

To the Administrator Addressed

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DATE:	January 30, 2025
SUBJECT:	Grow Your Own High School Education & Training Grant District Application
CATEGORY:	Building Teacher Pipelines
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

Started in 2018, the Texas Education Agency Grow Your Own (GYO) program continues with a grant to support high school Education & Training programming. The program's purpose is for districts to intentionally build strong, stable, and diverse teacher pipelines from within their own communities based on district-specific teacher workforce needs. This grant focuses on the recruitment of future educators by building interest in teaching among high school students, developing their foundational knowledge and skills of teaching, attracting diverse and highly skilled teachers to lead Education & Training programs, and implementing high-quality Education & Training courses.

On January 31, 2025, the agency will post the application on the TEA Grant Opportunities website.

	GYO High School Education & Training Grant Timeline
January 31, 2025	District application window opens
April 1, 2025	District applications due by 11:59 p.m. (CST)
May 8, 2025	Anticipated award announcement
June 1, 2025	Beginning date of grant (if selected for funding)

Additional Information

- Districts that receive an award agree to meet program assurances, which include, but are not limited to, establishing memorandums of understanding with stipend recipients, implementing required Education & Training courses, receiving Education & Training supports, and implementing the TEA Education & Training curriculum.
- If district interest and eligibility exceed the state funding amount, priority will be given based on need. Priority points will be assigned based on district enrollment size, letters of support, College and Career Readiness School Models (CCRSM), and previous GYO participation.
- The grant will provide approved districts with support to offer high-quality Education &
 Training courses and to establish and/or grow their Education & Training programs. The funds
 may be used on stipends for Education & Training teachers, field site teachers, and
 implementation costs, including participation in Career and Technical Student Organizations.
- Districts may begin applying on January 31, 2025, for school years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

Program Contact

Please reach out to GYOgrant@tea.texas.gov with questions about the GYO High School Education & Training grant district application by February 19, 2025.

All questions received will be answered through a separate Frequently Asked Questions document and posted to the <u>TEA Grant Opportunities</u> page on February 26, 2025.