

To the District and ESC Testing Coordinator Addressed:

The purpose of this email is to announce that the application form for the 2018 Teacher Institutes is available. Please share this information with other educators.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) will conduct two Teacher Institutes this summer and encourages highly qualified Texas educators to apply to participate. Participants will gain a strong understanding of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR<sup>®</sup>) program and how it aligns with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skill (TEKS).

### 2018 Teacher Institutes

The institutes will address reading/language arts, mathematics, and science for grades 3–8, as well as English I, English II, Algebra I, and Biology. TEA is looking for classroom teachers and curriculum experts with current experience and qualifications in the following:

- Teaching reading/language arts, mathematics, or science in grades 3–8 (including bilingual teachers)
- Teaching English I, English II, Algebra I, or Biology
- Working with English learners and students with disabilities
- Completing other activities beyond what is required in the classroom (e.g., curriculum alignment, data analysis)

The week-long institutes are scheduled to be held at the Hilton hotel in downtown Austin. Travel, lodging, and meal expenses related to participation in an institute will be covered. Teachers will also receive a stipend of \$400 per day. Applicants should be prepared to participate in up to a half day of training prior to the teacher institutes.

- Week 1 for reading/language arts is scheduled July 16–20. This institute will focus on the recently revised TEKS, which will be implemented in the 2019–2020 and 2020–2100 school years. The institute will include activities related to understanding the recent revisions and providing feedback on assessment of the revised standards in future school years.
- Week 2 for mathematics and science is scheduled for July 23–27. This institute will include activities related to item development and performance level descriptors.

Participants in the 2018 teacher institutes will be selected as applications are received and until all available slots are filled. The sooner an application is received, the greater the opportunity for participation, and only applications submitted by May 31 will be considered for the 2018 institutes. Individuals who are selected to attend one of the institutes will receive an email invitation by June 15. Use the link below to complete an application to participate in the teacher institutes. If there are technical issues while completing the application, try a different web browser and submit the form again.

### [Application Form](#)

For questions regarding this information, contact TEA's Student Assessment Division.

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