

Special Legislative Districts - University

Texas Education Code (TEC) References

TEC, §79.10(f); §96.707(k); §105.301(e)(3); §87.505(g)

History/Relevant Background Information

The purpose of a special legislative district is to provide academically gifted and highly motivated junior and senior high school students with a challenging university-level curriculum. Special legislative districts allow students to complete high school graduation requirements, including requirements adopted under Section 28.025 for the advanced high school program, while attending a public institution of higher education for academic credit.

The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley (Brownsville): TEC §79.10(f) specifies that for each student enrolled in the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (031-505), the academy is entitled to allotments from the Foundation School Program (FSP) fund under Chapter 42 as if the academy were a school district without a tier 1 local share for purposes of Section 42.253.

The University of North Texas (Denton): TEC §105.301(e)(3) specifies that for each student enrolled in the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (061-501), the academy is entitled to allotments from the foundation school program under Chapter 42 as if the academy were a school district without a tier 1 local share for purposes of Section 42.253.

Lamar University (Beaumont): TEC §96.707(k) specifies that for each student enrolled in the Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities (123-503), the academy is entitled to allotments from the Foundation School Program (FSP) under Chapter 42 as if the academy were a school district, except that the academy has a local share applied that is equivalent to the local fund assignment (LFA) of Beaumont ISD.

Texas A&M International University: TEC §87.505(g) specifies that for each student enrolled in the Texas Academy of International Studies (240-503), the academy is entitled to allotments from the Foundation School Program (FSP) fund under Chapter 42 as if the academy were a school district without a tier 1 local share for purposes of Section 42.253.

Description of Funding Element

These four institutions of higher education are eligible to receive Foundation School Program (FSP) funds. As specialized legislative districts, they submit their PEIMS data to the State Funding Division of the Texas Education Agency in the "Principals' Annual Report of Student Attendance and Contact Hours." Their allotments are calculated by multiplying the refined average daily attendance (RADA) by the adjusted allotment (AA).

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