

Technology Allotment

Texas Education Code (TEC) References

TEC §31.021; TEC §32.005

History/Relevant Background Information

The technology allotment was first paid in September 1992. Currently, the funds for the allotment come from the State Textbook Fund.

Before the start of each school year, the State Funding Division determines the technology allotment for the upcoming year by multiplying the legislative payment estimate (LPE) average daily attendance (ADA) by the per-ADA rate of \$30 (provided for in the statute authorizing the allotment). If the total of the allotment exceeds the amount of funding set aside from the Available School Fund, then the rate of \$30 is reduced until the total of the allotment is equal to the amount of funding. For the 2009–2010 school year the rate was reduced to \$29.66. Consistent with past years, the rate for the 2010–0011 school year is estimated to be slightly lower than \$30.00.

In January of each school year, each district or charter school is paid the estimated technology allotment, plus or minus an adjustment from the prior year's allotment. The prior year's adjustment is determined by subtracting the prior year's earned allotment (final ADA multiplied by the prior year's technology rate) from the prior-year amount paid for technology.

Year	Technology Allotment
2006-2007	\$114,374,120
2007-2008	\$127,802,200
2008-2009	\$129,779,816
2009-2010	\$132,675,850
2010-2011	\$133,998,531

Description of Funding Element

The technology allotment is paid to all school districts and open-enrollment charter schools in Texas for the purchase of technology. A set allotment rate is paid per student in ADA.

Per §32.005, the allotment is to be used only to 1) provide for the purchase of electronic textbooks or technological equipment that contributes to student learning, 2) train educational staff involved in student learning in the use of electronic textbooks, or 3) provide access to technological equipment for instructional use.

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