

Welcome and Thanks for Joining Us Today!

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A few logistical notes:

- Feel free to enter questions and reactions in the chat box throughout. We will conduct Q&A at the end
- We will follow up with the slides and recording
- All material will be posted on the TEA website



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Recap: What is TCLAS?

Decision Point Deep Dive

Q&A and Next Steps



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Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS) is a set of targeted supports and <u>additional</u> state and federal funding aligned to the Learning Acceleration Framework.

LEAs will access TCLAS funding and supports through a single, streamlined discretionary, non-competitive grant application that mimics the simplicity of a formula grant.

- ➤ No narrative responses required
- No need for grant writers
- Easy budget calculations



TCLAS provides districts access to:

\$1.4 B

in services and supports available to districts

15

TEA initiatives customized for learning acceleration

1

district application to access funding



Accelerated Learning Strategies in TCLAS

Accelerated Learning Strategies

Strategic Planning



performance
management to
prioritize, launch, and
continuously improve
learning acceleration
strategies

Instructional Materials



Rigorous, high-quality
instructional
materials designed to
make up ground and
master grade level
TEKS

Teacher Pipelines



Talent pipelines that support teachers to deliver excellence in the classroom, getting more than 1 year of growth in 1 year

More Time



More time for the students most in need, including expanding instructional time in the summer and with targeted tutoring

Innovative School Models



Innovative school
models to incorporate
all aspects of the
learning acceleration
framework



10 Available Decision Points for Districts in TCLAS

Accelerated Learning Strategies						
Strategic Planning	Instructional Materials	Teacher Pipelines	More Time	Innovative School Models		
Decision 1: LEA Accelerated Learning Strategic Planning	Decision 2: HQIM Core Approved Products	Decision 4: Teacher recruitment support	Decision 6: Tutoring Supports	Decision 9: P-TECH		
	Choice by Subject/Grade Level Decision 3: HQIM Supplemental Approved	Decision 5: Residency Program Support	Decision 7: School Day/Calendar Redesign	Decision 10: New School Models		
	Products Various Types of Products		Decision 8: Strong Summer Program			
Similar TEA Initiatives: • Resilient School Support Program (RSSP)	 Similar TEA Initiatives: Texas Home Learning (THL) / CRIMSI Math Innovation Zones Dyslexia tools Phonics Reading System College Prep Course 	Similar TEA Initiatives:Grow Your Own (GYO)Teacher Residencies	Similar TEA Initiatives:Additional Days School Year (ADSY)Vetted Texas Tutor Corps	 Similar TEA Initiatives: PTECH Texas Regional Pathways Network School Action Fund (SAF) 		



Focus for Today's Webinar: Decision 5 - Residency Program Support

Accelerated Learning Strategies

Strategic Planning

Decision 1: LEA
Accelerated Learning
Strategic Planning

Instructional Materials

Decision 2: HQIM Core
Approved Products

Choice by Subject/Grade Level

Decision 3: HQIM
Supplemental Approved
Products

Various Types of Products

Teacher Pipelines

Decision 4: Teacher recruitment support

Decision 5: Residency Program Support

Today's focus

More Time

Decision 6: Tutoring Supports

Decision 7: School
Day/Calendar Redesign

Decision 8: Strong
Summer Program

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- Resilient School Support Program (RSSP)
- Toyas Hama Laarnir
- Texas Home Learning (THL) / CRIMSI
- Math Innovation Zones
- Dyslexia tools
- Phonics Reading System
- College Prep Course

Similar TEA Initiatives:

- Grow Your Own (GYO)
- Teacher Residencies

Similar TEA Initiatives:

- Additional Days School Year (ADSY)
- Vetted Texas Tutor Corps

Innovative School Models

Decision 9: P-TECH

Decision 10: New School

Models

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Staffing and Talent Best Practices are Foundational...



Lever 2

EFFECTIVE, WELL-SUPPORTED TEACHERS

Campus leadership retains effective, well-supported teachers by strategically recruiting, selecting, assigning, and building the capacity of teachers so that all students have access to high-quality educators.

strong School Leadership and Planning

Effective

Positive

High-Quality

Curriculum

Effective, Well

Supported Teachers

2.1

Recruit, select, assign, induct, and retain a full staff of highly qualified educators.

2.2

Build teacher capacity through observation and feedback cycles.

What challenges and barriers have you encountered in recruiting, selecting, and retaining high-quality teachers?



A Snapshot of Current Teacher Retention in Texas...

