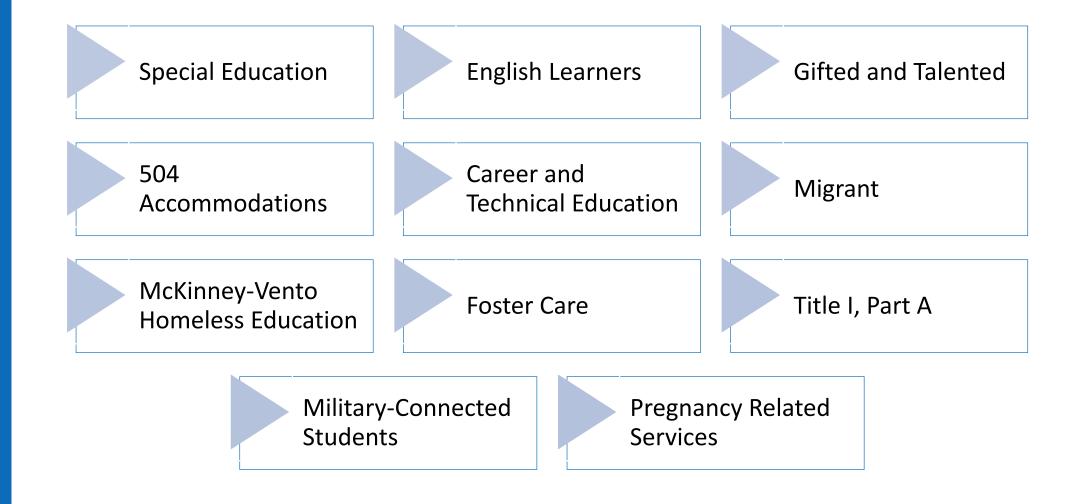


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Multi-Tiered Level of Support



Key Actions for Success: Utilizing Data for Strategic Planning

Utilize COVID-19 crisis coding and academic data reports to identify:

- Level of engagement or prevalence of uncontactable student by:
 - Grade level
 - Student groups
 - Special student population
- Trends in promotion rates by:
 - Grade level
 - Subject areas
 - Student groups
 - Special student population



Key Actions for Success: Utilizing Data for Strategic Planning Continued...

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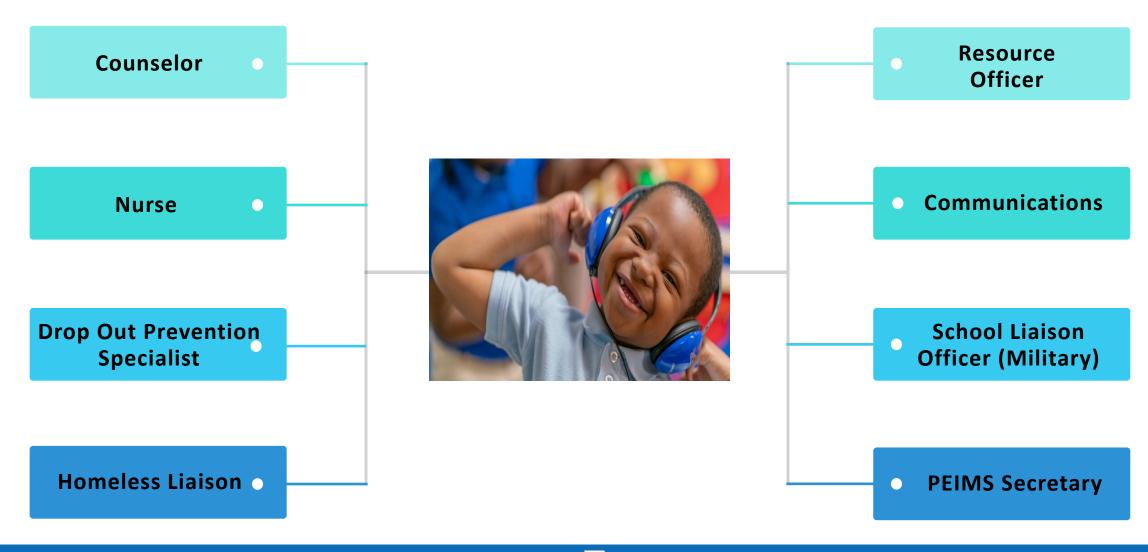
- Student groups or special student populations that need:
 - Targeted academic interventions
 - Additional academic support
 - Progress monitoring
- Patterns of student engagement, progress, growth, and academic gaps, before and during COVID-19.
- Strategies needed to support academic achievement for Highly Mobile and At-Risk Students.





