



2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Webinar

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TEA Welcome & Introductions: Texas Tutoring Supports



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Agenda and FYIs for Today's Webinar

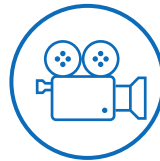
Agenda

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4. HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Evaluation Criteria
5. 2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products
6. Ratio Waiver List Product Implementation and Best Practices
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FYIs



For questions, please drop them in the **Question and Answer** box.



A recording of this webinar and a copy of the slide deck will be posted on the [HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products | Texas Education Agency](#) soon.



For follow up questions, please use the [Texas Tutoring Supports - Welcome to the TEA Help Desk](#) .

HB 1416

HB 1416 Overview

Texas law mandates that students who do not achieve “Approaches” or higher on the STAAR or End of Course administrations must receive accelerated instruction. This can be provided in two ways:

1. **TIA-designated teacher:** Instruction provided by a teacher designated under the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA)
2. **Supplemental Instruction:**
 - **15 hours:** For students who score in the “High Does Not Meet” category.
 - **30 hours:** For students who score in the “Low Does Not Meet” category, have a consecutive school year failure, or fail grade 3 math and/or reading.

HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List

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- (a-11) The agency shall approve one or more products that use an automated, computerized, or other augmented method for providing supplemental instruction under Subsection (a-1)(2) that may be used in lieu of some or all of the individual or group instruction required under Subsection (a-4)(6), as appropriate for the applicable grade level and subject area and a student's academic deficiency. The agency may approve a product under this subsection only if evidence indicates that the product is more effective than the individual or group instruction required under Subsection (a-4)(6). The commissioner shall adopt rules regarding when a product approved under this subsection may be used and the requirements under Subsection (a-4) for which the product may be substituted.

Note: LEAs may use any curricular tool that meets HB 1416 requirements to support accelerated instruction. However, only products approved through the HB 1416 RWL qualify for a waiver of the 4:1 student-to-tutor ratio.

HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products

- **Eligible Products:** Products that use automated, computerized, or other augmented methods for providing accelerated instruction.
- **Instruction Mode:** Approved products **do not require live in-person or online educators** to deliver the primary mode of instruction
- **Ratio Waiver:** Products approved through the HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List qualify for a waiver of the 4-to-1 student-to-tutor ratio.

HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Evaluation Criteria

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2025-2026 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Rubric & Definitions

- **Part 1 – Texas Education Agency**
 - **Prerequisites:** Webinar attendance and review of the Vendor Application Guide
 - **Product alignment:** Product alignment with statutory and strategic focus areas
 - **TEKS alignment:** Alignment with TEKS per the applicable subject and grade level
 - **Emergent bilingual resources:** Availability of resources for emergent bilingual students
 - **Effectiveness Evidence:** Verification of evidence indicating that the product is more effective than individual or group instruction


- **Part 2- Third Party Review (Texas Tech University)**
 - **Progress monitoring:** Tools and reports for monitoring student progress
 - **Student Independence:** Effective tools that support student independence
 - **Usage Metrics:** Recommended research-based usage metrics for HB 1416 RWL products
 - **Research Studies:** Rigorous research studies evaluating the efficacy of HB 1416 RWL product
 - **Effectiveness Evidence:** Evaluation of evidence indicating that product is more effective than individual or group instruction

2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products


2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products: IXL Math

IXL Math and Texas

Accelerate math mastery




Used by **1 in 4 students in Texas**, IXL's teaching and learning platform is proven to make a positive impact on learning. With a comprehensive PK-12 curriculum, assessment suite, and actionable analytics, IXL provides everything you need to maximize learning for every student.




Comprehensive curriculum

IXL features over 12,000 math skills from **pre-K to 12**, allowing teachers to support nearly any lesson.



Standards-aligned

IXL skills are custom built to **TEKS, TSIA2, STAAR, and more** preparing learners for the rigor of standardized tests.




Personalized learning

IXL skills adapt to each student's performance as they learn, helping them **build mastery** at their own pace.

Research shows that Texas students using **IXL outperformed non-IXL students on STAAR assessments** by as much as 8 percentile points on math.