66.2% Retention

Texas General Education Teacher Retention after 5 years...

37.7%
Retention

Texas Special Education Teacher Retention after 5 years...

The Bottom Line...

- **→** Texas schools are consistently onboarding and training new teachers
- Texas students, particularly those most vulnerable populations, are in the classrooms of developing teachers.



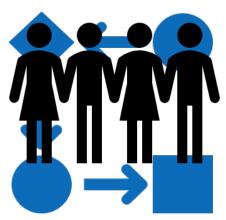


Strong Teacher Pipelines: A Learning Acceleration Strategy

"Teacher quality impacts student outcomes more than any other aspect of schooling."

Therefore, developing strong educator pipelines is crucial to an overall learning acceleration strategy.

If teachers are charged with support students in gaining over a year's worth of growth in a year, they must be ready to meet the needs of their students from the first day on the job.



High Quality, Sustainable Teacher Residencies: Contextualized Preparation as a Lever for Change



What would be the impact on your LEA if these "what ifs" were a reality?

What if... your incoming teachers were prepared in your district prior to day 1, learning from your district context?

What if... they were engaged in practice-based learning on a daily basis (in your classrooms)?

What if... they received daily coaching and support from high quality mentor teacher (in your schools)?

What if... they were already building relationships and contributing to positive school culture during their preparation?



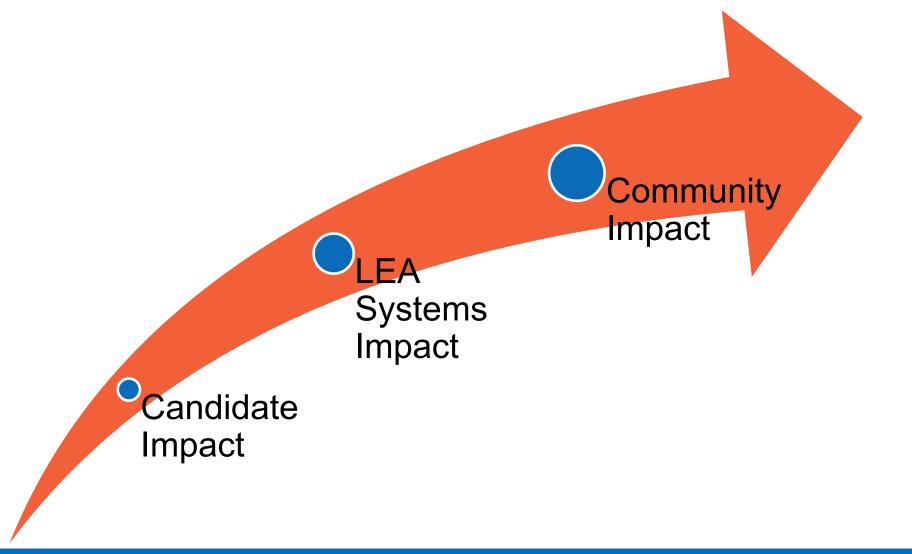
What are high-quality teacher residency models?

A high-quality teacher residency model is one in which a teacher candidate is paired with an experienced, highly effective mentor teacher for a full-year of clinical training/co-teaching in a K-12 classroom (minimum of 3 days per week for full year). Residencies take place at the undergraduate and post-baccalaureate level. In some cases, residents receive a stipend during the year-long residency.

In high-quality teacher residency models, the EPP and LEA have shared ownership over the preparation, support, and success of the teacher resident.



High Quality, Sustainable Residencies: A Trajectory of Impact





Teacher Candidate Impact: Quality Preparation

Pedagogical Content Knowledge

"content knowledge for teaching is the strongest teacherlevel predictor of student achievement"

EPP coursework in the specific certification fields with opportunities to apply content pedagogy

Focus on Skill-Building

"(teachers) with more coursework on methods/pedagogy felt better prepared to teach and stayed longer in the profession."

Targeted skill building aligned with prioritized competencies and measured through performance gates

Meaningful Pre-Service Practice

"(first-year teachers)
who had practice
teaching prior to their
employment were
over three times
less likely to
depart"

Structured practice in a classroom setting that connects high quality preparation with real world application and feedback.



Research from the Field: LEA Systems Impact

Residencies help create strong, stable schools which in turn reduce costs in...