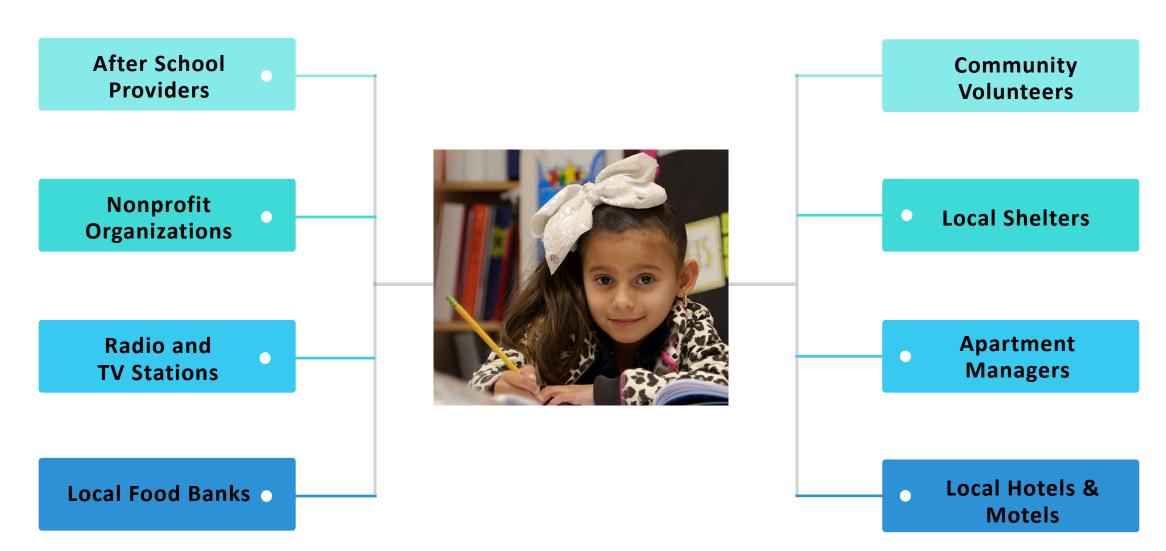


Campus Based Student Support Teams





Stakeholders and Student Support Teams







Home Visits and Safety Procedures

- ✓ Ensure that district, campus staff, and community partners are trained on safety procedures to conducting visits.
- ✓ Provide team members with masks and gloves.
- ✓ Ensure CDC/DSHS COVID-19 guidelines are followed to ensure safety of students and staff.

- ✓ Consider sharing planned visit routes and timeframes with others on the Student Support Teams.
- ✓ Make a list of addresses to visit by zip code and map routes to maximize time.
- ✓ Always have **two or more staff members** per home visit.



Home Visits and Safety Procedures

- ✓ Ensure one staff member is **bilingual** and able to **translate** if needed.
- ✓ Ensure staff members have their school badge visible during home visits.
- ✓ Verify student **medical needs** with nurse if applicable prior to the visit.

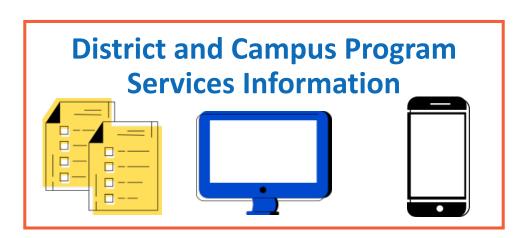
✓ Designate a **contact person** on each team.

✓ **Observe** the outside/inside (if applicable) of the students' home and make sure they are safe.



Items to Have on Hand

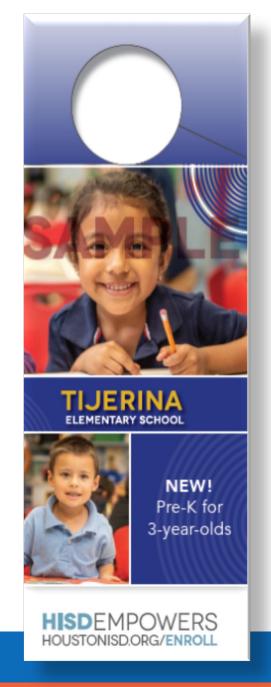












Door Hangers or Flyers

Warm and welcoming message (e.g. "You are missed...").

 Campus contact information both phone number and email address.

Important upcoming dates.

• All material available in English and Spanish.

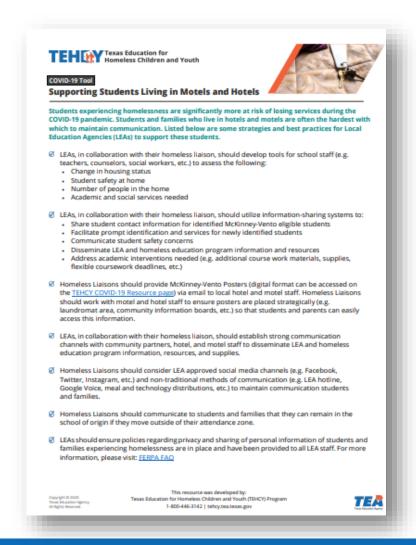


Apartment Manager Outreach

- Identify apartment complexes that feed into campus attendance zones and contact the managers in-person or phone call.
- Provide the following information to the apartment managers:
 - ✓ Name of campus staff member
- **8**_k
- ✓ Name of Campus
 - ✓ Contact information (phone and email) where campus staff can be reached
 - ✓ Drop off door hangers, business card, McKinney-Vento posters in English/Spanish for apartment managers to display in communal areas visible for students and families.

Supporting Students Living in Hotels or Motels

- Homeless Liaisons should work with motel and hotel staff to ensure posters are placed strategically (e.g. laundromat area, community informational boards, etc.) so that students and parents can easily access the information.
- For more information on how to support students living in hotels or motels visit the Texas Education for Homeless Children & Youth COVID-19 Supporting Students Living in Hotels or Motels Tool.





Supporting Students Living in Hotels or Motels

- District and campus staff should collaborate with their McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaisons to establish strong communication channels with hotel and motel staff to disseminate district, campus, and homeless education program information, resources and supplies.
- Homeless Liaisons should provide McKinney-Vento Posters (digital format available) via email to local hotel and motel staff.







