

DATE:	January 13, 2022
SUBJECT:	Mentor Program Allotment Cycle 3 District Application
CATEGORY:	New Teacher Mentoring
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

The Mentor Program Allotment (MPA) is an optional program that provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with funds to build or sustain robust beginning teacher mentor programs. For Cycle 3, approved LEAs may be awarded three years of continuous funding (school years 2022-2025) contingent upon LEA compliance with MPA requirements and availability of funds. On January 10, 2022, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) will post the Cycle 3 MPA district application, guidelines, and additional information on the [MPA website](#).

MPA Application Timeline

Date:	Description:
January 10, 2022	MPA Cycle 3 district application window opens
January 24, 2022	Deadline to submit written questions to mpa@tea.texas.gov by 11:59 p.m. (CST)
February 2, 2022	Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) responses posted to MPA website
February 18, 2022	MPA applications due by 5:00 p.m. (CST)
March 2022	TEA notifies LEAs of MPA application approval
Spring 2022	Cycle 3 launch and planning
Summer 2022	Cycle 3 implementation begins

Additional Information

- LEAs that receive an allotment must abide by Texas Education Code (TEC) [§48.114](#), [§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, and percentage of the LEA's student population that qualifies as economically disadvantaged.
- The MPA will provide approved LEAs 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 either apply to implement a LEA-created mentor training program or partner with a mentor training provider from the [MPA Approved Provider list](#).
- LEAs may begin applying on January 10, 2022, for Cycle 3.
- For more information and to view the MPA Guidelines, visit tea.texas.gov/MPA.

Please reach out to mpa@tea.texas.gov with questions about the MPA application by January 24, 2022. All questions received will be answered through a separate Frequently Asked Questions document and posted to the MPA website on February 2, 2022.