

A background image showing a group of students walking up a set of stairs in a modern building with large windows. The students are wearing backpacks and casual clothing. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

# **TEA Legislative Updates and Changes to MIC3**

## **Fort Hood Education Summit**

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# Today's Session

## Purpose

We will discuss important changes for military-connected student programs pertaining to the 87<sup>th</sup> legislature and the Military Interstate Compact.

## Agenda

- 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Updates
- Texas Virtual School Network
- Military Interstate Compact Overview
- New MIC3 State Advisory Council

# Purple Star Campus Designation Awards



45 campuses received the designation for the 2021-2022 school year.

- 161 total campuses in Texas.
- Feedback will be provided for schools that did not receive the designation.
- TEA will be accepting applications for new campuses this Spring and awarding designees in August 2022.
  - Application period will be announced via TAA.
- Schools that received the designation last year will need to reapply in the Spring (process TBA).

A photograph of a female teacher with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a white t-shirt, sitting on the floor and reading a book to a group of young students. The students are also sitting on the floor, looking at the book. They are in a library or classroom setting with bookshelves in the background. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be overlaid.

# 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature Updates

# State Advisory Council (HB 3932)

- Established the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
- Will increase coordination among state agencies, school districts, and military installations concerning the state's participation in and compliance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.



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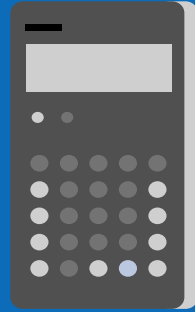
## Waitlist Priority

- Special purpose school districts operated by Texas universities can prioritize military-connected students for enrollment.
  - Texas Tech University (TTU) K-12
  - UT High School



## Enrollment

- These districts may enroll a student who does not reside in the state due to a guardian's active-duty military deployment or transfer, if the student was previously enrolled in school in the state.
  - Students can finish their school year after moving out of Texas.



These districts can receive funding from the Foundation School Program for:

- Each student enrolled who resides in the state, or
- Each student who does not reside in the state due to a guardian's active-duty military deployment or transfer, if the student was previously enrolled in school in the state.



Districts receiving funding cannot charge tuition for the student.



## Pre-K Eligibility for Students in Foster Care (HB 725)

- Expands free Pre-K eligibility to students from other state foster care systems (current or former) who reside in Texas.

## Military Readiness Addition (HB 1147)

- Adds student enlistment in the Texas National Guard to the Military Readiness Indicator and LEA performance indicators.

## Accelerated Instruction (HB 4545)

- Elimination of grade retention and retesting requirements in grades 5 and 8.
- For any student who does not pass the STAAR test in grade 3, 5, or 8 in math or reading, the LEA must establish an accelerated learning committee to develop an individual educational plan for the student and monitor progress.
- Students from out of state must take an alternative test to determine eligibility for accelerated instruction.

## Grade Retention (SB 1697)

- Gives parents the option to determine whether their child in Pre-K through grade 3 should repeat a grade.

## Virtual Instruction (SB 15)

- LEAs can now receive ADA funding for local remote instruction.
- Students must meet requirements set by SB 15.
- The number of students receiving remote instruction is capped at 10% of students in the LEA.
- Districts can choose to provide virtual or not, so options can vary between school moves.

## TXVSN

A state-led online learning initiative that provides students and **all** Texas schools access to quality online courses and instruction.

- Offers high-quality, rigorous courses to students in grades 3-12.

# Two Components of TXVSN

## TXVSN ONLINE SCHOOLS (OLS) PROGRAM

- TEA-accredited public-school option
- Eligible students enroll in one of seven authorized TXVSN online public schools.
- 100% virtual program.
- Grades 3-12.
- Free.

## TXVSN STATEWIDE COURSE CATALOG

- Offers high school, Advanced Placement, and dual credit courses for initial credit or credit recovery.
- Students participate through their local public school.
- Local public school can earn state funding regardless of whether student is on campus or off campus.

### All TXVSN courses are

- equivalent in rigor courses in a traditional classroom setting;
- instructor led;
- aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills; and
- meet national standards for quality online courses.