Leveraging Social Media Platforms



 Districts and campuses can utilize their social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter to craft a message for students encouraging communication.

 Districts and campuses can craft messages encouraging students to reach out to friends who they know might have become disengaged during the school year 2019-2020 and start of 2020-2021 school year.

- Districts and campuses may also consider sending text messages, automated voice messages, and send letters to the home.
- Districts and campuses can also host phone banks with volunteers.







Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Update

TEA and Children's Advocacy Center Child Abuse Prevention Toolkit

Reporting Suspected Child Abuse, Neglect, or Human Trafficking in a Remote Learning Environment Reminders and Tips

Amid the pandemic, reports to the child abuse hotline have dropped significantly. Students are spending more time at home and less time with the teachers, coaches, and other adults who most often report concerns of abuse or neglect. Educators are mandatory reporters and are required to report suspicions of child abuse and neglect, including the trafficking of a child (Texas Family Code § 261.101). As districts prepare for a new school year that may include both remote and in-person learning environments, it is critical for teachers and school staff to remain vigilant in their identification and reporting of these concerns. See below for key tips and considerations.

Possible Signs of Abuse, Neglect, or Trafficking

Injuries and Other Visible Signs – In a remote setting, an educator may observe unexplained, frequent, or patterned injuries that may indicate a child is being abused. A lack of personal care or hygiene may also be cause for concern.

Changes in Behavior or Demeanor – Abused children may appear scared, anxious, depressed, withdrawn, or more aggressive. Children who have been sexually abused may engage in high-risk behavior or may seem to know more about sex than they should at their age. This may be evident in your communications with a student or may be something that you have a sense about when interacting with them remotely.

Disengagement or Absenteeism - Pay attention to students who are absent from remote classrooms, who are not turning in assignments, or who are otherwise unreachable. Make sure your district has a plan for reaching out to and connecting with students who are not engaged.

Concerns with the Student's Physical Environment – When connecting with students remotely, pay attention to any safety concerns you observe within the home, or any other indicators that the child may be in danger.

Additional Ways Educators Can Provide Support

Engage with students and ask how they are doing. Make sure students know that you are a supportive adult who genuinely cares about their well-being. Ask questions like, "How are you doing?" and "What's it like for you to be at home so much instead of at school?" Even children who are not being abused may have difficulty coping with changes brought on by the pandemic. Asking these questions may identify students who are struggling with mental health concerns.

Connect more frequently with students who may be at a higher risk for abuse, neglect, or trafficking. This may include students whose well-being you have been concerned about in the past, students with disabilities or special needs, and/or students with a history of trauma.

Enlist school counselors and other student support professionals to help you connect with students' families. Many parents and caregivers are under a lot of stress right now, and some may be experiencing job loss and other stressors related to the pandemic. Be aware of the supports and resources your district has available for families and help link students and families to these resources.

> If you suspect a child is in immediate danger, call 911. For all other cases in Texas, call the abuse & neglect hotline at

> > 1.800.252.5400

Click here for more resources from CACTX.











Prevention and Awareness of Human Trafficking Statewide Webinar Series

https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-studentpopulations/highly-mobile-and-at-risk-and-mentalhealth-supports



Highly Mobile and At Risk, and Mental **Health Supports**











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Division Webinars and Trainings

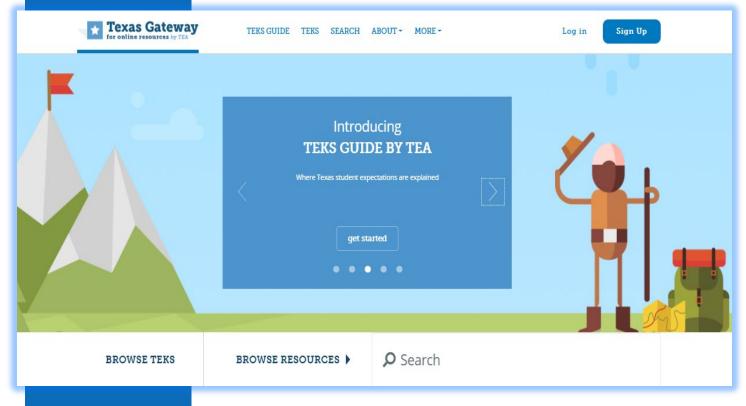






Prevention and Awareness: Human Trafficking of School-Aged Children

Texas Gateway



https://www.texasgateway.org/

- Free; no log-in required
- > 11 Units; one-hour completion time
- To be used in coordination with existing Child Abuse Prevention mandatory training
- LEAs may use other training and/or collaborate with local community partners to meet updated training requirements



New Commissioner Rules Concerning Transition Assistance:

19 TAC Chapter 89, Adaptations for Special Populations, Subchapter FF, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Transition Assistance for Highly Mobile Students Who Are Homeless or in Substitute Care are adopted.

