

Mentor Program Allotment Cycle 4 LEA Application Webinar (SY 2025-28)

Webinar Objectives

After today's webinar, participants will be able to...

- 1. Summarize the key goals, components and requirements of MPA;
- 2. Determine how MPA can help address the LEA's unique needs;
- Navigate the MPA website to locate MPA policy, training provider info & application materials;
- 4. Identify factors to consider when applying for Cycle 4; and
- 5. Describe the Cycle 4 application materials and process.





An Overview of MPA

The Mentor Program Allotment provides funding for LEAs to implement high-quality programs.









Why prioritize mentoring?

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





Texas has large number of novice teachers. Novice teachers leave the profession at high rates.



This could be because Texas' novice teachers feel ill-prepared in critical areas of teaching.





The Teacher Vacancy Task developed the recommendation for expanding training and supports for new teacher mentoring





MPA impact goals focus on beginning teacher retention and effectiveness

Research indicates that multiyear mentoring and induction programs lead to improvements in student performance, teacher effectiveness, and teacher retention.

(Ingersoll & Strong, 2011)





MPA teachers are retained at higher rates than statewide peers 1-3 years after program completion.

MPA beginning teachers are retained at high rates than the statewide average for first and second year teachers



N=1,339 MPA mentored beginning teachers and 47,568 peer experience-level group (teachers with the same level of experience)



Beginning teacher = teacher in their first or second year in the classroom

The most recent MPA beginning teachers agree that their mentors...



N=676 MPA-mentored beginning teachers responded to MPA Cycle 3, Year 2 end of year survey items





MPA requirements at a glance

MPA requirements can be found in Texas Administrative Code Chapter 153.1011 and Texas Education Code Chapters 21.458 & 48.114.







Definitions

- Beginning Teacher: A <u>classroom teacher</u> in Texas who has less than two years of teaching experience in the subject or grade level to which the teacher is assigned and who may not yet hold a certification
- Mentor: An individual who serves or has served as a teacher in Texas who provides effective support to help beginning teachers successfully transition into the teaching assignment, including principals, assistant principals, and instructional coaches*

*must, to the extent practicable, teacher in the same school, grade level, or subject area; have experience as a teacher of record in the past 3 years



Mentor Training

- Training must occur before the beginning of the school year and at least once per semester
- Mentors and any appropriate district and campus leaders who provide direct instructional support to beginning teachers should attend *all* trainings
- A trained mentor must be assigned to a beginning teacher hired after the start of the year within 45 days of hire
- While not required through MPA policy, TEA highly encourages returning mentors to receive additional training and/or coaching after their first year





- Districts must select mentors who...
 - Complete MPA training
 - Have at least 3 years of teaching experience
 - Demonstrate interpersonal skills, instructional effectiveness, and leadership skills
 - Have expertise, to the extent practicable, in the grade level or subject area of the mentee
 - Classroom teaching experience in the past 3 years*
 - *if mentor is not a current classroom teacher
- Mentors can be assigned no more than...
 - 2 mentees if teaching 4+ hours/day
 - 4 mentees if teaching less than 4 hours/day
 - 15 mentees if serving as a full-time mentor



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Meetings Between Mentors & Mentees

- A mentor must meet with *each* mentee assigned to the mentor not less than 12 hours each semester*
- *observations of the mentor or other highly effective teachers by the mentee being mentored or observations of the mentee being mentored by the mentor count toward the 12 hours each semester
- A district must designate a specific time during the regularly contracted school day for meetings between mentor and mentees





Additional Requirements

- <u>Surveys</u> administered twice yearly* to mentors, mentees, participating campus principals, and program managers**
- *Contact lists will be collected prior to survey admin;
- **Districts are encouraged to use survey results in future mentor program planning and share data with stakeholders (including survey participants)
- Yearly compliance report to be completed and submitted in May 2025



What's new in Cycle 4?

Per TEC & TAC requirements, more than just MPA mentor teachers must attend mentoring training.



LEAs must provide training to mentor teachers and any appropriate district and campus employees, including principals, assistant principals, and instructional coaches, who work with a beginning teacher or supervise a beginning teacher.



For Cycle 4 and beyond, Mentor & Leader competencies are differentiated to meet the unique needs of the training groups.



- Fostering effective **mentoring** partnerships
- Implementing effective coaching cycles
- Building skills in **data-driven** instruction
- Building skills in **lesson** planning & internalization
- Planning for an effective learning environment



- Setting a **vision** for the mentor adershi program
 - Establishing effective **mentor** recruitment, selection, and **assignment** practices
 - Implementing strong **mentor** training & supporting ongoing mentor development
 - Planning a master schedule and release time calendar that supports mentors
 - Planning for **program** sustainability



Mentor Competency Domains (Cycle 4)







Data-driven Instruction & Student Work Analysis



Lesson Planning or Internalization



Learning Environment

District & Campus Leader Competency Domains (Cycle 4)







Navigating the MPA Website

The MPA website houses the following resources.





