

An aerial photograph of Austin, Texas, showing the city skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings. The Colorado River flows through the city, with a bridge crossing it. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The foreground shows green trees and a marina with several boats.

Extending Virtual Options Through the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN)

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Welcome and Introductions

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Overview

Remote Instruction During 2022-2023



SB 15 TEC 29.9091 (87-2): Local Remote Learning Programs

- Allowed LEAs rated C or higher to offer virtual courses outside of the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN)
- LEAs could receive ADA-based funding for local remote learning delivered synchronously or asynchronously for grades K - 12
- **Expires September 1, 2023**

While multiple bills were filed, a bill to continue virtual education options and address the Texas Commission on Virtual Education's recommendations did not pass.

Announcement



- Announced by Governor Abbott on June 12, 2023
- Directs the Commissioner to waive specific requirements for LEAs to continue offering virtual options for the next two school years (2023-24 and 2024-25)
- Creates opportunities through statute regarding the Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN)

Eligibility and Waivers

LEA Eligibility



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- Any TEC 29.9091, full-time, online program offered in 2022-2023
- TEA virtual accelerator participants in 2022-2023
- LEAs rated C or higher
- LEAs with accredited status



Program Requirements

- Must sign up to be a **full-time** TXVSN online school this summer
- Requires the school to operate with a separate CDCN
- Funding is provided through TXVSN's completion-based funding model
 - The waiver will allow funding under the TXVSN formula for students enrolled in grades Kindergarten through 12

Which TXVSN requirements will be waived?

Part-time funding limitation

- Approved LEAs may receive full completion-based funding.

Professional development

- Additional professional development on virtual instruction is waived.

Grades K-2

- LEAs that offered K-2 in 2022-2023 may continue to do so.

Which TXVSN requirements will be waived?

Course review process

- LEAs do not need an independent third-party review or local certification process.
- Courses are still expected to meet the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and 508 accessibility requirements.

Student eligibility: prior attendance requirement

- Students no longer need to have attended a Texas public school during the prior school year.

Student Enrollment

- Full-time online schools can continue to offer instruction in grades offered under the virtual program in 2022-2023.
- TXVSN has no enrollment cap.

Student Eligibility

A student is eligible only if the student meets requirements for enrollment in the Texas public education system 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 year; or
- 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.

*These eligibility requirements apply to full-time online schools approved under this waiver.

Funding and Accountability

Student Funding – Elementary

Students in Elementary Grades

- The full-time online school must be a recognized TXVSN campus.
- Students do not need to be on a physical campus to earn funding.
- Funding
 - Funding flows to LEAs based on estimates during the school year.
 - At the end of the school year, ADA eligibility status for each semester is based on whether the student successfully completed the TXVSN online semester courses in which the student was enrolled.
 - A student must successfully complete the grade level
 - Demonstrated academic proficiency of the TEKS
 - Passing grades sufficient for promotion to the next grade

Student Funding – Secondary

Students in Secondary Grades

- The full-time, online school must be a recognized TXVSN campus.
- Students do not need to be on a physical campus to earn funding.
- A student is considered to be scheduled for and receiving 60 minutes of daily classroom time for the purposes of the two-through-four rule.
- No more than four total semester courses may be used to determine a student's ADA eligibility in a semester (with a maximum of eight semester courses in a year.)
- Funding
 - Funding flows to LEAs based on estimates during the school year.
 - At the end of the school year, ADA eligibility status for each semester is based on whether the student successfully completed the TXVSN online semester courses in which the student was enrolled.
 - Demonstrated academic proficiency of the TEKS with a passing grade to earn credit
 - A passing grade is the equivalent of 70 on a scale of 100
 - Successful completion for two courses qualifies the student for half-day funding or four or more course in a semester qualifies the student for full-day funding

ADA Eligibility Coding

Students in Grades K-12

- A student enrolled in a full-time, online school for elementary grades is considered to be receiving funding for four or more hours each day.
- A student enrolled in four or more full-time, online courses for secondary grades is considered to be in attendance for each day of instruction in the reporting period.
- The ADA eligibility code to report is 1-Eligible for Full-Day Attendance.

Academic Accountability and Informed Choice



Academic Accountability

- Each full-time, online school will receive an accountability rating for each CDCN.
- The rating will be included in the LEA's overall rating.



Informed Choice Information

- Information for parents to make enrollment decisions
- TXVSN campus listing includes
 - Campus name, CDCN, and LEA
 - Grades and area served
 - Contact name, email, and phone of LEA personnel overseeing the campus
- Accountability rating on [TXschools.gov](https://www.txschools.gov)



UIL Participation Rules

- UIL participation rules apply to students at their member school.
- For more information and question, please check UIL Policy
 - [UIL Policy](#)
 - [Subchapter M. Eligibility](#)

Waiver Process

Waiver Steps

1. Obtain board approval to operate as a TXVSN full-time online school prior to waiver submission.

- Board meeting date is required for the waiver
- Board approval documentation is required as a waiver attachment