- Summary: The adopted new rules assist with the transition of students who are homeless or in substitute care from one school to another and provide local education agencies with guidance on the requirements of Texas Education Code, § 25.007.
- **Effective Date:** March 30, 2020
- http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter089/ch089ff.html





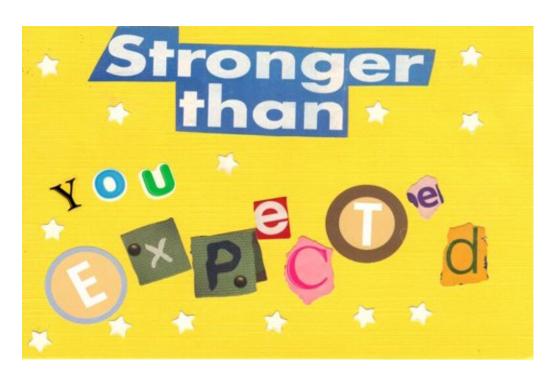
New Policy Addresses:

- ✓ Transfer of Student Records and Transcripts
- ✓ Development of Systems to Ease Transitions and Establish Procedures to Lessen the Adverse Impact of Movement of a Student
- ✓ Award of Credit
- ✓ Placement in Educational Programs and Courses

- ✓ Promotion of Access to Educational and Extracurricular Programs for Students Who Are Homeless or in Substitute Care
- ✓ Promotion of Postsecondary Information
- ✓ Provision of Special Education Services
- ✓ Notice to Student's Educational Decision-Maker and Caseworker



Foster Care Updates:



- COVID Reminders
- Ensure Updated FC Liaison Contact information in AskTED
- FC Listserv 20-21 launch
- Resources in Development:
 - Foster Care and Student Success
 Resource Guide
 - School Transition 1-pager
 - School of Origin 1-pager
 - ESSA Transportation Coordination Guidance
 - Updated TASB Education Best Interest Decision Coordination Template
 - ESSA Toolkit

2020 TEHCY Program Summit



First ever virtual TEHCY Summit in partnership with Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS):

- Over 1,200 attendees from across the state.
- Representing all 20 Educational Service Centers.
- Thank you to all our presenters and attendees!





TEHCY Program Updates



Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth

- Update your McKinney-Vento Liaison contact information in AskTED
- Sign-up for our McKinney-Vento Listserv
- Upcoming Training ACET Fall
 Conference, October 26th-29th, 2020
- Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth <u>COVID-19 Resource Page</u>.
- Resources in development:
 - FAFSA training
 - Transportation training
 - McKinney-Vento 201 training
 - Community Collaboration training



Purple Star Campus Designation



Applications for the 2020-2021 school year were accepted from *June 10, 2020* through *August 28, 2020*.

 Notifications of award outcomes will be announced by the Texas Education Agency next month.

Purple Star Campus Designation



The Purple Star Campus Designation recognizes Texas district and charter schools that show their support and commitment to meeting the unique needs of military connected students and their families.

This special honor was created by the 86th Texas Legislature through SB 1557 and further described in agency rule (19 TAC, § 61.1063), effective April 9, 2020.

TEA will be awarding, for the first time, Purple Star Campus designation for campuses that apply and meet the established criteria (see below) in October 2020. Campuses that are selected, will receive a special Purple Star recognition to display. Campuses selected will also have their designation featured on the Txschools.gov web page.

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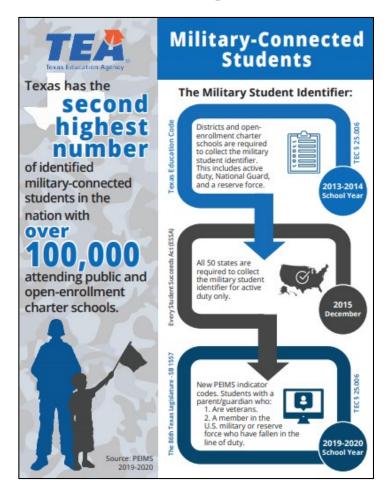


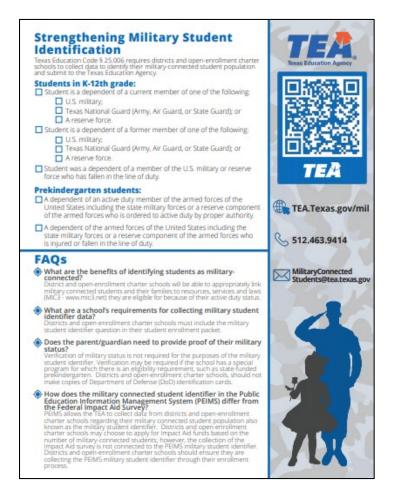


https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/military-families/purple-star-campus-designation



2020-2021 Military Student Identifier Resource





https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/Military%20Student%20Identifier%20SY%202020%20201.pdf









Educator Wellness Document



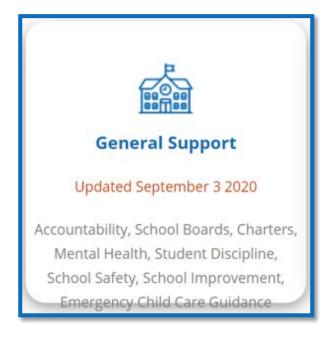
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Educator Wellness Document





