



2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Office Hours

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TEA Welcome & Introductions



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Agenda and FYIs for Today's Office Hours

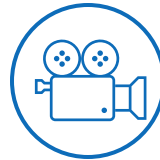
Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Ratio Waiver List Overview
3. 2025-26 HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products
4. FAQs: RWL, HB 1416, and PEIMS
5. Additional Resources

FYIs



For questions, please drop them in the **Q&A** box or come off mute.



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 Ratio Waiver List Overview

- Products were **evaluated based on product efficacy, rigor of research supporting product efficacy, opportunity for student independence**, alignment with accelerated instruction requirements and alignment with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).
- **School systems are responsible for contracting and funding** the product of their choice.
- TEA did not conduct a suitability review of the products, and **vendors are required to meet SBOE suitability requirements** to remain on the list.
- School systems are responsible for ensuring instructional materials **meet local suitability standards and state requirements** such as:
 - Compliance with Texas Education Code §31.1011. (a)(1)(B) where "in the provision of instructional materials, protects students from obscene or harmful content as necessary for compliance with:
 - (i) the Children's Internet Protection Act (Pub. L. No. 106-554);
 - (ii) Section [28.0022](#);
 - (iii) Section [43.22](#), Penal Code; and
 - (iv) any other law or regulation that protects students from obscene or harmful content"

2025-2026 HB 1416 (88R) Ratio Waiver List Approved Products

Subject	Product Name	Approved Grades (HB 1416)	Usage	Contact
Math	<u>IXL Math</u>	4-11	30 min., 2 x per week	<u>Texas@ixl.com</u>
	<u>ST Math</u>	4-8	30 min., 2 x per week	<u>Texas@mindeducation.org</u>
	<u>Zearn Math</u>	4-5	30 min., 2 x per week	<u>zearn.org/inquiry</u>
RLA	<u>Amira Learning Distributed by Amira or HMH</u>	4-6	15 min., 4 x per week	<u>joe@amiralearning.com</u> <u>amira-tx1416@hmhco.com</u>
	<u>HMH Read 180 Flex</u>	4-11	20 min., 4 x per week	<u>Read180Flex-TX1416@hmhco.com</u>
	<u>IXL Language Arts</u>	4-11	30 min., 2 x per week	<u>Texas@ixl.com</u>

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.
- For the complete rule language, please see ([19 TAC §104.1001](#)).



Frequently Asked Questions

RWL FAQs

1. Is a formal waiver signed by a parent required to use the HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List (RWL) products?
 - No, a formal waiver process/application is not necessary to use the HB 1416 RWL products. However, school systems are required to notify parents that a RWL product is being used to meet HB 1416 requirements.
2. If a school system is already using a supplemental product that is not on the HB 1416 RWL, does this mean it must stop using that product and start using a RWL product?
 - School systems may use any curricular tool designed for supplemental instruction that aligns with HB 1416 requirements. However, only products on the RWL eliminate the need for a live in-person or virtual tutor and waive the 4-to-1 student-to-tutor ratio. If a school system is not using a RWL product, then a live in-person or virtual tutor must provide direct instruction, and a signed parent waiver is required for groups larger than four students.

RWL FAQs

3. If a vendor on the RWL has products for science and/or social studies, are schools allowed to use them?

- Yes, school systems may use any curricular tool designed for supplemental instruction that aligns with HB 1416 requirements. However, if school systems use a product from a RWL vendor for a subject not specifically listed on the RWL, then a live in-person or virtual tutor must provide direct instruction, and a signed parent waiver is required for groups larger than four students.

4. Will minutes that students spend using a RWL product at home count towards HB 1416 accelerated instruction requirements?

- 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.” Yes, the time that students spend using a RWL product at home may count towards HB 1416 accelerated instruction requirements.

RWL FAQs

5. Will minutes that students spend using a RWL product during the academic day count towards HB 1416 accelerated instruction requirements?

- Yes, the time that students spend using a RWL product during the academic day as part of an extended learning block that is not considered Tier 1 instruction or an enrichment/intervention period offered to all students, including those who do not need accelerated instruction, may count towards HB 1416 accelerated instruction requirements.

As a reminder, rule language states that “(a-3) In providing accelerated instruction under Subsection (a-1), a district may not remove a student, except under circumstances for which a student enrolled in the same grade level who is not receiving accelerated instruction would be removed, from:

- (1) instruction in the foundation curriculum and enrichment curriculum adopted under Section 28.002 for the grade level in which the student is enrolled; or
- (2) recess or other physical activity that is available to other students enrolled in the same grade level.”

RWL FAQs

6. Are school systems allowed to use the new funds in EMAT for IMRA on the approved products for the HB1416 RWL since they are approved?

- Supplemental math materials must have IMRA approval, rather than RWL approval, for school systems to use the new funds. The SBOE will determine the approval status for these supplemental math materials in November 2025. Funds will be available for use during the 2026-27 school year.