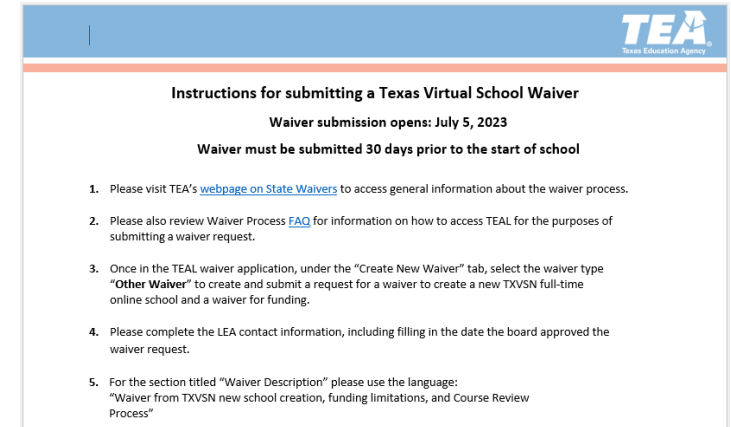
2. Complete the TXVSN Notice of Intent form prior to waiver submission.

- The completed form is attached to the waiver application.
- Information is used to post full-time, online school information for parents as part of the Informed Choice TXVSN legislative requirement

3. Starting July 5, 2023, complete and submit the waiver application

- Collect the two, completed documents that are required waiver attachments.
 - a. Board approval documentation
 - b. Notice of intent
- Follow the steps listed in the **TXVSN Waiver Instructions** document to complete the **Other Waiver** application.
- Submit the waiver application.

Note: Incomplete or incorrect applications will be returned for correction.



The screenshot shows a document titled "Instructions for submitting a Texas Virtual School Waiver" from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). It specifies that the waiver submission opens on July 5, 2023, and must be submitted 30 days prior to the start of school. The instructions include five numbered steps: 1. Visit TEA's webpage on State Waivers for general information. 2. Review the Waiver Process FAQ for information on how to access TEAL. 3. In the TEAL waiver application, select "Other Waiver" to create a new TXVSN full-time online school and a waiver for funding. 4. Complete the LEA contact information, including the date of board approval. 5. Use the language "Waiver from TXVSN new school creation, funding limitations, and Course Review Process" in the "Waiver Description" section.

Steps Specific to Charter Schools

4. Charter LEAs that did not operate under a separate CDCN in 22-23

- Charter schools that did not operate under a separate CDCN in 22-23 will need to submit an expansion waiver and expansion request.
- A board resolution is required.
- Submit the expansion waiver request in the **Other Waiver** application.
- Submit the online expansion amendment request form.

Steps to obtain a CDCN

5. Apply for and obtain a CDCN

Campus IDs are assigned to instructional campuses that meet the following criteria:

1. Has an assigned campus administrator
2. Has enrolled students who are counted for average daily attendance
3. Receives public funds as its primary support
4. Has assigned instructional staff
5. Provides instructional services to students
6. Has one or more grades in the range from early childhood education through grade 12 or is ungraded
7. Is not a program for students enrolled in another public school
8. May provide a particular academic focus (e.g., magnet or special education campuses)
9. Complies with Texas Laws

Please note that in order for open-enrollment charters to request a new CDCN, they must also submit and receive an expansion amendment.

**The application must be submitted by the superintendent or district AskTed Administrator.*

For more details go to [TEA's CDCN webpage](#). Access the [New Campus ID Request form](#).

Timeline

Activity	Start date
1. Obtain local board approval to participate in the TXVSN	Prior to waiver submission
2. Complete the Notice of Intent and Informed Choice information	Prior to waiver submission
3. Complete and submit the TXVSN waiver(s) *Charters may need to apply for a charter waiver and amendment concurrently	July 5, 2023, through 30 days prior to school start
4. Apply for and obtain a CDCN	After waiver is determined

This webinar and supporting documents will be posted at the [Texas Virtual School Network – Online Schools Program](#) webpage

Office Hours

TEA will offer weekly office hours to provide technical assistance and be available for any questions.

Office Hour Dates
Thursday, June 29th 11 AM CST
Thursday, July 6th 11 AM CST
Thursday, July 13th 11 AM CST
Thursday, July 20th 11 AM CST
Thursday, July 27th 11 AM CST

[Link](#)

Questions

Questions and Answers

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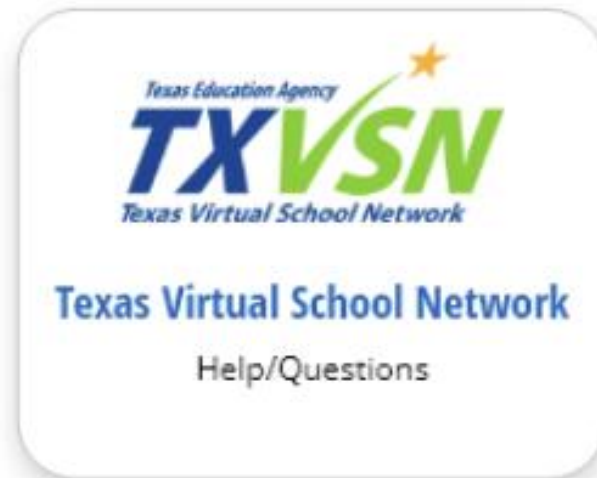
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Contact Information

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Thank you for joining us today!