Teaching and Learning \$\$\$

Need for supplemental supports including summer school, tutoring

Special needs referrals

Remediation needs including grade retention

On the job training for underprepared novice teachers

Behavioral Issues including attendance

Human Resources \$\$\$

Teacher turnover

Recruitment dollars

Hiring and Onboarding

New Teacher Induction

Mentorship and other programs specific to new teachers Training

Termination/separation for nonretirement leavers

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Reduced costs Savings Reinvestment into schools



Research from the Field: Broader Community Impact

...and create broader positive impacts for communities

Teaching and Learning

Strengthened Instruction

Student and Teacher Attendance

Graduation Rates

College Readiness

School Culture

Students staying in School

Increased long-term tax base

Human Resources

Stable Staffing

Increased Retention

Strong Relationships

Collaborative Culture

Diverse Teaching Workforce

Labor Market Match

Funds for enrichment and other programming to support student learning

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Positive community and budgetary impacts Reinvestment into schools







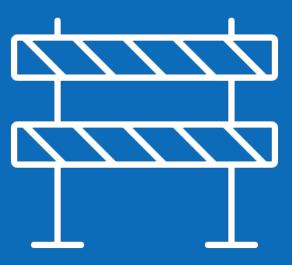


High-Quality, Sustainable Residencies

What excites you or resonates with you in learning about the potential impact of high-quality teacher residencies?



If Teacher Residency
Programs are a true catalyst
to developing strong educator
pipelines, what are the
barriers to making them stick?



Research from the Field: Start with Sustainability

What's the barrier to residencies? Aspiring teachers can't work for free.

Aspiring teachers can't work for free and learn how to teach well.1

Full-time work



40% of undergraduates and 76% of graduate students work full-time; 20% have dependents.
Proportions are higher

for students of color.

Debt



Teachers incur the same amount of debt as all other college students. Low teaching salaries make debt payment difficult.

College costs



Up to 2/3 of the cost of college is related to living expenses. Tuition is often defrayed through scholarships and aid, but living costs are rarely defrayed.

Enrolled teacher ed

90,000 45,000

Enrolled teacher education students who identify as white come from families with annual incomes of \$90,000; all others who are enrolled come from families with less than half that amount.

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Ensure Sustainability of High-Quality Teacher Residences through Innovative Staffing Models

Residency Model

- Access to quality practicebased preparation experiences
- Short cycle feedback to improve practice



Funding via Innovative Staffing

- Defrayed living expenses and reduce financial stress
- Access for more diverse candidates

Funded Residency Programs

- Strong, diverse teachers who are likely to stay in the profession
- Retention of strong, diverse teachers reduces financial burden of LEAs
- More students with quality teachers
- Positive long-term student outcomes

<u>Innovative Staffing Models enable:</u>

- funding to pay teacher residents as LEA employees focused on developing district-specific competencies and practices,
- sustainable implementation of high-quality teacher residency models, and
- the foundation of meaningful educator pipelines.



What do we mean when we say "innovative staffing models"?

"Innovative staffing arrangements helped the schools personalize learning by **providing more students with great teaching**. Key elements of these innovative staffing models included:

- Paid fellowships and residencies that enabled schools to train their own teachers, building the pipeline of future
 educators.
- New roles for educators, often as part of a career path allowing development and support. Roles included:
 - teacher-leaders of small instructional teams, who often planned and directed the team teachers' instruction, coached the teachers, and analyzed data;
 - collaborating teachers who worked in teams and supported one another more than typically happens for classroom teachers in traditional schools; support staff who tutored or mentored students, providing more one-on-one or small-group time; and
 - teachers-in-training, who supported other teachers and taught while learning on the job.
- Cultures of intensive coaching, with weekly or even daily observations and feedback. Roles, responsibilities, and schedules were all designed to support this."

Christensen Institute

https://www.christenseninstitute.org/publications/staffing/



Innovative staffing models enable LEAs to:

- → Implement high-quality, sustainable [paid] residences
- → Enable systems for continuous teacher development
- → <u>Build</u> meaningful educator pipelines



District Benefits from Implementation of High-Quality, Sustainable Teacher Residencies via Innovative Staffing

Short term Benefits:

- ✓ addresses vacancies as they arise,
- provides targeted support for unfinished learning,
- ensures more students are taught by the most effective teachers

How can my district get started?

Long term Benefits:

- develops a solid pool of high-quality teacher candidates who are trained on your district systems,
- develops meaningful teacher career pathways to keep your best teachers in the classroom with leadership incentives,
- ✓ leads to smaller coaching span per instructional leader leading to more targeted coaching supports,
- ✓ positions the district overall to be better prepared and to have a structured plan for TIA approval and growth, which has powerful implication for overall sustainability of the LEA's human capital system.



