



HB 1605 Webinar Series

Planning and Noninstructional Duties of Teachers Friday, March 8, 2024

Agenda and FYIs for Today



Agenda

- 1. Welcome
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- 3. Teacher Planning and Noninstructional Duties
- 4. Frequently Asked Questions
- 5. Q&A

FYIs



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House Bill 1605







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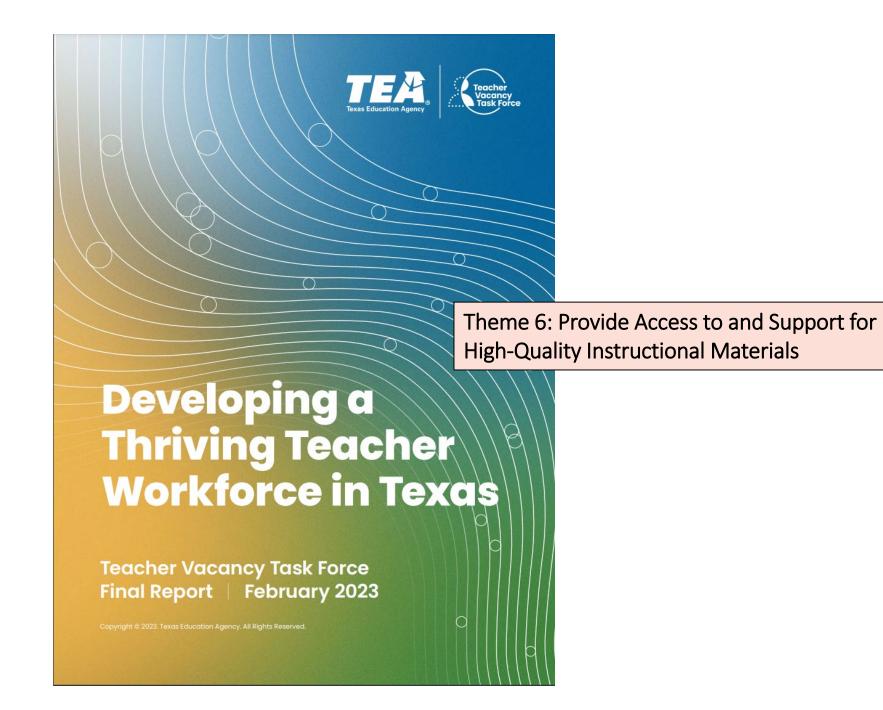
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House Bill (HB) 1605, 88R

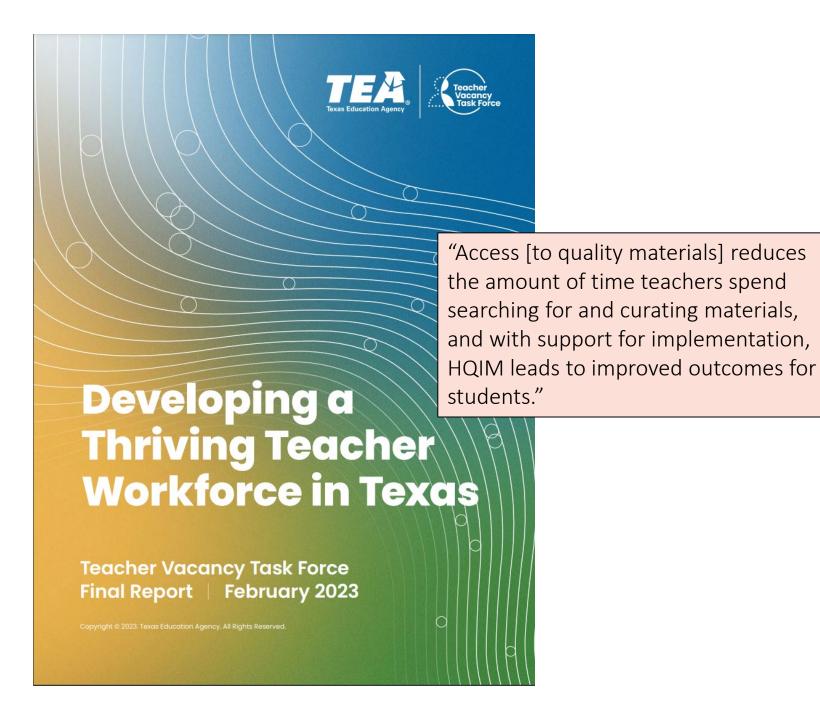


Teacher Vacancy Task Force





What Teachers Tell Us They Need





What Teachers Tell Us They Need From the Field

"A thorough and complete curriculum that allows teachers to teach the content rather than spend endless hours finding and planning what to teach."