Cycle 4 Application Information & Materials



MPA Policy (TEC & TAC) can be found on the MPA landing page.



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Chapter 152, School District Personnel



Cycle 4 Approved Providers' information can be found.



The landing page is home to the Cycle 4 application and all its resources.

- Cycle 4 Guidelines
- Application Review Criteria
- Link to Qualtrics application
- All other application materials & resources

Cycle 4 Application & Resources

The Mentor Program Allotment Cycle 4 (SY 2025-28) district application is now open.

For more information, please read the Cycle 4 Guidelines (PDF) & Review Criteria (PDF).

Event	Estimated Date	
MPA Cycle 4 LEA application opens	September 6, 2024	
Applicant questions collected via mpa@tea.texas.gov	September 6 - Sept 20, 2024	
Deadline to sign up for application info session (sign up sheet)	September 20, 2024	
Optional application info session via Zoom	September 27, 2024	
Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) responses posted to MPA website	September 30, 2024	
MPA Cycle 4 LEA applications due by 5:00 p.m. via Qualtrics	November 15. 2024	
Notifications sent to applicants	January 10, 2025	

Resources

- · A Mentor Training Scope & Sequence (Word)
- · B District & Campus Leader Training Scope & Sequence (Word)
- · C Coaching Plan (Word)
- D Evidence of Impact (Excel)
- E Campus Implementation List (Excel)
- Training Scope & Sequence Model (PDF)
- Priority Points List (Excel)
- Cycle 4 Guidelines (PDF)
- Review Criteria (PDF)





Cycle 4 District Application



What to consider when applying?

Cycle 4 will offer three options for district participation.





MPA Approved Providers are prepared to answer your questions regarding training.







Similar to AP training, LEA-created training must be commissioner-approved.

- Required documents for submission:
 - Mentor training scope & sequence
 - District & Campus Leader training scope & sequence
 - Coaching Plan
 - Evidence of Impact

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Cells that have a purple symbol in the top-right corner include a comment with additional instructions. Hover over those cells to view the comments.

Directions

 Read the Examples tab of this workbook. Hover over cells with the purple symbol in the top-right corner to see additional information.

Complete the Applicant Data tab of this workbook. See the Guidelines and Application Review Criteria documents for more information on how to complete the workbook.

 Save this file to your computer until you are ready to upload it, with all your other attachments, to Qualtrics. Save this file as an Excel document with the title MPACycle4-LEAName-D.





Statewide Mentorship Training will address multiple mentoring roles to support novice and beginning teachers.



Reminder: Cycle 4 will offer three options for district participation.




Application resources & materials

The Guidelines contains detailed information for Cycle 4 applicants and awardees.

Mentor Program Allotment Cycle 4 LEA Application Guidelines



Part I: Information For All MPA Applicants (4)

MPA Overview	
Program goals	
Program overview	
Authorizing legislation	
LEA eligibility	
Funding	
Policy requirements	
Training	
Overview	
Requirements of mentorship trainings	
Training providers	
Application Components	
Application timeline	
Priority points	
Application Directions	
Application Steps	
Application Submission	
FAQs	
Commonly asked questions	

Part II: Detailed description of the mentorship trainings (18)

Overview	
Training components	
Mentor training	
Coaching	
DCL training	
Approval Requirements	
Evidence of impact	
Research basis	
Training scope & sequence	
Adjustments post-approval	

Appendix (24)

Appendix A: Allowable changes to mentorship training program	
Appendix B: Mentoring resources	
Appendix C: References	



The Review Criteria outlines the application submission, review & approval processes and training pathway competencies.



Application Review Breakdown

All items are assigned a point value of 1 or 0 based on criteria description above.

Option 1 LEAs: LEAs partnering with a MPA Approved Provider

Section	Points
Application (Qualtrics Submission)	1
Mentor Training Scope & Sequence	1
District & Campus Leader Training Scope & Sequence	
Coaching Plan (if partnering with ESC 1)	
Campus Implementation List	N/A
Total required points for approval	2

Option 2 LEAs: LEAs implementing a LEA-created mentorship program

Section	Points
Application (Qualtrics Submission)	1
Mentor Training Scope & Sequence	1
District & Campus Leader Training Scope & Sequence	
Coaching Plan	
Evidence of Impact	
Campus Implementation List	N/A
Total required points for approval	2



The Qualtrics form is linked in the MPA landing page.