## Eligibility to enroll full-time in TXVSN courses for students residing in Texas

A student is eligible to enroll full-time in courses provided through the TXVSN if the student:

- was enrolled in a public school in this state in the preceding school year; or
- **is a dependent of a member of the United States military who has been deployed or transferred to this state and was enrolled in a publicly funded school outside of this state in the preceding school year; or**
- has been placed in substitute care in this state, regardless of whether the student was enrolled in a public school in this state in the preceding school year.

## Eligibility to enroll full-time in TXVSN courses for students residing outside Texas

A student is eligible to enroll in one or more courses provided through the TXVSN or enroll full-time in courses provided through the network if the student:

- **is a dependent of a member of the United States military;**
- was previously enrolled in high school in this state; and
- does not reside in this state due to a military deployment or transfer.

*Note: Some full-time TXVSN online schools choose to add additional eligibility criteria to the state-level requirements. For more information go to [www.txvsn.org](http://www.txvsn.org) and link to the [specific TXVSN online schools' websites](#) of interest.*

# Contact Information

## Accelerated Instruction (HB 4545)

- Email: [accelerated.instruction@tea.texas.gov](mailto:accelerated.instruction@tea.texas.gov)
- Resource: [Accelerated Learning Resources | Texas Education Agency](#)

## Grade Retention (SB 1697)

- Email: [SchoolSafety@tea.texas.gov](mailto:SchoolSafety@tea.texas.gov)
- Resource: [Repeat a Grade or Course | Texas Education Agency](#)

## Virtual Instruction (SB 15)

- Email: [Remote.Learning@tea.texas.gov](mailto:Remote.Learning@tea.texas.gov)
- Resource: [Senate Bill 15 Overview | Texas Education Agency](#)

## TXVSN

- Email: [HelpDesk - Texas Virtual School Network](#)
- Resource: [Texas Virtual School Network | Texas Education Agency](#)



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# The Military Interstate Compact



Replaces varying state policies with consistent guidance for every school district to address key issues encountered by military families:

- Enrollment
- Course and program placement
- Attendance
- Extracurricular participation
- Graduation

In Texas, this is supported by the Purple Star Campus Designation. Designated campuses:

- Engage with the military community
- Support students' social-emotional transitions
- Provide extensive resources to families



- Texas has been a member since 2009. Since 2014, all 50 states have become members of the Compact.
- The creation of a State Council is a component of the Compact, however Texas state law originally opted to place the duties of the state council on the TEA compact commissioner (TEC §162.005).
- School Liaisons located on military installations provide guidance to school districts and charter schools about the compact requirements.

## State Advisory Council (HB 3932 – Bernal | Guillen)

- Established the State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, which will **increase coordination among state agencies, school districts, and military installations** concerning the state's participation in and compliance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.
- 11 or more members will be added to the council to oversee the Interstate Compact and participate in the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3).
- The council may recommend policy concerning operations and procedures of the Interstate Compact within the state. Further, **the council will help increase knowledge of the Interstate Compact requirements for LEAs**, thereby increasing educational supports for military-connected students.

# Members of the Council

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Interstate Compact Commissioner

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Superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children, designated by TEA

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Texas governor, or their designee

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Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, or their designee

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Chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Public Education, or their designee

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A representative from each branch of the US military with a base in Texas, appointed by each respective branch.

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Representatives from other offices and stakeholder groups that TEA deems appropriate.

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# Additional Information

- State Council must designate a Military Family Education Liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of the compact. This person will be a member of the council.
- The council may meet virtually.
- The council will provide increased participation nationally through the MIC3.
- MIC3 will train council members on the Compact.
- The Council will meet four times per year.

# Pause to Process

What information do you need on the Compact?

What topics should the council address?



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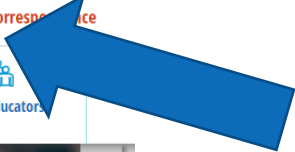
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## The Latest TEA News

The latest news from the Texas Education Agency is available through news releases, online correspondence, mailing lists, and other posted information.

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 <b>Coronavirus (COVID-19)</b> TEA is closely monitoring the novel Coronavirus outbreak. TEA has produced important updates.	 <b>Visiting TEA</b> TEA offices are open and meetings are being held in-person and virtually. Please contact the	 <b>General Public Health Resources</b> For current COVID-19 case counts across Texas.





# Contact Information

For more information, visit our website!

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/other-services/military-family-resources>

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