"Accessibility to materials, well written concrete representation of skills, and spiraling and reasoning for teaching particular skills in a particular manner."

"All content is available for students."

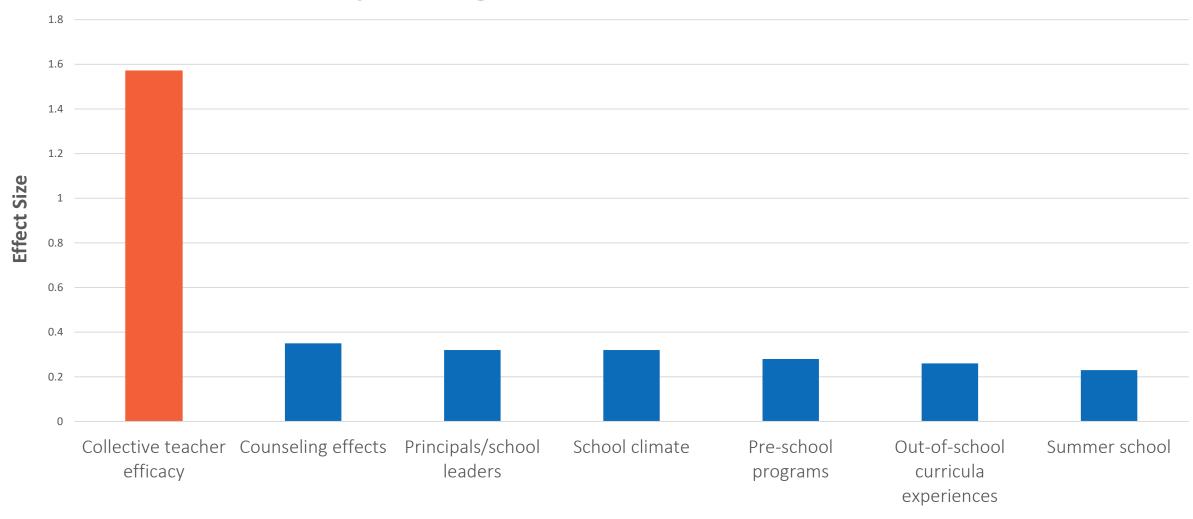
"I love the scaffolding, the way the lessons are structured, and the way it gives me more time to focus on how to teach rather than what I am teaching" "Having this curriculum takes away from figuring out what to lesson plan and gives us time to internalize the lessons and the reasons, which makes the delivery very intentional and in turn, helps students to learn the concepts better."

"Students enjoy the readers and handson tasks. The teacher guide and student materials are well-organized and allow you to spend more time internalizing the lesson rather than sourcing materials."

"Everything is laid out for you and aligned with the state standards."



Teachers are the single most important in-school factor impacting student outcomes



Source: Adapted from Hattie, 2011



Many Hours Are Spent Developing Curriculum

Teachers are spending 7 hours per week developing instructional materials but only have 3.75 hours per week for planning in their master schedule.





Lack of HQIM Leads to Lower Rigor in Classrooms

A national study examined student classroom work to see if it was on grade-level.¹

only

17%

of lessons were at grade level (or higher)

TEA reproduced the study methodology with K-5 reading teachers in 26 Texas school systems.

only

19%

of lessons were at grade level (or higher)

Students & teachers work hard. Students get As and Bs in class but **proficiency does not grow** because sstudents are not consistently exposed to rigorous, grade level materials.

Definition of Instructional Materials

"Instructional material" means content that conveys the essential knowledge and skills of a subject in the public school curriculum through a medium or a combination of media for conveying information to a student. The term includes:

- a) material used by a teacher, including a lesson plan, answer key, grading rubric, or unit plan;
- b) material used by a principal or campus instructional leader to support instruction; and
- c) material used by a student, including a book, supplementary materials, a combination of a book, workbook, and supplementary materials, computer software, magnetic media, DVD, CD-ROM, computer courseware, on-line services, or an electronic medium, or other means of conveying information to the student or otherwise contributing to the learning process through electronic means, including open education resource instructional material.



