



HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Office Hours for Vendors

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TEA Welcome & Introductions



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Agenda

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- Brief recap of last week's items
- Submitted Questions
- Please drop your questions in the Q&A box.
- A copy of the slide deck will be posted on the [HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products | Texas Education Agency](#) soon.

HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Webpage

- [HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Announcement webpage](#)

The screenshot shows the TEA website interface. At the top left is the TEA logo (Texas Education Agency). To the right is a search bar with the text "Search Enter Keywords" and a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: "A-Z Index", "Contact", "Employment", "State Board of Education", "Sign Up for Updates", and "TEA Correspondence". Below this is a secondary navigation bar with icons and labels for "About TEA", "Texas Schools", "Academics", "Finance & Grants", "Reports & Data", "Student Assessment", and "Texas Educators". Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: "Home / Academics / Learning Support". The main content area has a blue header "HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products" and a light blue button "Back to Accelerated Instruction". A large grey box contains the text: "The 2025-2026 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List application submission window will open on October 14, 2024, and close on December 6, 2024." Below this is a paragraph of text: "Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0211 requires that students not receiving approaches or higher on STAAR grades 3 through 8 or End of Course assessments receive accelerated instruction. House Bill 1416, 88(R) provides that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall approve automated, computerized, or other augmented method products for providing accelerated instruction. The HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List consists of approved products that may be used to waive the 4 to 1 student to tutor ratio required in statute." To the right of this text is a "Page Navigation:" section with three buttons: "Vendor Requirements", "2024-2025 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List", and "Support Resources". At the bottom of the page is a large blue banner with the TEA logo.

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HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Application

- Please ensure that the links provided as part of your responses are accurate and functional. Links that are not accurate (i.e., they lead to a page where it is not clear what is being shared) or do not work (i.e., the link is broken or lead to an error message) will keep a product from being approved or cause a delay in the review of the products. Linked documents with screenshots should be no more than one page.
- If it takes the review team more than 10 seconds or multiple clicks to access the content, then that specific content will be considered nonexistent.
- No demo accounts.
- Application deadline is December 6, 2024.

HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Evaluation

- HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Rubric
 - Part 1 - TEA
 - Verification of Webinar Attendance & Application Guide
 - Product alignment with statutory and strategic focus areas
 - TEKS alignment per applicable subject/grade level
 - Emergent bilingual resources
 - Presence of evidence indicates that product is more effective than individual or group instruction
 - Part 2- Third Party Review (Texas Tech University)
 - Progress monitoring tools/reports
 - Effective tools that support student independence- High-level, Medium-level, or Low-level of supports in this area
 - Recommended research-based usage metrics for HB 1416 RWL products- Strong, Moderate, or Weak/No Evidence
 - Rigorous research studies evaluating HB 1416 RWL product efficacy*- Strong, Moderate, or Weak/No Evidence
 - Evaluation of evidence indicating that product is more effective than individual or group instruction

HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Questions

1. Are the answers to the questions offered here today public or are they limited to the vendors present?

- We will post the PDF of this PowerPoint on the HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List webpage.

2. Does the review team have a preference on how materials and evidence are presented via the links - such as a shared google drive or digital flipbook versus a review site? Or is that up to the vendor to decide?

- The review team prefers documents, typically PDFs that detail the methodology and results. Additionally, documents should clearly connect methodology to the product's activities.

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3. If vendors were to submit product efficacy research that overlapped with, but spanned more grades than those included in the product submission, would that research be considered in alignment? For example, if the product submission covered grades 3-5, but the submitted research included grades K-5 or K-12, would that research be acceptable to use for the submission?

- This information would be considered as evidence; however, the vendor should recognize that due to developmental, content, and behavioral differences, investigation of the effects for specific age levels would be considered as stronger evidence.

4. Does peer reviewed mean by a journal or does being reviewed by Evidence for Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) qualify as peer review?

- Peer reviewed means that an independent review has been conducted by someone with expertise. Peer-reviewed journals typically have expert reviewers who are blind to the submitting authors. Although the academic journal system tends offer a high standard, other forms of this process would be considered (although recognized for limitations).

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5. Can you provide more information on how the presence of statistically significant findings is factored into the ratings?

- Statistically significant findings are only one piece of information. Quality of design, including sampling, measurement, and the effect size of findings are just as important. This is why it is important for vendors to share detailed information about their research and findings.

6. Must materials first be approved through the Instructional Materials Review and Approval (IMRA) process to be eligible for inclusion on the HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List?

- IMRA will not review math supplemental materials until May 2025; therefore, vendors can still apply for the 2025-2026 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List without being approved through IMRA. To remain on the list for the 2026-2027 school year, all math supplemental products must undergo and qualify under the IMRA criteria for the Cycle 2025.

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7. If an efficacy study is not available, is this an automatic disqualifier?
 - All research is considered even if randomized controlled trials have not been conducted. Please consider that statute requires that vendors provide evidence that their product is more effective than individual or group instruction. Additionally, vendors must verify that the evidence provided indicates that their product is more effective than individual or group instruction. As part of the rubric, TEA will verify that evidence (1-2 peer reviewed research documents) indicating that the product is more effective than individual or group instruction (i.e., high fidelity usage of the product yields higher student outcomes than students who did not use the product) is present to continue to step 2 of the review.

8. Must studies specifically have both urban and rural samples?
 - All research will be considered; however, studies using samples that are better aligned with Texas demographics typically provide stronger evidence. Because Texas has a large number of rural schools, inclusion of rural samples is important when considering the positive impact on Texas students.

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9. Can the application be partially filled out, saved, and completed at a later time?
 - Smartsheet does not give you the option to save your responses for a later submission.

10. If a vendor submits an application and later realizes that a mistake was made, what is the process for re-submission?
 - We kindly ask that vendors who must re-submit an application due to an error, an attachment was not included, etc., notify TEA via email so that we may delete the incorrect application and review the correct submission.

11. How can a vendor get a copy of the responses submitted?
 - Once you have completed the application, Smartsheet gives you the option to receive a copy of your responses via email.

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12. If internal research was validated by What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) or third-party review of a similar level of rigor regarding design, methodology, and analyses, how will that be considered?

- If it is reviewed by an external party with expertise, it would be considered stronger evidence. This is somewhat like peer review but not quite as objective because the review isn't blind. So, this limitation would be considered.

13. What “evidence” must be provided to show that product development is connected to research?

- A logic model explaining the research and theoretical framework of the product would be evidence, especially if the vendor cites the research supporting the framework.

14. Is Quasi-Experimental Design (QED) research adequate for the HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List submission, or must the research be a randomized control trial (RCT)?

- QED research will be considered, but a RCT typically provides better evidence.

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15. Would it be advantageous to submit internal research if only one third-party study is available?

- Internal research will be considered, but the limitations of such study would be noted. While internal research can provide valuable insights, a third-party study would be considered stronger evidence as it demonstrates independent verification of a product's efficacy.

Additional Guidance

- If you have additional questions, please email them to accelerated.instruction@tea.texas.gov .
- [What Works Clearinghouse Procedures and Standards Handbook, Version 5.0](#) provides additional guidance.