Begin your journey to building meaningful educator pipelines with the TCLAS Residency Support Pathway





Decision: The HQS Residency Pathway Supports LEAs to...

Implement paid teacher
residencies in
partnership with a highquality educator
preparation program



Implement innovative
staffing models to
sustainably fund teacher
residencies and build
educator pipelines

5A-5B

5C



Support to Implement a High-Quality Teacher Residency Program within the LEA (5A & 5B)

Benefits:

- Teacher Residents receiving high-quality educator preparation while learning within the LEA context and serving LEA students.
- Pipeline of high-quality future educators to meet district needs.

TCLAS Requirements and Supports:

- Partnership with an EPP on the Vetted Teacher Residency (VTR) Program list.
- Stipends to fund teacher resident roles.
- Additional funding to support residency and innovative staffing model implementation.



Vetted Teacher Residency Program List

VTR 2021-2022 Approved List

Baylor University Relay Graduate School of Education Sam Houston State University **Tarleton State University** Texas A&M University Texas A&M University - Commerce Texas A&M University – San Antonio **Texas State University** Texas Tech University University of Houston University of Houston - Downtown University of Texas - San Antonio University of Texas at El Paso University of Texas - Permian Basin **Urban Teachers**

- Educator preparation program that have been vetted for high quality teacher residency practices.
- LEAs are required to have an established partnership with one or more of the EPPs on the VTR list to receive 5A teacher resident stipends.

The EPP-LEA Partnership is Central



Support to Design and Implement an Innovative Staffing Model for Teacher Residency Sustainability (5C)

Benefits:

- Innovative staffing models allow districts to fund teacher resident salaries within district budgets.
- Have the potential to expand educator pipelines through teacher leader and teacher resident roles.

TCLAS Requirements and Supports:

- LEAs pursuing 5A-B funding must also receive 5C support unless already receiving similar support from an approved vendor (US Prep or Public Impact)
- Needs assessment to determine innovative staffing model approach.
- Match with a HQ innovative staffing model vendor to support design and implementation of the staffing model.



Innovative Staffing Model Technical Assistance Support

In-kind technical assistance support to design and implement the innovative staffing model with an approved vendor

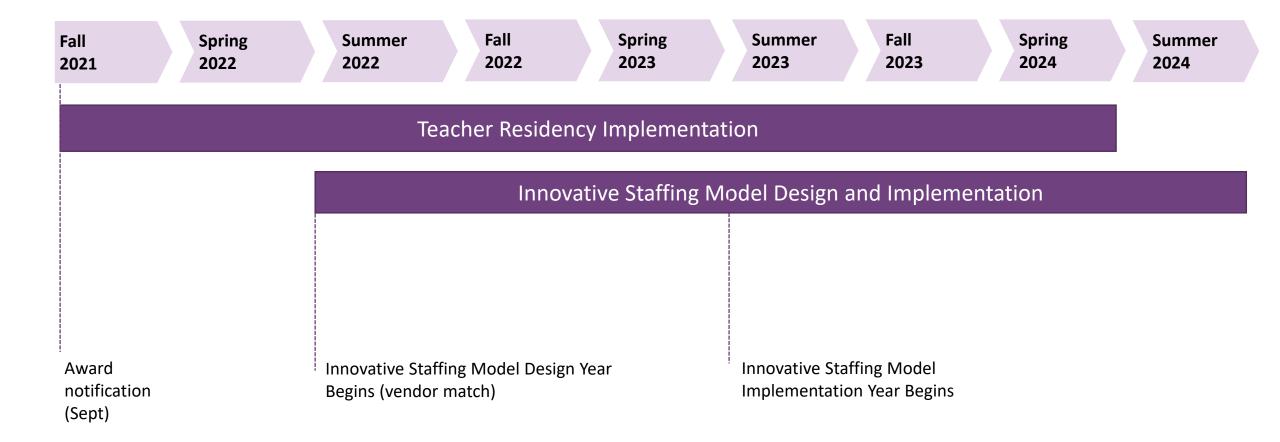
Vendor match based on needs assessment

Current Approved Vendors:

Approved ESCs
US Prep
Public Impact



TCLAS Timeline: Teacher Residency Support





TCLAS Residency Support Pathway: Timeline

Year 1-3:

Provides eligible districts with 3 years of teacher resident stipend funding (3 cohorts of teacher residents)

Year 2-3:

Provides eligible districts with in-kind technical assistance to design (Year 2) and implement (Year 3) innovative staffing models that will allow for resident funding to sustain over time.