One platform, endless possibilities
Learn more at [ixl.com/us/texas](https://www.ixl.com/us/texas)



**Approved
Grades: 4-11**

**Usage: 30
min., 2 x per
week**

2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products: ST Math



ST Math
Created by MIND Education

Used by 1,000+ Texas schools

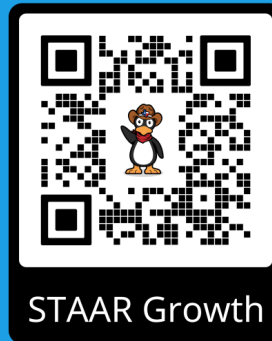
Patented visual approach,
research-proven STAAR growth

Language-free instruction ensures
all students access learning

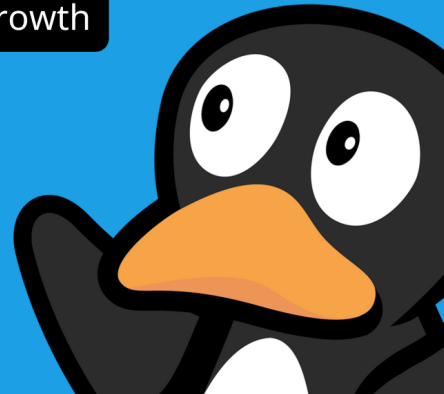
Students using at HB 1416 levels average
70%+ Meets/Masters (3 years in a row)

Content 100% aligned to grade-level TEKS

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2023 SIIA CODiE WINNER



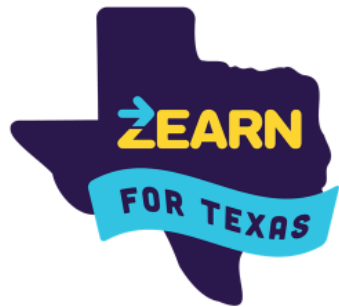
STAAR Growth



Approved
Grades: 4-8

Usage: 30
min., 2 x per
week

2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products: Zearn Math



Daily, tier 1 support

Digital math lessons help students access and engage with grade-level math.



Procedural fluency and conceptual understanding in every lesson



Guided instruction that reinforces and deepens daily, TEKS-aligned classroom learning



Lessons adapt in real time to help kids work through challenges and stay on grade level



Consistent Zearn usage leads to significant math learning gains on STAAR

A quasi-experimental study found Texas students who used Zearn consistently achieved meaningful increases to their STAAR math scores compared to students who did not use the program.

Approved
Grades: 4-5

Usage: 30
min., 2 x per
week

2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products: Amira Learning Distributed by Amira or HMH

Amira: The Intelligent Reading Assistant

AMIRA



Students select stories, read aloud and Amira assesses



When students struggle, Amira tutors




Then Amira reports and links to instructional materials

Most important, multiple independent evaluations demonstrate that students who practice reading with Amira see significant reading gains

**Approved
Grades: 4-6**

**Usage: 15
min., 4 x per
week**

2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products: HMH Read 180 Flex



Read 180® Flex Proven Solution

Read 180 gets results

2x

expected annual growth

In one study, 65% of *Read 180* students doubled their expected average annual growth.

1.9


years of growth in one year

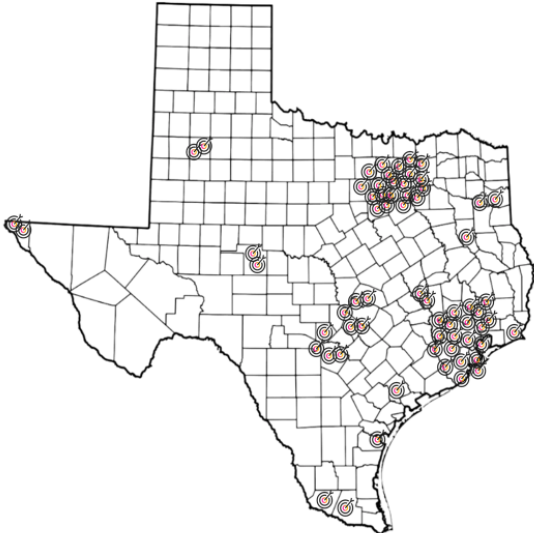
Students using *Read 180* in a Digital Access study gained an average of 1.9 years' worth of growth in one year.


