

1. Will courses be available through the statewide course catalog this summer?

Yes. To view a list of courses that will be available through the statewide course catalog in summer 2020, please visit <https://catalog.mytxvsn.org/>

2. Will districts be able to request a waiver to receive funding for virtual courses that students take beyond the current three-course limit?

No. For spring 2020, there is no need for this requirement to be waived because districts are already receiving full funding for serving students remotely. Consequently, there is no reason for this limit to be waived.

TEA is in the process of determining whether a waiver of this requirement would be warranted for the 2020-2021 school year.

3. Will districts be able to request a waiver of the professional development requirement for teachers who will teach an electronic course offered through the TXVSN?

Yes. Districts may request a waiver of the professional development requirement in order to allow teachers who have not completed the requirement to teach online courses through the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN) in the 2020-2021 school year. See instructions below.

4. Will districts be able to offer online courses through the TXVSN if they have not already completed the course review process?

Yes. Although an option for a waiver of the TXVSN course review requirement is already available, the process has been more significantly streamlined for the 2019-2020 school year (including summer 2020) because of circumstances resulting from COVID-19. Additionally, the agency is working on process improvements to streamline course review beginning in the 2020-2021 school year. See instructions below.

5. What should a TXVSN course catalog provider do about assigning grades for students who stopped participating in their TXVSN course after school closures on March 13?

Please refer to the **Guidance on Grading** document on TEA's [COVID-19](#) web page.

6. What should a TXVSN course catalog provider do about assigning grades for students who did not have the technology to complete the course?

Please refer to the **Guidance on Grading** document on TEA's [COVID-19](#) web page.

7. If a TXVSN provider and receiver district agree that giving a student an incomplete grade for spring 2020 is the best course of action, when must the student complete the course?

Please refer to the **Guidance on Grading** document on TEA's [COVID-19](#) web page.

Please see the below instructions on filling out a waiver:

A district may choose one of the following two options:

- (A) Request a waiver of both the course review and professional development requirements
- (B) Request a waiver of the professional development requirement only

Follow the instructions below to complete a TXVSN waiver request:

1. Please visit TEA's webpage on State Waivers to access general information about the waiver process: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/waivers/state-waivers>
2. Please also review Waiver Process FAQ for information on how to access TEAL for the purposes of submitting a waiver request:
<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/Waiver%20Process%20FAQ.pdf>
3. Once in the TEAL waiver application, under the "Create New Waiver" tab, select the waiver type "**Other Waiver**" to create and submit a request for waiver of the **TXVSN course review and/or teacher PD requirements due to circumstances related to COVID-19**.
4. Please complete the LEA contact information, including filling in the date the board approved the waiver request.
5. For the section titled "Waiver Description" please use this language:
 - A. "**Waiver of TXVSN course review and teacher PD requirements due to COVID-19**" if requesting a waiver of both requirements
 - B. "**Waiver of TXVSN teacher PD requirements due to COVID-19**" if requesting a waiver of the professional development requirement only
6. For "General Questions #1," please use this language:
 - A. "**Waiver of the TXVSN course review and teacher PD requirements due to COVID-19**" to request a waiver of both requirements