

As part of the Special Education Performance Diagnostic's (SPD) multi-year development phase, TEA is proactively seeking local educational agency (LEA) input to make the framework and tools more feasible and helpful. Feedback from the field test will help inform revisions before the SPD is implemented statewide in the future.

What is the SPD?

The Texas SPD process will provide LEA teams with a framework and tools for understanding and improving the overall health of their special education systems to ensure that students with disabilities are effectively served in schools.

SPD Levers:

1. Integrated Systems
2. Educator Talent
3. Special Education Identification and Evaluation
4. IEP Development
5. Special Education Service Delivery
6. Inclusive Practices
7. Family and Community Engagement

What are the benefits of participating in the SPD field test?

- Your team will receive free professional learning around assessing the health of special education systems, conducting root cause analyses, and planning for improvement in one or more SPD lever(s).
- Your team's input will help inform the final SPD process and tools for future use statewide.
- LEAs that participate will receive a reduction in requirements for the 2024-2025 Special Education Self-Assessment (fewer compliance/strategy areas).

Interested in participating?

Complete this online application form by November 8, 2024:

[SPD Field Test Application](#)



For more information contact sped@tea.texas.gov

What is involved in field testing?

A small team of 3-5 LEA representatives including a district-level special education leader will commit to the following (approximately 14-18 hours):

- **From December 2024 through January 2025:** participate in facilitated trainings (3-4 hours).
- **From January 2025 through March 2025:** complete the SPD process for one or two lever(s) (10-12 hours).
- **March 2025:** participate in surveys and focus groups to provide feedback to improve the SPD process (1-2 hours).