COVID 19 General Support Link

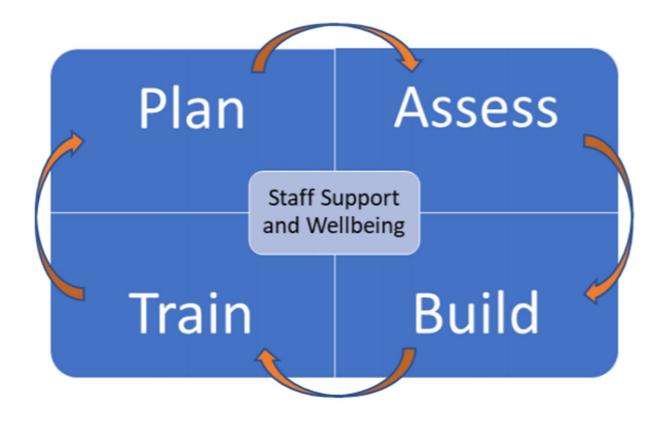




Educator Wellness Document









Plan





Convene a Mental Health & Wellness MTSS Team:

- ✓ Ensure that the MTSS team is supported to safely brainstorm, share ideas, and consider strong universal supports (tier 1) to promote staff well-being.
- Develop and promote strategies to reduce stigmas of discussing stress, grief, trauma, and mental health concerns.



Assess





Assessing the Well-being of Staff

✓ Conduct a landscape analysis on assessing mental health needs and social service needs of staff.

✓ Ensure ongoing wellness touchpoints to continually assess and support all staff throughout the year.



Build





Building a Culture of Wellness & Resiliency

- ✓ Model good working practices and self-care to encourage a healthy work/life balance.
- ✓ Map out staff wellness events throughout the year.
- ✓ Promote positive greetings and affirmations with staff throughout the day (e.g. email, shout outs, check in/check outs, etc.).



Train



Professional development and training



- ✓ Provide regular and ongoing professional development, study groups, and opportunities for staff to challenge themselves with new learning that is emerging in the education field.
- Ensure ongoing coaching and consultation for professional development and training needs.



School Mental Health Components - TEC §38.351

Mental Health
Promotion,
Prevention, Early
Intervention

Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Postvention **Prevention &**Intervention

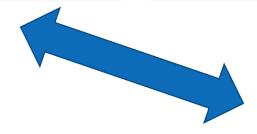
Grief-Informed and Trauma-Informed Practices

Safe and Supportive School Climate

Building skills related to emotions, positive relationships, and decision-making

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Positive Youth Development

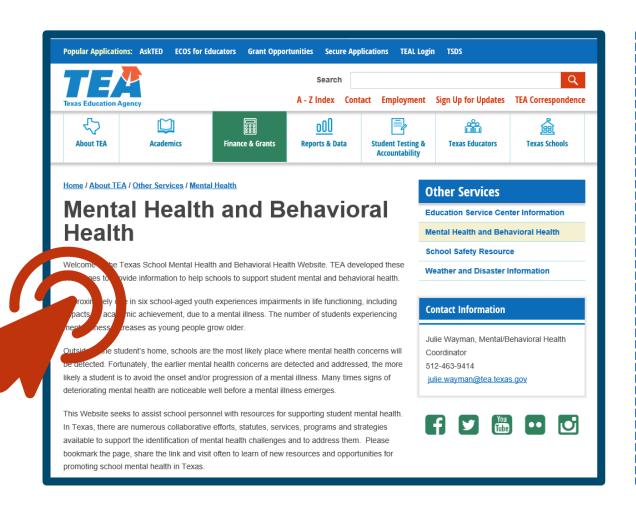


Positive School
Climate



Mental & Behavioral Health Resources Updated August 2020!





State Laws:

TEC §38.351 – Annual Update of Best Practices

TEC §21.062 – Website Required

TEC §21.044 - Educator Preparation

TEC §21.054 - Continuing Education

TEC §11.252 – District Needs Assessment and Plan for Suicide Prevention

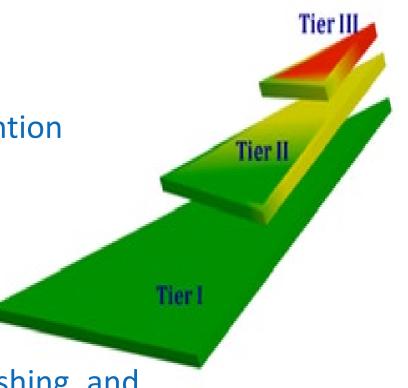


Texas Education Code §38.351



Mental and Behavioral Health Best Practice Components

- Mental Health Promotion, Prevention, Early Intervention
- Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention
- Grief Informed and Trauma Informed Practices
- Safe and Supportive School Climate
- Positive School Climate
- Building skills related to managing emotions, establishing, and maintaining positive relationships, and responsible decision making
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports
- Positive Youth Development





Update: Trauma Informed Policy and Training





Trauma-informed policy and training – TEC §38.036

Each school district must implement a policy integrating trauma-informed practices in each school environment using resources developed by TEA, and implement training

Complete - Rule drafted and now posted for public comment. (September 11, 2020, Effective December 2020)

https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/regviewctx\$.startup



Trauma Informed Care Policy: Key Points

Highlights of Policy Purpose:

- 1. increase staff and parent or guardian awareness:
 - how grief and trauma affect mental health, student learning, and behavior
 - how evidence-based, grief- informed, and trauma-informed strategies support the academic success of students affected by grief and trauma



Trauma Informed Care Policy: Key Points

Highlights of Policy Purpose:

2. The staff training must include a component on <u>vicarious or secondary</u> trauma and strategies for self-care for teachers and staff.

3. The school district or open-enrollment charter school must <u>implement</u> and <u>integrate trauma-informed practices</u>.



