

Frequently Asked Questions

This document will provide frequently asked questions to guide our partners in their decision-making process to determine which grants are the best fit, aligned to district goals and needs.

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General Questions and Resources

Below are the FAQs related to the PREP Program Allotment.

Section A: Program Overview

There are no Program Overview questions at this time.

Section B: Application and Submission

Is the LASO application deadline Dec 1 or 3?

- The deadline is 5pm CST on December 3, 2025.

Would it be possible to see a PDF/Word doc of the LASO application so that we can work on it offline before we are ready to submit?

- A PDF of the LASO 4 application can be found on the LASO 4 webpage or via this link: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/laso-4-grant-application-2025-2026-2.pdf>

If you have completed the application but didn't apply for one of the programs, can you open the application back up to complete it?

- Please use the application link request form, located on the LASO 4 webpage to revise your application: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/laso-cycle-4-grant-and-allotment-programs>

Do PREP Preservice Residency, PREP Grow Your Own, and PREP Mentorship Programs each require their own application?

- There is only one LASO application. Each PREP Program has a separate section of the application. Each school system may only submit one application.

Are there interviews for any parts of the PREP Program Allotment?

- There are no interviews for the PREP Program Allotment LASO 4 application process.

How do we know if we will receive an allotment?

- LASO Award Announcements will be shared on February 2, 2025. For any of the PREP Programs, TEA will ask school systems to submit a Verification of Participation Form in the April-May timeframe.

Does the school board have to approve the application for PREP Grow Your Own, PREP Preservice Residency, and PREP Mentorship Programs?

- No, only a school system's superintendent is required to approve and sign the LASO application. If the applicant is an SB 1882 operating partner, organization's leader such as the CEO, executive director, or president, must sign the application.

It is my understanding that our SB 1882 Operating Partners are eligible to apply for LASO separate and apart from their partner school district. Would it be two applications, one from the SB 1882 Operating Partner and one from partner district? Could it be a combined application by the ISD covering both if the needs are the same? What would be the recommended area or areas of focus?

- An SB 1882 Operating Partner is able to apply to the PREP Program Allotment separate from its partner school districts. Since funding is generated by individuals placed on campuses, if both an SB 1882 Operating Partner and its partner school district apply, both entities would not be able to generate allotments for the same individuals (e.g., residents or mentor teachers). Per the program guidelines, SB 1882 Operating Partners are eligible applicants and subject to the funding caps described in each of the PREP Program's guidelines. However, PREP Program Allotment funding will flow to the partner districts in which the participating 1882 campuses are located. The SB 1882 Operating Partner must have a written agreement with the partner district to document how allotment funds generated through the partnership will be spent

Do applicants have to apply to LASO grants to be eligible to apply for the PREP Program Allotment?

- Applicants may choose to apply to only PREP Programs. There is not a requirement to also apply for a non-PREP grant via LASO.

Which programs are required to work together? Are any of these three options linked in the sense that a school system would have to apply for one if applying for another?

- School systems may apply for the PREP Mentorship Program alone. For the PREP Grow Your Own Program school systems must apply for PREP Preservice Residency Program. The PREP Preservice Residency Program may also be a standalone program.

How do we determine if we are "eligible" for the LASO Cycle 4 PREP Preservice Residency, PREP Grow Your Own, and PREP Mentorship programs?

- Please see the program guidelines for all eligibility criteria. They are located on this website: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/laso-cycle-4-grant-and-allotment-programs>

Do applicants have to apply for the PREP Preservice Residency and Mentorship programs when applying for GYO?

- Since participating in the PREP GYO program requires approval of a preservice program and the only preservice program available for LASO Cycle 4 is the PREP Preservice Residency

program, the applicant will need to apply to both. Applying for the PREP Mentorship program is not required, but encouraged, when applying for the PREP Preservice Residency program.

Section C: Funding and Compliance

Are the LASO 4 Prep Program Allotment funds received by a grants draw down or through the foundation school program (FSP)?

- Under HB2, the PREP Program Allotment funds are through FSP (Foundation School Program) not via a traditional drawdown process.

When will TEA share requirements and timelines for school system and EPP data submissions and payouts?

- TEA anticipates being able to share information with districts about foundation school program (FSP) payout and data entry timelines when the Verification of Participation Forms are shared with school systems, which are estimated to be shared in the April-May timeframe.

How will any money for the PREP Program Allotment be distributed to the district? How exactly will it be coded for our accounting team to ensure it is placed into the correct fund code?

- PREP Allotment funds will flow through the foundation school program (FSP) according to their payment class schedule. TEA anticipates sharing timelines and specifics for FSP funding, along with timelines for sharing accounting directions for districts, during the Verification of Participation Form window, likely in the April to May timeframe.

Why does the PREP Program Allotment have a maximum of 40 individuals per district when not all districts are the same size?

- The caps for each of the PREP Programs were set by the Texas Legislature, as part of HB 2, and are specified in TEC, §48.157.

Because this funding is an allotment, what will the annual renewal of funding look like for these programs (PREP Preservice Residency Program, PREP Mentorship Program, and PREP Grow Your Own Program)?

- School systems will not need to re-apply yearly, though they will need to submit certain data. As specified in TEC, §21.909, the commissioner will periodically review partnership programs against the performance standards and goals. Continuation of funding is based on the outcomes of the program submissions and periodic reviews.

Section D: Implementation and Monitoring

If our school district does not plan to use SBOE-approved Instructional Materials, will we still be eligible for the PREP Program Allotment after 2026–27?

- Yes, districts will still be eligible for the PREP Program Allotment even if they choose not to adopt SBOE-approved instructional materials, including Bluebonnet. The legislation does not require districts to use specific curricula to receive the allotment.

Are districts still required to provide Texas Mentorship Training if they don't apply for the PREP Program Allotment?

- No

Section E: Support and Resources

How do I access the TAA Webpage? What is the address?

- For the PREP Program Allotment TAA: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/correspondence/taa-letters/hb-2-implementation-preparing-and-retaining-educators-through-partnership-program-allotment> To access all TAAs: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/correspondence>

Can we get the link for the Insight Tool?

- Role and Responsibility Insight Tool Identifies the types of responsibilities for each role and show where roles overlap across initiatives: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/laso-cycle-4-roles-and-responsibilities-tool.pdf>

Section F: Contact Information

Who should I contact for questions?

- For additional information, please see the [PREP Allotment Overview deck](#).