7. Does the HB 1416 RWL allow for changes to other parts of HB 1416?

- No, these products only waive the requirement of having an in-person or virtual tutor present in a 4:1 student-to-tutor ratio during supplemental instruction. The use of these products does not allow any other portion of the statute TEC Sec 28.0211 to be waived. This does mean using the tools provided by the vendors to closely monitor the usage fidelity of the products to ensure students are on track to completing their 15 or 30 hours of supplemental instruction prior to their next STAAR assessment.

RWL & HB 1416 FAQs

8. What data is being collected and reported to TEA by HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List vendors?

- HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List vendors are required to provide efficacy data through an annual STAAR analysis as part of the renewal process to remain on the RWL. They need to collect state unique student IDs to match with usage data for this analysis.

9. When is the deadline for providing accelerated instruction to students?

- HB 1416 accelerated instruction requirements must be completed before the STAAR administration in the spring for the applicable subject area. For example, if a grade 5 reading test takes place on April 9, then a student must receive accelerated instruction before the April 9 administration.
- For non-tested subject areas, students have until the end of the school year to complete accelerated instruction requirements. For instance, if a student is receiving accelerated instruction for World History due to a grade 8 Social Studies failure, the student has until the last day of the school year to complete accelerated instruction since there is no STAAR EOC administration for World History.

HB 1416 FAQs

10. If a student fails a STAAR administration for a grade level that is not tested the following school year, should accelerated instruction align with the student's next STAAR tested area? When is the deadline for accelerated instruction requirements for these cases?

- HB 1416 accelerated instruction should align with the student's current grade level and subject area. For example, if a student failed grade 5 science last spring, then the student should receive accelerated instruction that supports grade 6 science. The accelerated instruction requirements should be completed before the end of school year since grade 6 science is not STAAR tested.

11. If a student unenrolls prior to the spring administration and re-enrolls in the fall, is he/she required to receive accelerated instruction?

- Yes, if the student was enrolled in a Texas school system at any time in the previous school year, then the student is required to receive accelerated instruction. Non-participation is the equivalent of an absence and requires 15 hours of supplemental accelerated instruction unless the consecutive school year failure is applicable. A BOY assessment is necessary for a parent/guardian to modify or opt out of the supplemental instruction requirement.

PEIMS- HB 1416 Accelerated Instruction FAQs

12. Can you provide a brief description of the reason for difference in hours codes?

- 01- Student Withdrew- Student did not complete hours because he/she withdrew to **leave the country, state, or enrolled in a private school or homeschool program.**
- 02- Parent Opt Out After Initial Acceptance- Student completed hours but then the parent decided to opt the student out of accelerated instruction.
- 03- Student Did Not Attend Assigned Hours- Student was present during the school day but did not attend the scheduled tutoring hours outside of regular school hours.
- 04- Failure To Meet Compulsory Attendance Requirements- Student was absent during the school day and missed scheduled tutoring hours, whether they were during school hours or outside of regular school hours.
- 05- Hours Not Completed Before Next Test Administration- Test administrations were too close together (EOC), the student transferred from another school district without completing some or all hours, or the school did not schedule accelerated instruction with enough time to meet requirements.
- 06- Unexpected School Closure- Natural disasters, pandemic, etc. (infrequently used)
- 07- Unable To Participate Homebound Or Other Off-Campus Instruction Arrangement- Student has medical condition or is in a rehab clinic. (DAEP **does not** qualify.)

PEIMS- HB 1416 Accelerated Instruction FAQs

13. If a student completes accelerated instruction in another district and then transfers into new district, does the new district have to submit the student's accelerated instruction information with the new PEIMS coding?

- Yes, the district where the student is enrolled at the end of the school year must report the student's participation in accelerated instruction. This includes reporting the cumulative hours completed even if some of the hours were completed in another district.

14. If a student withdraws during the school year, should school systems report the student as part of their PEIMS Summer submission?

- No, if a student is no longer enrolled in that school district, the district will not include the student's accelerated instruction information in their PEIMS Summer submission. The receiving district will include the student in its summer submission. (TREN should include this information for the transferring student.) School systems will only report students who are actively enrolled on the last day of school.

For the 2024-25 school year, school systems will report all students in their Summer PEIMS submission.

PEIMS- HB 1416 Accelerated Instruction FAQs

15. Is there a deadline or last day for schools to submit the hours through PEIMS?

- Summer submission is due on June 20, and resubmission is due on July 17.

Additional Resources

HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List & Accelerated Instruction Supports

- Visit the [Accelerated Instruction | Texas Education Agency](#) and [HB 1416 Ratio Waiver List Products | Texas Education Agency](#) webpages for additional information.
- Visit the [TWEDS – Overview](#) webpage for additional PEIMS 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