Trauma Informed Care Policy: Key Points

Highlights of Policy Purpose:

- 4. Counseling options must be easily accessible to promote both available school and community counseling options.
 - Both school-based and community-based options must be posted on each campus Website.
 - Or post options on the district Website if no campus Website is available.



Trauma Informed Care Policy- Summary Key Points

Trauma Informed Practices are Integrated and implemented in each school

Counseling Options are Easily Accessible; Options available in School and Community are Posted on Campus Websites, Annually Updated with New Resources

TIC Awareness Information and Training Provided for Staff and for Parents/Guardians

Full Staff Training on Implementation Every 3 Years for All Staff who Regularly Interact with Students

Annual Booster Training – Of TIC Policies, Practices and Protocols

TIC Policy is included in Campus improvement Plan



Update: Safe and Supportive School Program





Safe and Supportive Schools Program - Commissioner to adopt rules to establish a safe and supportive school program incorporating research-based best practices for school safety; including mental and behavioral health, social-emotional domain, training and school climate.

Complete − Rule drafted and posted for public comment. (Posted September 11, 2020, Effective December 2020)

https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/regviewctx\$.startup

The Safe and Supportive School Program:
A comprehensive approach to school safety driven by six primary responsibilities

Safe and Supportive School Program

Promotes a positive school climate

Builds
MultiTiered
Systems of
Support

Conducts
Behavior
Threat
Assessments

Ensures staff is welltrained Collects data to continuously improve

Supports
emergency
planning
and
execution

19 TAC § 103.1401 – § 103.1407.

Proposed Rules Open for Public Comment for 30 days beginning September 11 in the Texas Register: https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/regviewctx\$.startup



Safe and Supportive Schools Program Physical and Psychological Safety

Program must address both physical and psychological safety



Physical Safety

- Physical Security Features
- Environmental Design
- Evaluating Policies and Practices

Psychological Safety ****



- Emotional Well-Being
- Emotional Safety
- Positive School Climate
- Trust
- Access to Mental Health Services
- Confidential Threat Reporting



Safe and Supportive Schools Program (SSSP): Proposed Rule Overview

Overarching SSSP Goals:

✓ to achieve <u>both physical safety</u> and <u>psychological safety</u> for all persons in the learning environment, including students, school personnel, service providers, law enforcement, volunteers, parents and guardians, and other community members interacting in the school

✓ to ensure a positive, safe and supportive school climate



School Mental and Behavioral Health Training, Policies & Best Practices At-A-Glance

School Mental Health Components Include:	Required Staff Training	Required policies and procedures	Recommended Best Practices & Programs
Early Mental Health Prevention and Intervention, Mental Health Promotion Training to include recognizing signs of mental health conditions and substance abuse.		/	
Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Training may be combined with #1 for recognizing warning signs.	/	/	
Building skills related to managing emotions, establishing and maintaining relationships, and responsible decision making Training to include conflict resolution.	/	~	\
Suicide Prevention / Intervention / Postvention Training to include components identified in TEC §38.351(e).	/	/	

School	Mental	Health	Component	s Include:	

Training must be selected from the approved list on the TEA Website.

Required Staff Training

policies and procedures

Required

& Programs

Recommende

Best Practices

Grief and Trauma Informed Care

Training includes how grief and trauma affect student learning and behavior and how evidence-based, grief-informed, and trauma-informed strategies support the academic success of students affected by grief and trauma.

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Positive Youth Development

Training includes youth activities, youth voice and engagement.

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Positive Behavior Intervention & Support

Training includes classroom management and de-escalation techniques (remote and inperson strategies). **~**

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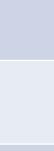
Positive, Safe and Supportive School Climates

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Includes content on emotional wellness, diversity, equity and inclusion training.

Bully Prevention

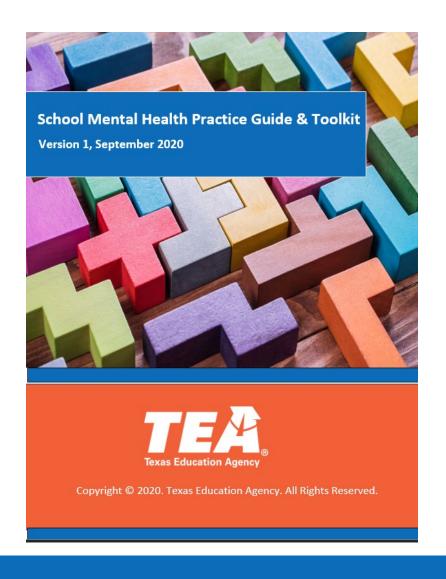
Bully PreventionTraining includes information on preventing, identifying, responding to, and reporting incidents of bullying.



