

2020-2021 TTR Process and FAQs

Overview

The Texas Advanced Placement Incentive Program, originally established in 1993 by the 73rd Texas Legislature, is designed to emphasize the state's commitment to high academic performance by recognizing and rewarding students, teachers, and schools that demonstrate success in achieving the educational goals of the state.

In support of the Advanced Placement Incentive Program, the Teacher Training Reimbursement (TTR) incentive includes Advanced Placement (AP), Pre-AP, and International Baccalaureate Programme teachers (IB, DP, and MYP). The AP/IB TTR program reimburses public school districts and open enrollment charter schools for a portion of the cost related to an approved teacher training up to a maximum of \$450 for each eligible teacher.

The **2021 TTR Application window is currently open** for school year 2020-2021 submissions. The application window **closes on October 1, 2021**. District/campus staff are able to download the Excel spreadsheet template and enter teacher training data. Both the spreadsheet and one PDF document with all training certificates will be uploaded and submitted with the application within the Quartics survey.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Where is the TTR application published?** The [2020-2021 TTR Application](#) is currently published on two TEA websites, [Advanced Placement](#), and [International Baccalaureate](#), and **will close on October 1, 2021**. This will allow TEA to target a December district reimbursement.
- 2. How is the amount of the TTR reimbursement calculated?**
TEA staff calculate and disburse funds to reimburse for AP and IB exam subsidies for eligible students. After student subsidies have been paid, the remaining funds for the year are used for approved training reimbursements. The reimbursement is determined by program Texas Education Code or demand and remaining funds.
- 3. To be eligible for a reimbursement must the training be in Texas?**
No. There are no geographical limitations for participating in an approved training.
- 4. Why is \$450 the limit for a teacher training reimbursement?**
The \$450 maximum is defined in Texas Education Code §28.053.
- 5. Why is a teacher's training eligible for reimbursement only every other year?**
The reimbursement opportunity for every other year was an Agency decision to allow greater participation and a larger award for each reimbursement requested. In Texas Administrative Code §24.053 (i) *The commissioner shall analyze and adjust, as needed, the sum of and number of awards to ensure that the purpose of the program is realized.*
- 6. What if a teacher attends a training for two different courses, one training for each course being taught, and the teacher was not reimbursed last year, is each training eligible for a reimbursement?** No, a district is only eligible to receive a single reimbursement per teacher every other year.

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7. If a teacher attended an APSI but left the district and is no longer employed by the district may a request for reimbursement be made?

No. The training reimbursement is provided to districts for teachers who will be teaching an AP or IB course on a district campus during the 2021-2022 school year. Only the district that paid for the training and employs the teacher is eligible for a teacher training reimbursement.

8. If a teacher participates in a state or national conference, will the registration fee qualify for a reimbursement?

No. Only TEA approved trainings are eligible for reimbursement. TEA approved trainings for 2021 are:

- College Board endorsed Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI), minimum 24 hours, in person or online.
- College Board endorsed online training that consists of a minimum of 24 hours of instruction.
- Three-consecutive-days Initial Springboard Institute, minimum 15 hours, in person or online.
- IBO endorsed training, 3 consecutive days, minimum 15 hours, in person or online.
- National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) training, 15-hours during the summer to qualify for reimbursement, and 9 hours of online sessions throughout the year.
- Summer college credit course tuition for subject content depth, 3+ college credits earned, in person or online.
- Confer Mentoring Program®, minimum 24 hours
- Three-consecutive-day training course, provided by an APSI university or College Board endorsed provider, that will deliver depth of content and rigorous instructional strategies in AP, Pre-AP, IB DP or MYP or district designated advanced course preparing students for future AP course, minimum 15 hours, in person or online.

9. If the request for teacher training reimbursement was not submitted prior to the close of the application, can a district still ask for a reimbursement?

No. The process for matching and verifying requests is time consuming and once this process begins, no new requests can be accepted. All requests for the 2010-2021 TTR reimbursement must be submitted by October 1, 2021.

10. If the deadline for submitting a request for a reimbursement was missed last year, can a district add that request this year?

No. Only training completed September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 is eligible for a 2021 reimbursement.

11. Where can I find more information about the teacher training reimbursement opportunity?

The announcement can be found by using an Internet search or by reviewing TEA's [Advanced Placement](#) and [International Baccalaureate](#) webpages. For more information explore [Texas AP/IB Teacher Training Incentive](#)

12. If I have additional questions, who do I ask?

Please send additional questions to advancedacademics@tea.texas.gov.

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