



To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	June 8, 2023
SUBJECT:	Senate Bill 1882 Texas Partnerships Applications
CATEGORY:	SB 1882 Partnerships
NEXT STEPS:	Share with district and campus administrators

Pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1882, 85th Regular Legislative Session, school districts can access potential financial and/or accountability benefits by entering into a partnership with a non-profit, institution of higher education, or other governmental entity to manage a district campus or set of campuses.

This correspondence outlines required actions and application due dates for Texas Partnerships (SB 1882) benefits that begin in the 2024-2025 school year.

Deadline for submission for Texas Partnerships benefits that begin in 2024-2025

There are two priority deadlines and a final deadline for districts to submit their Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for partnerships beginning operation in school year (SY) 2024-2025.

The final deadline to submit an application package is 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) on Friday, March 29, 2024.

Deadline and Description	Date
Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package Priority Deadline 1 <i>Districts must submit by this date for the campus/operator to be eligible to apply for a Charter School Program Start-Up Grant.</i>	December 15, 2023
Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package Priority Deadline 2 <i>Districts that submit by this date do not have to submit a Pre-Opening Checklist and Implementation Plan.</i>	January 31, 2024
Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Final Deadline <i>Districts that submit in February or March must include a Pre-Opening Checklist and Implementation Plan with their application.</i>	March 29, 2024

Required Actions for Benefits Eligibility

To be eligible to receive Texas Partnership benefits, districts must:

- Submit a non-binding Letter of Intent;
- Attend mandatory webinars;
- Adopt and implement the TEA model charter authorizing policy or a similar policy approved by TEA;
- Adopt and implement the TEA model campus charter application or a similar application and scoring rubric approved by TEA; and
- Submit the application for benefits no later than March 29, 2024.

Each of these requirements are detailed in the sections below.

Mandatory Letter of Intent

Districts that are considering pursuing a Texas Partnership that begins in SY 2024-2025 are required to submit a non-binding Letter of Intent by **Friday, December 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (Central Time)**.

Districts submit the Letter of Intent by completing this [online form](#). The deadline to submit the Letter of Intent is the same for all application due dates. TEA will not accept a Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package from a district unless the district has completed a Letter of Intent by the required deadline.

Local Authorizing Policy and Local Campus Application Approval

Districts that are not using the TEA model charter authorizing policy, TEA model campus charter application, or TEA model scoring rubric must have these locally developed items approved prior to submitting the application for Texas Partnership benefits or must notify TEA that the district has adopted and implemented the TEA models. These materials are submitted via this [online form](#) and are due **Friday, December 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) or no later than 5 working days prior to local campus application release (whichever date is sooner)**. We encourage districts to submit locally developed materials as early as possible since these resources are used to develop partnerships. Model documents and eligibility requirements for district-created documents can be found at <https://txpartnerships.org/tools/>.

Mandatory Webinars for Districts and Proposed Operating Partners

Districts that intend to submit a Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package and their proposed or potential operating partners must each attend mandatory training webinars.

TEA will not accept a Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package from a district unless the district has attended the following webinars:

- Texas Partnerships Overview (90 minutes)
- Submitting a Successful Texas Partnerships Application (60 minutes)
- Texas Partnerships Performance Contracts (60 minutes)

Required attendees from the district are the superintendent or a cabinet member.

TEA will not accept a Texas Partnerships Benefits Application Package from a district unless its proposed or potential operating partner has attended the following webinars:

- Texas Partnerships Overview (90 minutes)
- Texas Partnerships Performance Contracts (60 minutes)

A required attendee from the proposed or potential operating partner is a board member or a full-time staff employee of the partner organization.

The webinar date and time options, all to take place via Zoom, and all registration links can be found on the [Texas Partnerships website](#).

Summary of Important Dates Related to Texas Partnerships for benefits that begin in 2024-2025

Required Activities	Date
District and Proposed Partners Attend Required Webinars	Late Summer-Early Fall 2023 (time and date options can be found here)
District submits Mandatory Letter of Intent	No later than Friday, December 4, 2023
District submits locally developed charter authorizing policy, local campus partner application, and/or local application scoring rubric OR notifies TEA that the district has adopted TEA models	No later than Friday, December 4, 2023, or no later than 5 working days prior to local campus application release (whichever date is earlier)
Texas Partnership Benefits Application Package due	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority deadline 1 (CSP grant eligibility): Friday, December 15, 2023• Priority deadline 2 (no pre-opening plan submission required): Friday, January 31, 2024• Final deadline: March 29, 2024