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Mental & Behavioral Health Updates



School Mental Health Practice
 Guidance & Toolkit

Release date for ESC Feedback Loop: September 2020

Deep Dive Webinar for All,
 November 2020





School Mental Health Practice Guide and Toolkit, Version 1

Practice Guide Narrative

9 Folders with Tools, such as:

- Needs Assessment and Resource Mapping
- Comprehensive Service Plan
- Referral Pathways Diagrams
- Universal Screening Guide
- Compilation of Screening Tools

Folders with Tools (continued)

- Sample Consent Forms
- Sample Student Wellness and Intervention Plans
- Sample Safety Plans
- Sample Transition from DAEP Plans
- Sample Transition from Hospital or RTC Plans



School Mental Health Practice Guide and Toolkit, Version 1

Folders with Tools (continued_

- Sample MOUs
- Trauma-Informed Care Resources
- Educator Wellness
- SMH Policies

Folders with Tools (continued)

- SHAPE System Tools
- School Climate Survey
 Compilation Tool
- School Mental Health
 Resources General



Mental & Behavioral Health Resources



Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education



COVID-19 Mental & Behavioral Health Grief & Trauma Informed Virtual Support and Statewide Resources List April 3, 2020

(512) 463-9000

disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov

tea.texas.gov/coronavirus

As Texas schools continue to deal with the COVID-19 outbreak, it is important for Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to recognize students and families may be struggling with stress, anxiety, grief, and loss. Schools can support the mental health, wellness, and resiliency of students through trauma informed approaches. Below is a list of statewide resources that can help schools connect families with specific resources as needs are identified.

Resource	Purpose	Contact Info				
Telephone and Text Support Lines						
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (24/7)	Provides crisis support for people thinking about suicide. (All Ages) 1-800-273-TALK (8255) Spanish Line: 1-888-628-94 TTY: 1-800-799-4889 deaf of hearing					
COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line (24/7) Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)	Provides mental health support for during COVID-19. (All Ages)	1-833-986-1919. Translation available for Spanish				
Counseling Line (24/7) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	Provides a trained counselor to talk with during COVID-19. (All Ages)	1-800-985-5990; or Text "TalkWithUs" to 66746 For SAMHSA's Coping Resource Guides: Virtual Recovery Resources and Disaster Distress Helpline.				



General Support

Updated September 10 2020

Accountability, School Boards, Charters, Mental Health, Student Discipline, School Safety, School Improvement, Emergency Child Care Guidance

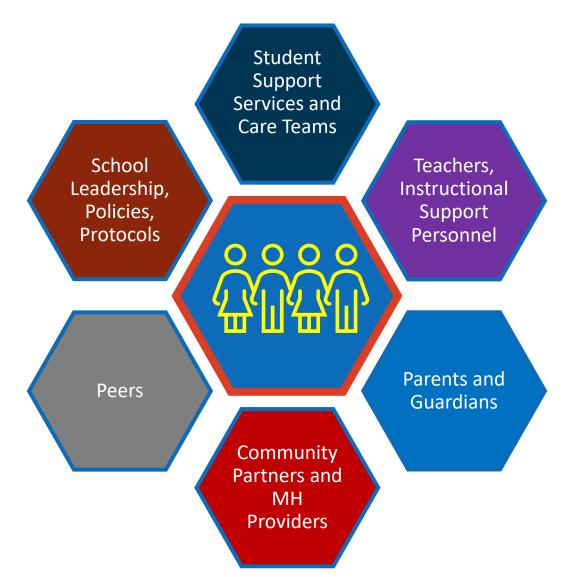
General Support Webpage

<u>PDF</u>



Trauma Informed Practices





<u>Practices are embedded</u> in in the School Climate and Culture through: Trauma-Informed Policies, Procedures, Protocols, Planning, Training and all <u>Student-Centered Support Teams, such as:</u>

School Mental Health Teams, Wrap Around Teams

MTSS Teams, PBIS Teams, Instructional Support Teams

Tier 1, 2, 3 Teams, Rtl Teams, TIER Teams

Care Teams, Care Coordination Teams,

Child Study Teams, Family Services Teams

Student Support Teams, Student Assistance Teams

Safe and Supportive School Teams

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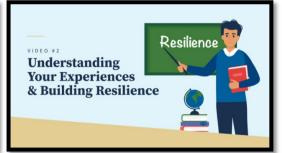
Trauma-Informed Training Series

- Understanding Trauma & Its Impact
- Understanding Your Experience & Building Resilience
- Understanding Your Student's Experiences
- Building Secure Relationships
- Developing a Positive Classroom Culture
- Building Strong Partnerships with Students' Families

















texasprojectrestore.org



Project Restore



- Each video:
 - 25-35 minutes long
 - Include facilitation companion guide
 - Transcripts
 - Earn CEUs
 - Counts toward SB 11 grief and trauma-informed training requirement

www.texasprojectrestore.org





Division Updates



- TEA Mental and Behavioral Health website:
 - Research Based Practices and Best-Practice Based Programs
 - Includes:
 - Intended Audiences
 - Framework
 - Intervention
 - Registry
 - Supplemental
 - Training

<u>Link</u>



Division Updates



TEA

- Grief Informed & Trauma **Informed Practices Research-based Practices** and Best-Practice Based List
 - All grief and traumainformed required trainings must be selected from the list located on this webpage

Link



Future Mental & Behavioral Health Training Opportunities



Fall 2020:

- Educator Wellness Deep Dive
 - Thursday, October 22 (10:00-11:00 AM)
- Mental Health Toolkit Deep Dive
 - Thursday, November 19, 2020 (10:30-11:30 AM)



Future Mental & Behavioral Health Training Opportunities



Winter/Spring:

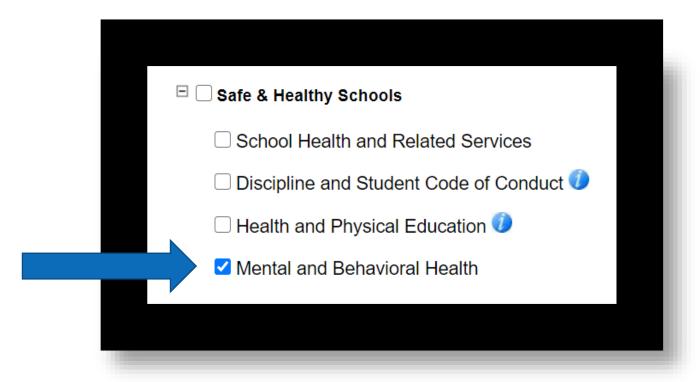
- MTSS Training for School mental health
- Trauma Informed
 Practices statewide
 spotlights

Dates TBD



Join the Mental & Behavioral Health Listserv





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Educator Wellness





"Resilience cannot exist without hope. It is the capacity to be hopeful that carries us through challenges, disappointments, loss, and traumatic stress."