MENTOR



A scope & sequence is required for both Mentor and District & Campus Leader trainings.

Approved Providers will provide LEAs the Scope & Sequences to upload to Qualtrics



LEA-created trainings will use MPA Scope & Sequence templates for Qualtrics upload

Approximate Date(s) and Daration (Hears)	Algoment to required training categories	Objectives & Competencies	Agenda	Mentur Practice (Must be clearly aligned to alignethers)	Performance Taolo
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The Campus Implementation List is ONLY required for LEAs intending to use MPA funds on a subset of campuses.





The Coaching Plan is required for anyone applying to LEAcreated training or partnering with ESC 1.

- Coaching plans should include:
 - Model for coaching mentors
 - Coaching protocols, tools, scripts
 - Identifying a focus for coaching sessions
 - Plans for follow-up



Cycle 4 MPA LEA Application

Coaching Plan (Attachment C) File Name: MPACycle4-LEAName-C

Completing Attachment C

This is a required attachment if you are applying for a LEA-created mentorship program OR partnering with ESC 1 as your approved provider. Use the box below to respond to the prompts. Refer to the Application Review Criteria document for more information on review of the coaching plan. Include samples of your program's resources for coaching after the narrative response. These resources should include coaching protocols, scripts, or other coaching tools.

Please ensure:

- Coaching resources are clearly labeled for reviewers with titles above each
- · Samples included in this attachment clearly align to the narrative response
- Document does not exceed 15 pages

LEA Name:

Save this file as a Word or PDF document, and upload to the Qualtrics submission form. Save this attachment as MPACycle4-LEAName-C

Narrative Responses:

In the box below, please provide a narrative response for the LEA's coaching plan that addresses each of the following prompts. Refer to the Application Review Criteria document for more information on the Coaching Plan requirements.

- Provide a high-level description of your plan for coaching mentors. In your response, please address the following questions:
 - a. Describe your model for coaching mentors.
 - b. What protocols, tools, or scripts will be used to coach mentors? Ensure any tools, protocols, scripts, etc., referenced in this narrative response are included at the end of this document (you may provide images, screenshots, copied & pasted language, or hyperlinks).
 - c. How will you determine the highest-leverage mentoring competencies to focus on in your coaching sessions? How will you provide explicit opportunities for the mentors to practice using effective feedback models such as the "See it, Name It, Do It," framework?
- d. How will you and the mentor co-create next steps and communicate expectations for follow-up?

Please limit your response to 400 words.



LEA-created applicants are required to submit Evidence of Program Impact.

- Tiers of evidence:
- 1. Beginning teacher effectiveness
- 2. Beginning teacher retention
- 3. Fidelity of program implementation
- 4. Perceptions of program effectiveness

Number of Years Data Collected	Tier of Impact	Number and type of teachers represented in data	Baseline Data Prior to Mentoring Program Implementation	Data Showing Impact of Mentoring Program Implementation	If Tier 4: are you submitting your survey and aggregate data in the Attachment Uploads section of the Qualities Application?	Optional: Additional Comments
	Tier 1: Improvements in beginning teacher effectiveness	48 beginning teachers	Before mentoring program implementation, first year	As of 2019-20, the cohort of first year teachers we supported earned, on average, T-TESS scores of 3.37 and SLO scores of 3.4.	No	See table demonstrating higher T-TESS a SLO scores of ti first year teach cohort compar- to the district average over ti during mentori program
	Tier 2: Improvements In beginning teacher retention	48 beginning teachers		From 2018-19 to 2019-20, 75% of the first and second year teachers we supported stayed teaching at ISD A.	No	See table demonstrating retention rates our first and second year teacher cohorts over time durin mentoring program
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Scoring and ranking are based on application submission and priority points.

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The Frequently Asked Questions will be posted to the MPA website the week of September. 30th, 2024.

Mentor Program Allotment Cycle 4 (2025-28) District Application FAQs



FAQ Overview

This document provides response to questions about Cycle 4 Mentor Program Allotment applications that were submitted by the September 20, 2024, deadline. Districts are encouraged to review the following materials that are posted on the MPA website as they will be referenced throughout this document:

- MPA Cycle 4 Guidelines
- <u>Review Criteria</u>
- Scope & Sequence Model
- Texas Education Code <u>§21.458</u> and <u>§48.114</u>
- 19 Texas Administrative Code, §153.1011, Mentor Program Allotment

Please note that there is also list of commonly asked questions and responses on pages 15-16 of the <u>MPA</u> <u>Cycle 4 Guidelines</u>.

Section A: About MPA

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