

DATE:	April 17, 2020
SUBJECT:	Mentor Program Allotment Application and Information
CATEGORY:	New Teacher Mentoring
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

Recently passed House Bill 3 included the Mentor Program Allotment (MPA), which provides LEAs funds to build or sustain beginning teacher mentor programs. On April 20, the agency will post MPA information and the application on tea.texas.gov/mpa.

We know given the disruption caused by COVID-19, many district planning processes have been disrupted. However, we are sharing this opportunity at this time for those who wish to try to take advantage of these funds in the new school year.

MPA Application Timeline	
April 20, 2020	MPA application window opens
June 8, 2020	MPA applications due by 5:00 p.m. central time
Early July 2020	TEA notifies LEAs of MPA application approval
September 2020	MPA funding begins flowing to LEAs for the 2020-21 school year

Additional Information

- LEAs that receive an allotment must abide by TEC [§48.114](#), TEC [§21.458](#), and proposed new 19 TAC [§153.1011](#), which is scheduled to be effective on June 21, 2020.
- If LEA interest and eligibility exceed the state funding amount (\$3 million), priority will be given based on need. Priority points will be assigned based on LEA size, rural status, and percentage of the LEA's student population that qualify as economically disadvantaged.
- An LEA's allotment will be capped at \$99,000.
- The MPA will provide approved LEAs with \$1,800 per beginning teacher who participates in the LEA's mentoring program. The funds may be used on mentor stipends, scheduled release time for mentoring activities, and mentor training.
- There will be an annual LEA application window and LEAs may apply in fall 2020 for school year 2021-22.
- For more information and to view the MPA Guidelines, visit tea.texas.gov/MPA.

Program Contact

Contact MPA@tea.texas.gov with any questions related to the Mentor Program Allotment application.