



# Civics Training Program

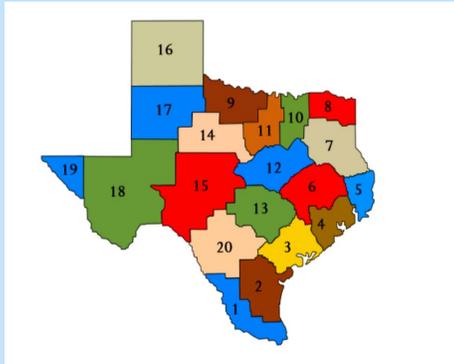
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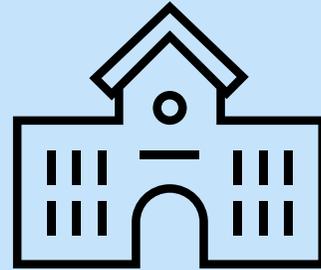
## **Texas Education Code §21.4555. CIVICS TRAINING PROGRAM**

- To facilitate the teaching of curriculum consistent with TEC §28.002(h-2) and 28.0022, the commissioner is required to develop and make available civics training programs for teachers and administrators.
- The civics training program must include training in:
  - (1) the **essential knowledge and skills** for the **social studies** curriculum related to civic knowledge adopted under TEC §28.002(h-2);
  - (2) **guided classroom discussion** of current events, as appropriate for the grade level and consistent with the restrictions under TEC §28.0022;
  - (3) **classroom simulations** and **models of governmental and democratic processes** consistent with the requirements and restrictions of TEC §28.002(h-2) and §28.0022;
  - (4) **media literacy**, including instruction on verifying information and sources, identifying and responding to logical fallacies, and identifying propaganda, as appropriate for the grade level and consistent with the restrictions under TEC §28.0022; and
  - (5) **strategies** for incorporating civics instruction into subject areas other than social studies.
- Each developed civics training program must be reviewed and approved by the State Board of Education. The board must annually review each program.
- Each school district and open-enrollment charter school must ensure that each district or school campus has at least one teacher and one principal or campus instructional leader who has attended a civics training program.
- A teacher who attends a civics training may receive a stipend in an amount determined by the commissioner.
- The commissioner was permitted to delay implementation to a school year not later than the 2025-2026 school year.

# Training Structure and Stipends



Education Service Centers will deliver professional learning for required civics content to campus designees within their regions.

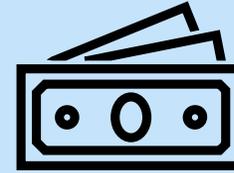


Teacher



Administrator

Every campus must designate at least **1 teacher** and **1 administrator** to participate in civics training.



Teacher who successfully complete the 12-hour training will receive a **\$600** stipend for participation.



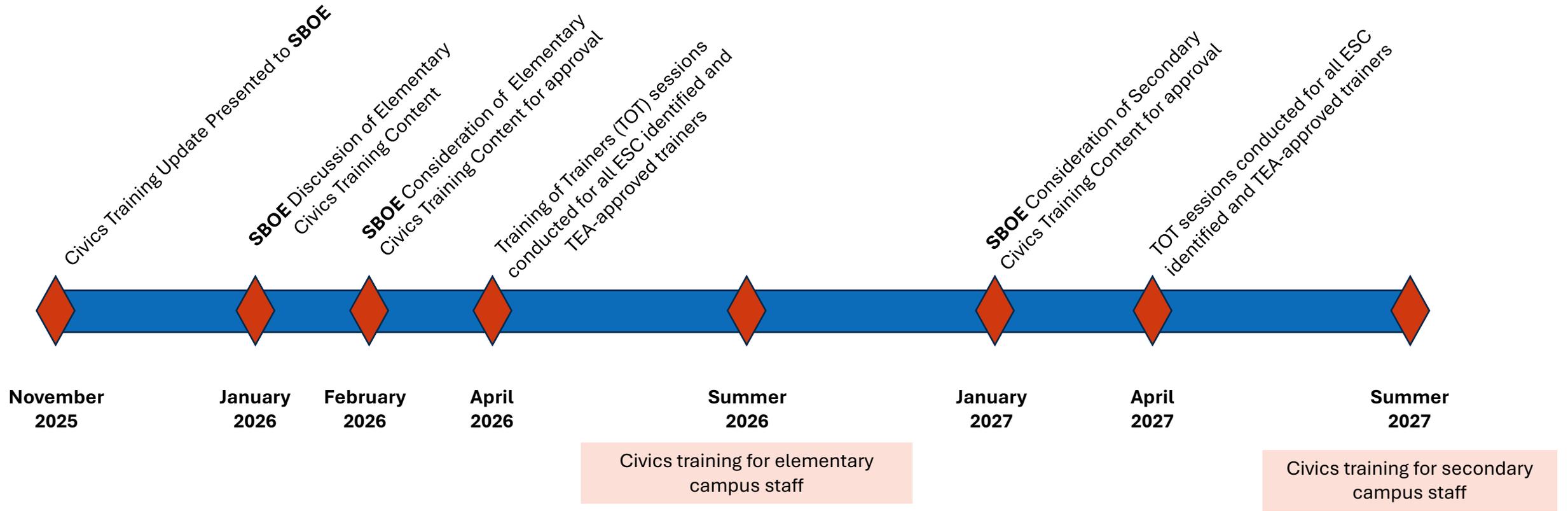
Each participant will demonstrate mastery of the training content via an assessment(s) to receive certificate of completion.

Modules will be presented through in-person training led by TEA-approved trainers.

## Training modules

Module 1	Why Civics?	Module 10	Using Primary Sources in Civics
Module 2	Overview of the Civics Training Program	Module 11	Integrating Civics into Subjects other than Social Studies
Module 3	For the general Good: The Journey from Freedom to Independence	Module 12	Discussing Controversial Events and Media Literacy Skills
Module 4	A More Perfect Union: The Constitution and Bill of Rights	Module 13	Teaching Civics in the Classroom
Module 5	A House Divided Against Itself: National Strife Leads to Civil War	Module 14	Teaching the Mayflower Compact
Module 6	With Malice Towards None and Charity for All: Fulfilling America's Founding Ideals	Module 15	Teaching the Declaration of Independence
Module 7	The Lone Star Shines Bright: Texas Civics Past and Present	Module 16	Teaching the Constitution and Bill of Rights
Module 8	Out of Many, One: America's Civic Virtues	Module 17	Review, Summary, and Highlights
Module 9	The Fundamentals of American Civics		

# Timeline



1. Identify one teacher and the principal from each elementary school campus to attend training

Note: TEA encourages each elementary campus to designate a teacher who teaches social studies or has strong knowledge of social studies to attend the civics training.

2. Contact your ESC to register identified staff for an upcoming training. ESCs will have specific information about dates and locations for summer training in the coming month.

Note: School districts are encouraged to have elementary school designees complete training in summer 2026 because required mathematics achievement academies will begin in summer 2027.

Visit the civics training page on the TEA website for additional information including answers to frequently asked questions: [Civics Training Program | Texas Education Agency](#)



# Questions