Source: Texas Education Code, §31.002

Categories of Instructional Materials

Full-subject, Tier-1

instructional material designed to, if implemented as designed, provide a student with mastery of the essential knowledge and skills adopted by the [State Board of Education] for a certain subject and grade level in the required curriculum under Section 28.002 or for prekindergarten without the need for supplementation.

Partial-subject, Tier-1

instructional material designed to, if implemented as designed, provide a student with mastery in a portion of the essential knowledge and skills adopted by the State Board of Education for a certain subject and grade level in the required curriculum under Section 28.002 or for prekindergarten without the need for supplementation in the essential knowledge and skills covered.

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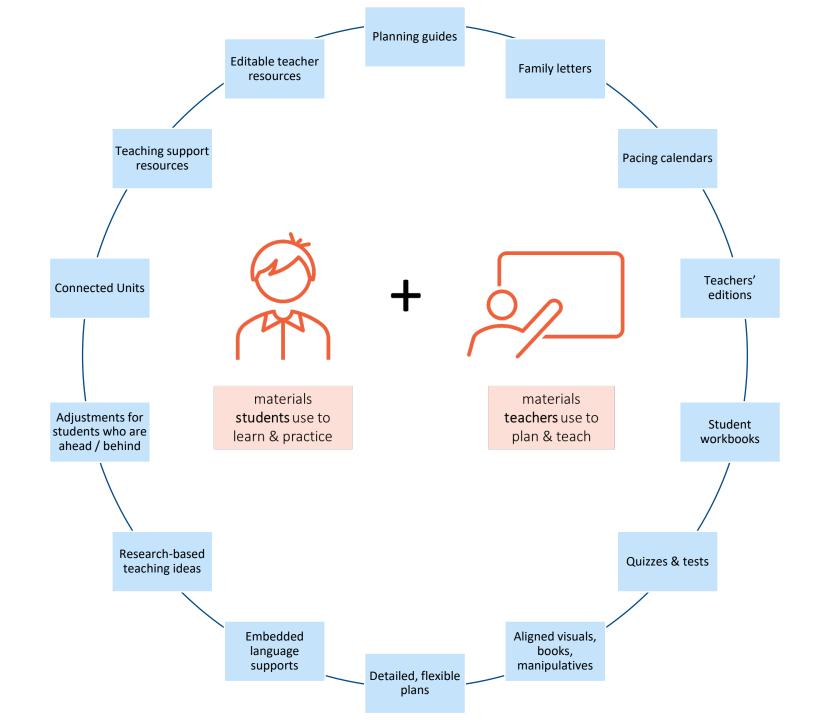
instructional material designed to assist in the instruction of **one or more** of the essential knowledge and skills adopted by the State Board of Education for **a subject** in the required curriculum under Section <u>28.002</u> or for prekindergarten.



Source: Texas Education Code, §31.002

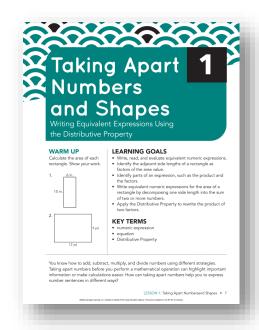


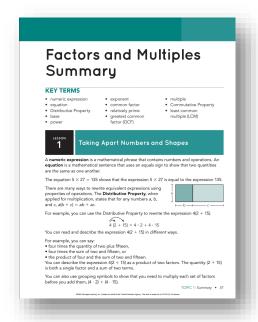
Components
of Full-Subject
Tier-1
Instructional
Materials





Examples of full-subject tier one instructional materials







Module 1 Overview Composing and Decomposing especially in conjunction with other parts of the mathematics curriculum."-Navigating through Measurement, page 4 Why is this Module named Composing and have broken down numbers into sums Decomposing? differences, products, and quotients, Throughout Grade 6, students reason and learn to make use of the distributive across mathematical domains: number and property. In previous grades, students operations, proportionality, expressions, equations and relationships, measuremen their areas. Now, they calculate the area of complex shapes by composing them Composing and Decomposing begins this from familiar shapes. Students have studied work by deepening student understanding whole numbers, fractions, and decimals. of numbers and shapes and exploring the Now, they learn to see these forms of relationships. Students compose familiar numbers as composing a single set that can numbers and shapes into less familiar or more complicated ones. They decompose large numbers and complex shapes into Module 1 sets the stage for the habits of smaller numbers and simpler shapes to mind students will develop as they grow in perform calculations. As students become their mathematical understanding. To see more flexible with how they see shapes and structure across domains, students must be numbers, they will better understand their able to shift perspective and see objects and structure, which in turn will enable them to develop strategies for solving problems just as isolated objects or numbers. When across mathematical domains. students encounter a new idea, they should ask themselves, "Is this problem or idea similar to another problem or idea I've learned decomposing (taking apart) or composing in the past?" "Are there similarities between this topic and a previously learned topic?" already understood. By grade 6, students MODULE 1: Composing and Decomposing . 1A