Year 4 and beyond:

- Districts sustainably fund residencies through innovative staffing models
- **9** Districts have established the foundations for a strong educator pipeline



TCLAS Residency Support Pathway Assurances

Assurances	Description
Applicant-EPP Partnership	Assure that you have an established partnership with a VTR program. Assure that you'll engage in a meaningful partnership activities with your partner EPP(s).
Teacher Residency Program Structure	Assure that you'll recruit, train, and support teacher resident during a full-year clinical teaching assignment. Assure that you'll match residents with strong mentor teachers.
Innovative Staffing Design and Implementation	Assure that you'll designate a team to participate in innovative staffing model training and support, leading to the design and implementation of the innovative staffing model
High-Quality, Sustainable Residency Funding	Assure that you'll provide the teacher residents with a \$20,000 stipend and use additional grant funding to support residency and innovative staffing model implementation.



TCLAS Residency Support Pathway Award Calculation 5A: Teacher Resident Stipends

5a	Teacher Resident stipends	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Туре
5a	Does the LEA want Decision 5a supports?	Select Y/N	Select Y/N	Select Y/N	LEA Input
5a	# of teacher residents (max 20 per year)	Insert #	Insert #	Insert #	LEA Input
5a	Stipend per teacher resident	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	Assumption

Notes:

- Pre-Requisites Must work with approved EPP included on the Vetted Teacher Residency list
- Award Priority Points Economically disadvantaged student population and annual teacher attrition rate
- Award Calculation Notes: \$20,000 per teacher resident per year, limit 20 teacher residents per district per year



Residency Support Pathway Award Calculation 5B: Implementation Support Funding

5b	Flexible funding for implementation support	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Type
5b	Does LEA want Decision 5b supports?	Select Y/N	Select Y/N	Select Y/N	LEA Input
5b	Stipend per teacher resident	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Assumption

Notes:

- Pre-Requisites and Priority Points Same as 5a
- Award Calculation Notes: \$5,000 per teacher resident per year to be used at LEA discretion to support residency and innovative staffing implementation.



Residency Support Pathway Award Calculation 5C: Staffing Design and Implementation Support

5c	Staffing Design and Implementation Support	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	Туре
5c	Does LEA want Decision 5c supports?	NA	Select Y/N	Select Y/N	LEA Input
5c	# of placement schools	NA	Enter#	Enter#	LEA Input
5c	Is the LEA engaged in this support with Public Impact or US PREP technical assistance partners in the 20-21 and/or 21-22 school year?	NA	Select Y/N	Select Y/N	LEA Input

Notes:

- Pre-Requisites and Priority Points Same as 5a
- LEAs are required to participate in Decision 5c supports if they want Decision 5a-b supports unless currently engaged in teacher residency and strategic staffing model support with Public Impact or US Prep technical assistance providers.
- Award Calculation Notes: Total allocated based on district needs assessment, size, and number of placement schools; On average, \$50,000 per campus per year for two years
- Grant Type: LEA matched with TEA technical assistance provider



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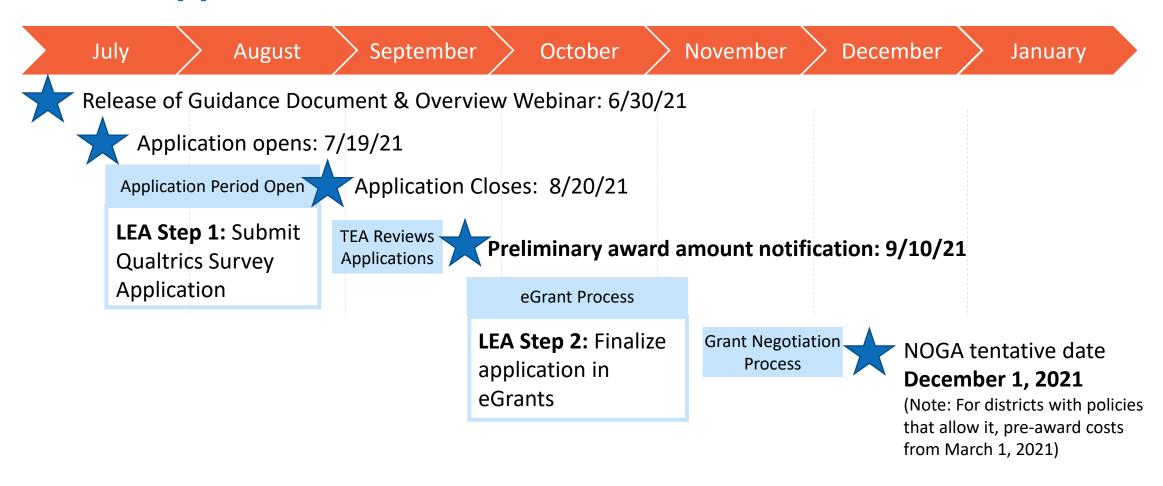
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Questions?

