

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	August 12, 2021
SUBJECT:	Vetted Texas Tutor Corps (VTTC) Announcement
CATEGORY:	Texas Tutoring Support
NEXT STEPS:	Step 1: Apply for Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS)
	Decision 6
	Step 2: Complete Pre-registration form to access TEA-Subsidized
	Tutoring Providers

Overview

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) is excited to announce the launch of the Vetted Texas Tutor Corps (VTTC), an initiative aimed at accelerating student learning through high impact tutoring, with a goal of reaching over one million students. The VTTC is comprised of TEA-Subsidized and TEA-Approved Tutoring Providers that can support the implementation of high impact tutoring as well as assist districts in meeting the statutory requirements for supplemental accelerated instruction as outlined in House Bill (HB) 4545.

Act Now

LEAs seeking to take advantage of the TEA-Subsidized Providers for Math and Reading in grades K-8 should act quickly to access additional funding opportunities and to secure their student licenses to high quality instructional materials at no cost to the LEA by:

- **Step 1:** Applying for Decision 6 in the <u>Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports</u> (<u>TCLAS</u>) grant program, and
- **Step 2:** Completing the Pre-registration form.

VTTC Resources

TEA-Subsidized Providers

TEA-Subsidized Providers provide research-based tutoring instructional materials for grades K-8 in Math and Reading, tutoring platforms, and aligned tutor trainings at no or reduced costs for LEAs. Regional Education Service Centers (ESCs) will be partnering with these providers and LEAs to support the recruitment and training of tutors utilizing the high-quality materials and resources.

Amplify.	Amplify Tutoring & mCLASS Intervention K-5
BookNook	Reading K-8
ŻEARN	Math K-8

More information on each of the TEA-Subsidized Providers can be found here.

Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS) Grant

LEAs that apply to the Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports (TCLAS) Decision 6 will have priority access to the free licenses and training from the TEA-Subsidized Providers, as well as access to up to \$500,000 in grant funding to cover other tutor program costs, such as tutor labor. LEAs that do not apply for TCLAS Decision 6 will be able to access the services from these providers for free on a first come, first served basis, and then reduced prices for licenses will apply.

To learn more about the TCLAS grant, view overview, webinars, and guidance document found here. The TCLAS grant application can be accessed here and will close on Friday, August 20, 2021. Once the application is submitted in TCLAS, LEA's should also pre-register here for the TEA-Subsidized Providers.

The TEA-Approved Providers:

Additionally, the VTTC includes a list of TEA-Approved Providers that have been vetted to ensure they meet the research-based components of high impact tutoring. While partnering with these providers will not provide eligibility for additional TCLAS funding or TEA subsidies, the TEA-Approved Provider list may assist LEAs with local procurement processes (dependent on local board policies), and LEAs may use local ESSER funding for these programs.

The TEA-Approved Providers include both full-service and partial-service providers:

- **Full-service providers** can provide end-to-end services including instructional materials, tutoring platforms, and trained tutors
- **Partial-service providers** can provide singular services, typically only tutor recruitment and staffing

The list of TEA-Approved Providers can be founder here.

For more information on the Vetted Texas Tutoring Corps, please visit the webpage found here.

Other Resources:

A series of High Impact Tutoring informational webinars, access to the <u>High Impact Tutoring</u> <u>Toolkit</u>, and other resources can be found on the Texas Tutoring web page <u>here</u>.

Tutoring questions can be sent to <u>Texastutoring@tea.texas.gov.</u>

HB 4545 implementation questions should sent to accelerated.instruction@tea.texas.gov. The HB 4545 FAQ document is updated on a rolling basis.