Examples of full-subject tier one instructional materials used by a teacher, including a lesson plan, answer key, grading rubric, or unit plan.

Initial lesson plans build teacher background knowledge and offer supports for lesson internalization. Teachers may use protected planning and prep time to internalize and optimize lessons to the needs of their students.

HB 1605: High Quality Curriculum





- Establishes a process for the SBOE to review and approve materials, supported by TEA
- Additional funding (on top of IMTA) provided to districts who choose to use SBOE approved materials: \$40/student. An additional \$20/student for districts printing state-owned materials
- SBOE textbook approval no longer limited to 50% of TEKS, no longer bound to 8-year cycle
- Districts exempted from RFP processes if purchasing SBOE approved materials
- Publishers must offer parent portals for instructional materials transparency
- Local curriculum reviews are established, funded, and can be initiated via parent requests, with SBOE approval of grade-level rigor rubric
- SBOE must add book/word list to the ELAR TEKS
- Teachers cannot be required to use bi-weekly planning time to create initial instructional materials unless there is a supplemental duty agreement with the teacher
- Requires the TEA to develop state-owned textbooks in certain grades & subjects, which are subject to approval by SBOE
- Provides optional teacher training on state-owned textbooks for districts to utilize, and grant program to educator prep programs to support
- Prohibits three-cueing in early literacy instruction

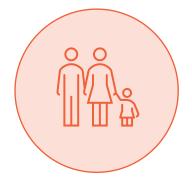
HB 1605 Implications for LEAs



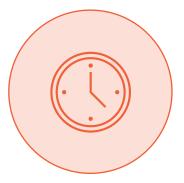
Additional Funding for Instructional Materials



New List of Approved Instructional Materials



Parent Access to Instructional Materials



Teacher Time Protections



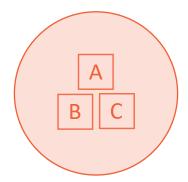
Updated Reporting Requirements



Open Education Resource Instructional Materials



Exception for Proclamation 2024



Prohibition of Three-Cueing

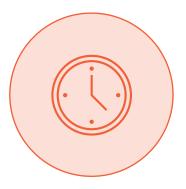


Today's Focus







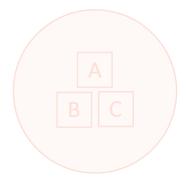


Teacher Time Protections













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Statutory Citation - 11.164

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Chapter 11. School Districts

Subchapter D. Powers And Duties Of Board Of Trustees Of Independent School District

Section 11.164. Restricting Written Information

- (a) The board of trustees of each school district shall limit redundant requests for information and the number and length of written reports that a classroom teacher is required to prepare. A classroom teacher may not be required to prepare any written information other than:
 - (1) any report concerning the health, safety, or welfare of a student;
 - (2) a report of a student's grade on an assignment or examination;
 - (3) a report of a student's academic progress in a class or course;
 - (4) a report of a student's grades at the end of each grade reporting period;
 - (5) a report on instructional materials;
 - (6) <u>subject to Subsection (a-1)</u>, a unit or weekly lesson plan that outlines, in a brief and general manner, the information to be presented during each period at the secondary level or in each subject or topic at the elementary level;
 - (7) an attendance report;
 - (8) any report required for accreditation review;
 - (9) any information required by a school district that relates to a complaint, grievance, or actual or potential litigation and that requires the classroom teacher's involvement; or
 - (10) any information specifically required by law, rule, or regulation.
- (a-1) A unit or weekly lesson plan that is included in instructional material, as defined by Section 31.002, and adopted by the board of trustees of the school district at which a teacher is employed is sufficient to satisfy a requirement to prepare written information described by Subsection (a)(6).