70%

exceeded average growth


One study demonstrated 70% of students exceeding average annual growth from fall to spring after using *Read 180*.

 Districts Making a Difference







Tech & Learning Awards of Excellence
Best for Back to School 2023




2023 SIIA CODiE Winner
HMH ELA K-12 Connected Curriculum: Best Suite of Connected/Integrated Solutions



2024 EdTech Cool Tool Winner
Literacy/Reading Solution



Council of Administrators of Special Education (CASE) Endorsement
Read 180 is endorsed as an effective reading intervention program.



National Center on Intensive Intervention (NCII)
Highest NCII Ratings for *Read 180* Studies of Academic Intervention Tools

Approved for
HB1416


Approved
Grades: 4-11

Usage: 20
min., 4 x per
week


2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products: IXL Language Arts

IXL Language Arts and Texas

The perfect pathway to language arts fluency




Used by **1 in 4 students in Texas**, IXL's teaching and learning platform is proven to make a positive impact on learning. With a comprehensive PK-12 curriculum, assessment suite, and actionable analytics, IXL provides everything you need to maximize learning for every student.




Skills for every level

IXL meets PK-12 students at their level regardless of grade, whether they need early **literacy support** or **advanced writing strategies**.



Fixes knowledge gaps

The IXL Diagnostic **pinpoints gaps** and **generates personalized skill recommendations** for students to address trouble spots.



Empowers self-remediation

IXL provides students with tools to make progress on their own, such as **video tutorials** and **immediate corrective feedback** on missed questions.

Research shows that Texas students using **IXL outperformed non-IXL students on STAAR assessments** by as much as 7 percentile points on reading.

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Spanish Language Arts coming soon!

**Approved
Grades: 4-11**

**Usage: 30
min., 2 x per
week**

HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Renewal Requirements



RWL vendors must provide an annual STAAR outcomes analysis evaluating the impact of product usage on student STAAR outcomes.



Supplemental math products must be approved through the State Board of Education Instructional Materials Review and Approval to remain on the Ratio Waiver List beyond the 2025-26 school year.



Supplemental reading products must undergo the IMRA process when it becomes available (expected fall 2026) to maintain Ratio Waiver List approval in subsequent years.

Ratio Waiver List Product Implementation and Best Practices

How to Use Products on the Ratio Waiver List

- **Notify Parents or Guardians:** Inform parents or guardians that a product on the Ratio Waiver List will be used to provide the required accelerated instruction.
- **Meet Usage Requirements:** Ensure that applicable students meet the minimum product usage requirements for the approved product to benefit from the waived ratio requirement.
- **Complete Hours:** Ensure that the required hours of supplemental instruction are completed before the subsequent State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) administration in the spring.
- **Contracting and Funding:** Assume responsibility for contracting and funding the selected vendors included from the TEA list of approved vendors.



Ratio Waiver List Best Practices

The tools approved on this list, when implemented effectively with quality educator training and sufficient time in a master schedule, can reduce educator workload while addressing individual learning gaps in full group or high-impact tutoring settings. However, these tools are not a substitute for excellent teaching.

- Incorporate as part of extended block or intervention period
- Alignment with classroom instruction
- Rule language states that school systems may “use a product on the Ratio Waiver List remotely, regardless of primary mode of instruction (i.e., in-person, virtual, or hybrid) only if the school district ensures that time spent by the student engaged in the product is aligned with approved product usage expectations documented by the school district”

Additional Resources

HB 1416 Ratio Waiver Office Hour and Supports

- TEA will also host a HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Office Hour dedicated to addressing any questions school systems may have regarding the HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List. Attendees may [join the office hour](#) on Wednesday, April 9 at 10 A.M. CST.
- Visit the [Accelerated Instruction | Texas Education Agency](#) and [HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products | Texas Education Agency](#) webpages for additional information.
- If you have additional questions, reach out to [Texas Tutoring Supports - Welcome to the TEA Help Desk](#) .



Exit Ticket

https://tea.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3n1cT5F8FBqgoOa

