



# TEA Superintendent Call Debrief

March 21, 2024

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## Superintendents,

Below is the summary debrief of the TEA Monthly Superintendent call that took place on March 21, 2024:

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### 3/21 Call Agenda:

- **[CTE Programs of Study Updates](#)**
  - [CTE Programs of Study Refresh for 24-25](#) Published March 21, 2024
  - [March 21 TAA on Programs of Study](#): Refreshed CTE programs of study will be implemented beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. Changes to programs of study are additive and should not negatively impact students who have already started a program of study.
  - Based on recommendations from a cross-sector advisory committee, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released a preliminary [2024-2025 programs of study change crosswalk](#) in October 2023. The changes are now final and are reflected in [updated program of study framework documents](#).
  - Additional resources summarizing changes and supporting implementation of the refreshed programs of study are available on the [CTE programs of study website](#).
  
- **Middle School Advanced Mathematics**
  - [Middle School Advanced Mathematics Program](#)
  - [Overview of Middle School Advanced Mathematics Program Requirements](#) Published March 21, 2024
  - In 2023, Senate Bill 2124 (88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session) was signed into law, establishing [Texas Education Code \(TEC\), §28.029, Middle School Advanced Mathematics Program](#). The law requires school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to develop an advanced mathematics program for middle school students that is designed to enable students to enroll in Algebra I in eighth grade.
  - **Tomorrow, March 28, 2024:** To help support the implementation of middle school advanced mathematics programs, TEA will conduct a webinar for local education agencies (LEAs) on **Thursday, March 28, 2024**, at 2:00 pm (Central). Attendees must [register for the webinar](#) in advance.
  
- **Hybrid Scoring Updates**
  - [2023 STAAR Hybrid Scoring Study Methods and Results](#) (PDF) Published March 20, 2024
  - [Hybrid Scoring Key Questions](#) (PDF) Published March 20, 2024
  - [Correspondence sent last week to Regional and District testing coordinators](#) included these additional resources shared during the TEA Superintendent Call, in addition to the STAAR Constructed Response Scoring Process document that was posted in December 2023.
  
- **Teacher Hiring Resources and Updated Data**
  - [Teacher Hiring Resources Homepage](#)
  - [Teacher Employment and Attrition Data and Resources 2024](#) (PDF) Published March 2024

- The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) recently adopted updates to the administrative rules governing educator preparation programs in [19 Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\) Chapter 228](#). The rules are slated for review by the State Board of Education during its April meeting and are set to take effect on September 1, 2024.
  - **Next week:** TEA staff will host a webinar for school system leaders, particularly those who oversee human capital practice, on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024**, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to share information about changes to the preparation program requirements. [April 3<sup>rd</sup> Webinar Registration Link](#)
- **TCLAS Grant Updates and Deadlines**
  - [TAA: 2021-2024 Texas COVID Learning Acceleration Supports \(TCLAS\) Grant Updates: Timeline, Movement of Grant Funds, and Liquidation Extension for ESSER III- funded Grants](#)
  - **Next Week – Potential Action Required:** If an LEA is interested in moving funds between or within TCLAS Decisions, please complete this [survey](#) by **April 6, 2024**, for consideration. Approval status of the survey request will be communicated to LEAs by **April 8, 2024**.
- **School Safety**
  - **District Vulnerability Assessment:** The [Office of School Safety and Security](#) is offering two webinars to provide a high-level overview to Superintendents and/or their school safety designees of the District Vulnerability Assessments.
  - Participants Must:
    - Be Superintendents and/or their school safety designee.
    - Have a registered Zoom account for verification and authentication purposes.
    - Register using their district email address.
  - **Next Week – Webinars**
    - [Register for the Monday, April 1, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Webinar](#)
    - [Register for the Thursday, April 4, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Webinar](#)
- **Cybersecurity**
  - [K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative](#)
  - Register for [TEA Cybersecurity Coordinator Forum webinars](#) to remain up-to-date on the latest offerings of the K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative.
  - **Cybersecurity Assessments are now available through the TX K12 Cybersecurity Initiative.** [Visit the K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative webpage](#) and find information in the Resources section.
- **Total Solar Eclipse preparations**
  - On Monday, April 8, 2024, parts of Texas in a northeasterly direction from Eagle Pass to Texarkana, will experience four and a half minutes of total darkness during the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse from approximately 1:27 PM to 1:49 PM.
  - **Superintendents should connect with their county Emergency Management Coordinator** ahead of time to prepare for any possible issues and challenges.
  - The [Texas Department of Emergency Management \(TDEM\) has provided resources](#) to prepare for the eclipse including safety information for eclipse viewing to protect eyes and to prepare for additional traffic, and the Texas School Safety Center has also shared the [Texas School Safety Center Eclipse Information](#) (PDF) to help districts prepare for this event.
- **IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for Qualified Taxpayers**
  - [For Families: Free Tax Return Preparation for Qualifying Taxpayers](#)
  - [IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) Information \(English PDF\)](#)
  - [IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) Information \(Spanish PDF\)](#)
- **Check out the 2023 TEA Annual Report and the Pocket Edition for the latest data**

- [2023 Annual Report](#)
- [2023 Pocket Edition](#)
- **Next Call:**
  - Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 3:00 PM
  - Superintendents, to receive monthly call reminders via email, please update your information via AskTed.