

R-PEP

Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership Program



What is R-PEP?

The Rural Pathway Excellence Partnerships (R-PEP) program allows rural school districts to enter into agreements with other school districts to develop rural college and career pathway partnerships. The goal of the R-PEP program is to increase access to high-quality and high-demand post-secondary pathways for rural students through multi-district collaboration. Partnership pathways are selected by evaluating regional labor market projections for high-wage, high-demand careers and by utilizing TEA-identified Career Clusters and Programs of Study.



What are the main funding components?

The R-PEP program has two main 2 main funding components:

- Additional Allotment and Outcomes Bonus for designated districts, &
- Grant program to support R-PEP planning and implementation



R-PEP Allotment Information



All participating districts must have fewer than 1,600 students in Average Daily Attendance (ADA), be within a distance of 100 miles, and provide that eligible and enrolled students may participate in any pathway offered through the partnership;



District partners must approve a performance agreement with an eligible coordinating entity that meets all TEA requirements including ambitious and measurable performance measures and goals tied to CCMR readiness outcomes and longitudinal postsecondary completion and employment-related outcomes;



The coordinating entity must be a private or independent institution of higher education, a non-profit, or a governmental entity, and must apply and be approved for R-PEP Designation; and



The Partnership must meet all requirements stated in TEC 29.912, TEC 48.118, and other relevant Commissioner rules.

For more information, please visit the R-PEP website:

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