



# To the Administrator Addressed

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>October 29, 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Mentor Program Allotment Cycle 2 District Application</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>New Teacher Mentoring</b>
<b>NEXT STEPS:</b>	<b>Share with appropriate staff</b>

House Bill 3, passed by the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 2019, amended the Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.458, regarding new teacher mentoring and created the Mentor Program Allotment (MPA) under TEC, §48.114. The MPA is an optional program that provides local education agencies (LEAs) with funds to build or sustain beginning teacher mentor programs. On November 2, 2020, the agency will post MPA information and the application on the [MPA website](#).

MPA Application Timeline	
November 2, 2020	MPA Cycle 2 district application window opens
<b>December 18, 2020</b>	<b>MPA applications due by 5:00 p.m. (CST)</b>
February 2021	TEA notifies LEAs of MPA application approval
September 2021	MPA funding begins flowing to LEAs for the 2021-22 school year

### Additional Information

- LEAs that receive an allotment must abide by TEC [§48.114](#), TEC [§21.458](#), and 19 TAC [§153.1011](#).
- If LEA interest and eligibility exceed the state funding amount, priority will be given based on need. Priority points will be assigned based on LEA size, rural status, whether the LEA was required to submit an ESSA Equity Plan for school year 2020-21, and the percentage of the LEA's student population that qualifies as economically disadvantaged.
- The MPA will provide each approved LEA with an allotment per beginning teacher who participates in the LEA's mentoring program. The funds may be used on mentor stipends, scheduled release time for mentoring activities, and providers of mentor training.
- LEAs may begin applying on November 2, 2020, for school year 2021-22.
- For more information and to view the MPA Guidelines, visit [tea.texas.gov/MPA](http://tea.texas.gov/MPA).

### Program Contact

Contact Ruth Ye, Teacher Mentorship and Leadership Specialist, at [Ruth.Ye@tea.texas.gov](mailto:Ruth.Ye@tea.texas.gov) or the MPA team at [MPA@tea.texas.gov](mailto:MPA@tea.texas.gov) with any questions related to the Mentor Program Allotment application.