TCLAS Application Timeline





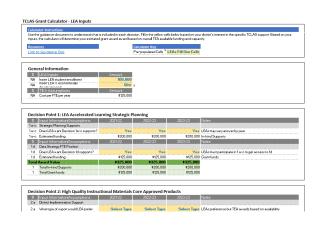
TCLAS Application Components

Guidance Document



Walks LEAs through supports available through TCLAS and guiding questions LEAs should consider before making TCLAS decisions

Budget Calculator



Calculates district TCLAS award– including both in-kind and

granted funds – based on the decisions made in TCLAS

Application

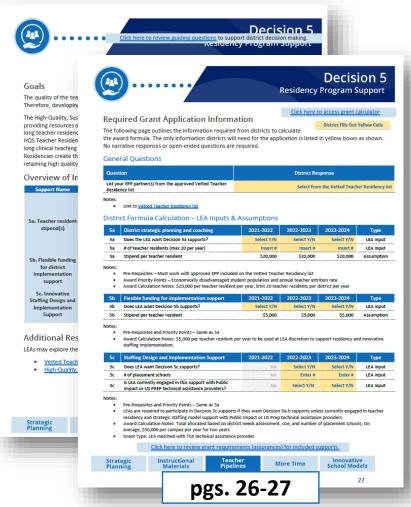
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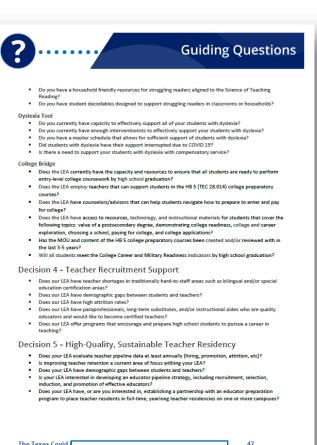
Qualtrics
application link
posted week of
7/19

This is how districts will submit their TCLAS choices to TEA



Guidance Document Dive: Decision 5 - Residency Support Pathway









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Upcoming TCLAS Support Opportunities

TCLAS Overview Webinar



Overview of **guidance document** and process for submitting a TCLAS application

June 30 Recording on TCLAS webpage

Decision Point-Specific Webinars



In depth review of **supports available** within TCLAS; LEAs should join for all interested supports

Week of July 12th, Various Time

Registration available now on <u>TCLAS</u> webpage!

TCLAS Office Hours



Question and answer opportunity with TEA staff about TCLAS and completing the application

Begin Week of July 26th

Registration available now on <u>TCLAS</u> <u>webpage</u>!

Visit the TCLAS webpage to register and access recordings



Decision Point-Specific Webinars

Webinar Topic	Date	Time	Registration Link
Decision 1: LEA Accelerated Learning Strategic Planning	7/12/2021	12-12:45 p.m.	<u>Register</u>
Decision 2: HQIM Core Approved Products	7/13/2021	2-3:00 p.m.	<u>Register</u>
Decision 3: HQIM Supplemental Approved Products	7/14/2021	10-11:00 a.m.	<u>Register</u>
Decision 4: Teacher Recruitment Support	7/13/2021	9-9:45 a.m.	<u>Register</u>
Decision 5: Teacher Residency Program Support	7/13/2021	10-10:45 a.m.	<u>Register</u>
Decision 6: Tutoring Supports	7/14/2021	2-2:45 p.m.	<u>Register</u>
Decision 7: School Day Calendar Redesign	7/15/2021	11-11:45 a.m.	<u>Register</u>
Decision 8: Strong Summer Program	7/14/2021	11-11:30 a.m.	<u>Register</u>
Decision 9: P-TECH	7/14/2021	9-9:45 a.m.	<u>Register</u>
Decision 10: New School Models	7/15/2021	8-8:45 a.m.	<u>Register</u>



Send any general TCLAS questions to: <u>TCLAS@tea.Texas.gov</u> Send any Decision 5 questions to:

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Thank you!