Statutory Citation - 21.4045

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Chapter 21. Educators

Subchapter I. Duties And Benefits

Section 21.4045. Planning And Noninstructional Duties Of Teachers

- (a) A school district may enter into a supplemental agreement with a classroom teacher under which the teacher agrees to perform a duty relating to initial lesson plan design or instructional material selection that is not a duty generally:
 - (1) anticipated to be performed during the instructional day; and
 - (2) assigned to all classroom teachers of the same subject and grade level under those teachers' employment contracts.
- (b) A school district may not require a classroom teacher for a foundation curriculum course to spend planning and preparation time to which the teacher is entitled under Section 21.404 creating or selecting instructional materials to initially cover the applicable essential knowledge and skills for the course unless the teacher has entered into a supplemental agreement described by Subsection (a). This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a classroom teacher from choosing to spend the teacher's planning and preparation time creating or selecting instructional materials.
- (c) A <u>supplemental agreement</u> between a school district and a classroom teacher described by Subsection (a) under which a <u>teacher is assigned responsibility for a greater number of duties unrelated to providing instruction than other full-time teachers of the same grade level in the district must <u>explicitly state each of the teacher's duties unrelated to providing instruction.</u></u>

Section 21.4045, Education Code applies beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.



Initial Lesson Plan Design

A school district may not require a classroom teacher for a foundation curriculum course to spend planning and preparation time to which the teacher is entitled under Section 21.404 creating or selecting instructional materials to initially cover the applicable essential knowledge and skills for the course unless the teacher has entered into a supplemental agreement

Creating Initial Lesson Plans

Initial lesson plan design means a teacher is creating detailed lesson plans "from scratch".

Examples include, but are not limited to, creating initial daily lesson objectives, key points and aligned student activities or aligned assessments.

Selecting Instructional Materials

Selecting Instructional materials means a classroom teacher is selecting the lesson plan materials and resources for the initial design of the unit or lesson.

Examples include, but are not limited to, identifying and or evaluating a text or resource to use as part of a lesson; creating or collating text excerpts from various sources.



Statutory Citation - 21.404

Chapter 21. Educators

Subchapter I. Duties And Benefits

Section 21.404. Planning And Preparation Time

Each classroom teacher is entitled to at least 450 minutes within each two-week period for instructional preparation, including parent-teacher conferences, evaluating students' work, and planning. A planning and preparation period under this section may not be less than 45 minutes within the instructional day. During a planning and preparation period, a classroom teacher may not be required to participate in any other activity.





How Are These Statutes Enforced?

Local school boards are responsible for ensuring the requirements of the Texas Education Code are followed within their school systems. In addition, TEA provides oversight.

If a school district were to violate Texas Education Code sections 11.164 and 21.4045, as with any other sections of the Texas Education Code, a teacher could file a grievance following the district's grievance procedures. If the school board denies the grievance, an appeal to the Commissioner could be made under Texas Education Code section 7.057.

If a violation of Texas Education Code section 11.164 or 21.4045 is a reason why teacher's contract is terminated, nonrenewed, or suspended without pay, as with any other violation, the teacher can appeal the action to the Commissioner under Texas Education Code section 21.301, and the teacher would not need to file a separate grievance in order to raise the claim to the Commissioner.

Separately, individuals can seek enforcement via the judicial system.



Key Points

- The purpose of this new statute is to save and honor teacher time, as surfaced as a need by the Teacher Vacancy Task Force.
- The new statutory requirements applies:
 - only to initial lesson design, and
 - only to the 450 minutes of bi-weekly minimum planning time to which a teacher is entitled under 21.404.
- Districts have options to comply with statute:
 - A. Give teachers full tier 1 instructional materials, so they aren't required to do initial lesson design.
 - B. If teachers are going to be required to do initial lesson design: give teachers time outside of their 450-minute bi-weekly minimum planning time.
 - C. If teachers are going to be required to do initial lesson design and a district doesn't give them time outside of their 450-minute bi-weekly minimum planning time to do the initial lesson design, the district must give them a supplemental duty stipend.



