

2026 TIA Online Portal Application Launch

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – UPDATED NOVEMBER 2025

Accessing the Portal and Troubleshooting

1. When can districts access the online application portal?

All current TIA districts, as well as all new districts that have submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI), will be able to access the portal on December 4, 2025. A communication from TEA will be sent to the district's main TIA contact on December 4, 2025.

2. What if my district is new to TIA and did not already submit a Letter of Intent (LOI)?

Email the TIA Inbox at TIA@TEA.Texas.gov to request the LOI information.

3. What if I don't know my district's login information for the portal?

Districts will be provided one primary account for the TIA Lead to access and complete the respective TIA application for your district. Email TIA@TTU.edu to request the name of the main TIA contact for your district, to change the name of the main TIA contact for your district, or to reset the password.

4. How many log-in accounts will be given to each district?

One account will be assigned to each respective district. However, the district can change the primary point of contact for the login at any time by emailing a request to TIA@TTU.edu.

5. What if the district experiences an issue with the portal login credentials?

If you experience any issues with logging into the portal, please email TIA@ttu.edu.

6. What should districts do once the portal is accessible?

Districts should follow the suggested steps:

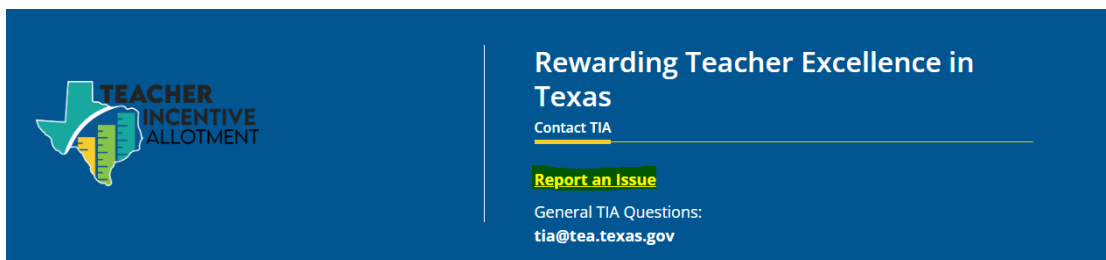
- a. Log in using the information that will be sent on December 4, 2025.
- b. Confirm the district has access to the correct TIA application for 2026 before beginning to populate information in the application.
 - i. *New Systems:* Districts applying to TIA for the first time in 2026 should have access to the blank System Application. This includes districts reapplying after an application was denied in a prior year.
 - ii. *Existing Systems:* For districts with a System Application accepted prior to 2026, the Weighting Tab, Eligible Teachers Tab, and Eligible Campuses Tab will be pre-populated based on the

current accepted System of Record. Additional tabs completed on the accepted 2025 TIA Application in the portal will also be pre-populated. This allows districts with existing systems to review and edit those tabs.

- c. If the district identifies the application in the portal is not correct, or the pre-populated information for existing systems is not correct, please email TIA@TEA.Texas.gov for support.

7. What if the district experiences a technical issue or ‘bug’ within the portal application?

Please report any technical issues with the portal through the “Report an Issue” link at the bottom of each page (see below). The team will address the issue promptly. Note, you must be logged into the portal to access this link.



Webinar Information

8. What will be covered during the December TIA Application Launch Webinars?

Attendees will understand how to navigate the portal and review TIA application requirements and best practices for all application types. Each application type will have its own webinar. During the sessions, districts will not yet have access to the portal but will gain access the day following their respective training. Attendees are asked to engage with the training content prior to logging into the portal to begin using the features for each application type.

Note: The Renewal Application Webinar is scheduled for December 3, 2025. The Expansions and Modifications Application Webinar and the New Application Webinar will be held on December 10, 2025.

9. What information should districts know before beginning the application in the portal?

Districts should finalize all local decisions regarding eligible teaching assignments to be included, which teacher observation rubric will be used and at what weight, and which student growth measure will be used and at what weight, for each respective teaching assignment included. It is recommended the local designation system is fully designed, and the district is prepared to implement the system in the upcoming school year prior to applying on or before April 15, 2026.

10. What is the deadline for applications in 2026?

The deadline for all TIA applications is by 11:59 P.M. CDT, April 15, 2026. Please note that Excel-based Planning Templates will not be accepted or reviewed if submitted to TIA outside the portal. Applications must be fully complete and submitted through the portal by the deadline.

11. If the district starts the application but is not yet ready to submit, will the content be saved in the portal?

Yes. When users select “Complete” or “Next,” the system will automatically save the content. Districts can log in and out of the system to access the respective application between December 4, 2025 - April 15, 2026.

12. *If the district submits a completed application prior to April 15, 2026, but decides locally an additional revision to the application is required, can the district make a change and resubmit prior to the deadline?*

Yes. Districts can revise and resubmit the application through 11:59 P.M. CDT on April 15, 2026. Only the final submission will be reviewed by TEA.

13. *Can the district revise the application after the April 15, 2026 submission deadline?*

No. TEA reviews completed submissions starting on April 16, 2026. However, districts that do not meet all statutory requirements after review will be given detailed feedback and have the chance to revise and resubmit their application by June 30, 2026. TEA anticipates providing feedback to all district applicants by May 31, 2026.

14. *How can districts prepare to submit a completed application that meets all statutory requirements?*

Districts should consider the following resources while completing the application:

- [TIA System Application Scoring Rubric](#): This resource identifies the scoring criteria for all required sections of TIA applications.
- [TIA Support from Education Service Centers](#): This page identifies TIA staff at all 20 Regional Service Centers that are available to support districts with application completion.

15. *What if I have a policy question related to completing the TIA application?*

If you have any policy questions related to completing the TIA application, please email our TIA inbox at TIA@tea.texas.gov.