- Dr. Bruce Perry, Child Trauma Academy

Mental & Behavioral Health Team Upcoming Events ESC Opportunities





- Mental Health Behavioral Health Professional Learning Community
 - Building Comprehensive School Mental Health Systems
 - June 17, 2020
 - July 15, 2020
- September Symposium
 - Trauma Sensitive Schools Training
 - Mental Health Toolkit
 - September 21-23, 2020









HM&AR Resources Available on <u>TEA's COVID website</u>:

Military

TEA COVID-19 FAQ: Guidance for Military Connected Students

Pregnancy Related Services

TEA COVID-19 FAQ: Pregnancy Related Services

Child Abuse and Neglect

TEA COVID-19 FAQ: Child Abuse, Neglect, and Human Trafficking Awareness and Reporting

Students Experiencing Homelessness

TEA COVID-19 FAQ: Guidance for Students Experiencing Homeless

Foster Care

TEA Foster Care FAQ

Mental Health

TEA Mental and Behavioral Health Resources

TEA Remote Counseling & Student Support Services

TEA Multi-tiered Systems of Support Intervention

Project Restore



Resources Available on TEA's COVID website:

Student Discipline Academics

Mental Health <u>Attendance and Enrollment</u>

School Safety <u>Federal Funding</u>

Special Education TSDS and PEIMS

Texas Home Learning General IT

Asynchronous and Synchronous Instruction Student Assessment

Strong Start Child Nutrition



External Recommended Resources

Compassion Resilience Toolkit:

https://compassionresiliencetoolkit.org/

TEHCY Support Center

https://www.theotx.org/

Trauma-Informed SEL Toolkit

https://www.transformingeducation.org/trauma-informed-sel-toolkit/

Military Child Education Coalition-COVID

https://www.militarychild.org/covid19



HM&AR Division Websites

Foster Care and Student Success

<u>Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY)</u>
<u>Program</u>

Mental and Behavioral Health

Military Connected Students

Child Abuse and Maltreatment Prevention

Human Trafficking Prevention

Pregnancy Related Services

Hurricane Harvey Recovery Mental Health Resources for Schools

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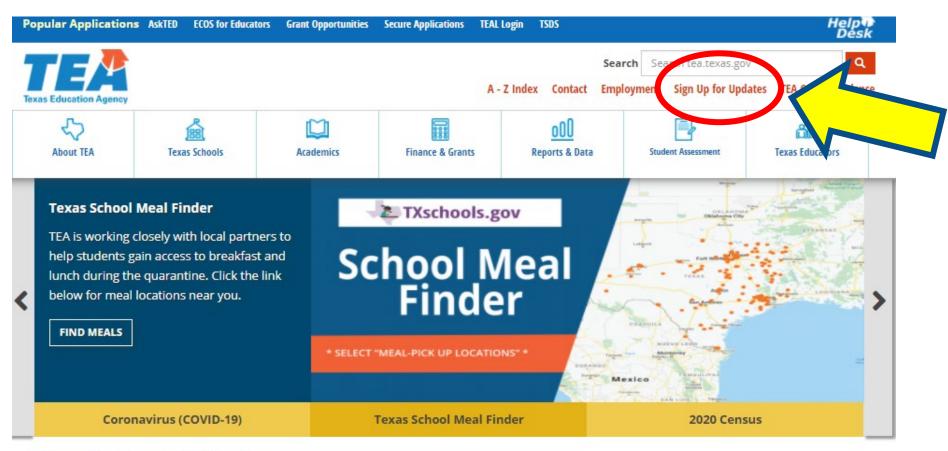
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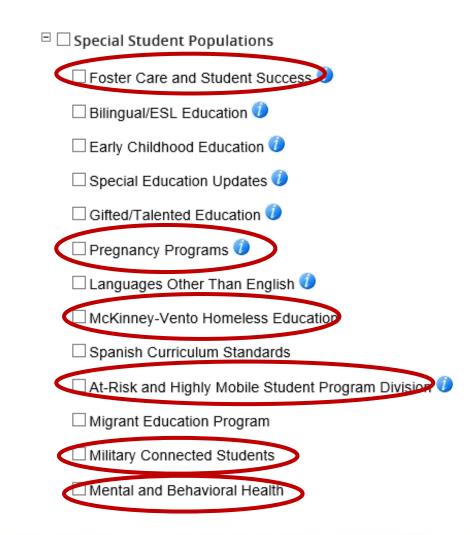
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Future HM&AR Zoom Dates

> Thursday, November 5, 2020 1:00PM-3:00PM







Thank you!

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Submit Questions



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