Practical Examples and Scenarios

Scenario A

Full Subject Tier-1 instructional materials are provided

A district has adopted full-subject tier one instructional materials for grade 3 math that include teacher-facing resources such as unit plans, unit overviews, and daily lesson plans. The district **encourages** teachers to use their 450-minute bi-weekly prep time to prepare for lesson delivery by reviewing the lesson plans in the instructional materials, internalizing the content, rehearsing their delivery, planning for adjustments required by IEPs, and planning any other differentiation needs. The district provides two additional 45-minute preparation periods a week, above the 450 minutes of protected preparation time, where teachers are **required** to do these planning activities.

Is this a violation of the teachers' protected planning and prep time?

No, this is not a violation of the teachers' protected planning time. Teachers in this scenario are not required to design lessons nor select instructional materials from scratch at any time. Rather they are encouraged to plan for lesson delivery through a practice of internalization during their protected 450-minute biweekly prep time, and they are given additional time where internalization activities are required.



Scenario B

Full Subject Tier-1 material components must be developed

Mrs. Johnson is a fourth-grade, self-contained teacher and has been assigned the task of writing the lesson plans for the other fourth grade teachers at her campus. This is not a duty the other fourth-grade teachers have outlined in their employment contract. Mrs. Johnson's district has provided a year-long scope and sequence of TEKS and her principal has asked her to develop the lesson plans aligned to this scope and sequence.

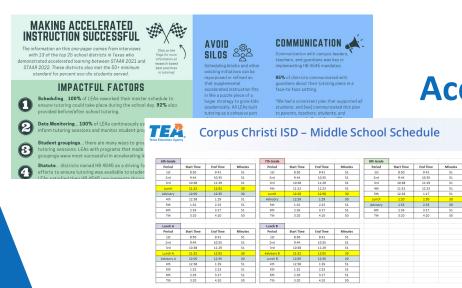
Does Mrs. Johnson require a supplemental duty contract for this lesson planning work?

In this scenario, Mrs. Johnson cannot be required to develop initial lesson plans during her protected planning time. If the district expects Mrs. Johnson to complete these duties during the instructional day, the district must either (a) find additional time in the schedule for her to plan beyond the 450 minutes per week of planning time required by statute or (b) execute a supplemental duty contract for the lesson design work.



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Examples of scheduling and staffing approaches to increase time available to classroom teachers



Accelerated Instruction

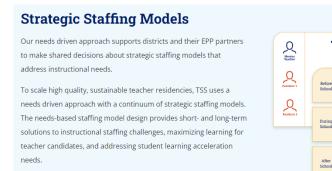
dule Implementation

Supports

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programs, accelerated-instruction#resources

Strategic Staffing Models



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Scenario C

Full Subject Tier-1 materials must be developed

Mr. Puente is a 6th grade science teacher. His district has adopted instructional materials approved by the SBOE in the most recent Proclamation. The materials provide weekly unit plans but do not have enough detail for daily lessons. Mr. Puente has a 45-minute planning period each day with an additional planning period of 45 minutes on Fridays. He uses his additional planning time to select and create lesson materials and activities for his science students.

Can the school district require Mr. Puente to select initial lesson plan instructional materials during the school day for his 6th grade science class?

In this scenario, Mr. Puente has 450 minutes over two weeks of protected planning and prep time (45 min daily over 10 days). He also has an extra 90 minutes over two weeks as additional planning time. He has been required to lesson plan during his additional planning time. Therefore, a supplemental duty agreement as outlined in TEC §21.4045 would not be required.



Scenario D

Full-subject Tier-1 materials are provided

Mrs. Pham teaches seventh and eighth grade math. Her district provides her with instructional materials that include unit plans and daily lesson plans as part of a full set of Tier-1 instructional materials.

Can Mrs. Pham be required to submit additional lesson plans?

In this scenario, Mrs. Pham cannot be required to submit additional lesson plans because she already has instructional materials adopted by the district that meet the standards outlined in TEC §11.164(a-1).



Scenario E

Some components of Tier-1 materials are provided

A teacher chooses to use their planning time to refine and supplement the lesson plans provided by the district. The district provides a scope and sequence and some instructional materials but does not provide unit plans.

The district does not provide time for this teacher outside of the protected planning time to create a unit plan.

Does this teacher require a supplemental contract for lesson planning?

In this scenario a supplemental duty agreement as outlined in TEC §21.4045 would be required because the teacher has been given some materials but not all and is still required to complete initial unit plan design work. The district could also give teachers time outside of their 450-minute bi-weekly minimum planning time to satisfy the new statue.





Q&A



Questionand Answer



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