General Information

Accountability: PBMAS Staging

*Deadline for the submission or completion of CAP for staged districts/charters is December 16, 2016.*

Staging was posted the 1st week of November via a TAA communication posted on the TEA website and through TEA listserv email communication. For an LEA that is in any stage of intervention for the 2016-2017 performance-based monitoring (PBM) system in the special education program, the LEA will include the correction of the SPP indicators within a CAP that will be submitted according to the timelines for submission of intervention required activities. The guidance documents are on the TEA website at [http://tea.texas.gov/schoolimprovement/](http://tea.texas.gov/schoolimprovement/)

For assistance contact Ann Jinkins [ann.jinkins@esc13.txed.net](mailto:ann.jinkins@esc13.txed.net)

Accountability: SPP Non-Compliance

*Deadline for LEAs identified for SPP Non-Compliance to submit the CAP to the agency is December 9, 2016.* This applies to LEAs that are staged as well as for districts that are NOT staged.

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High Cost Funds:

High Cost Fund (HCF) applications will be opened in TEASE early 2017 and will close April 7, 2017. HCF are a reimbursement to LEAs for the cost of the provision of direct special education and related services identified in the IEPs of high-need students. LEAs *must have documentation* of all HCF expenditures for reimbursement (time and effort reports, IEP documents, other supporting documents). Review IEPs to be sure that services are appropriately identified and documented. For planning purposes, TEA has specified the average per pupil expenditure (APPE) as $9,789. Reimbursements are based on expenditures over 3x the APPE.

Non-Educational Fund Applications

LEAs may submit applications for non-educational funds now through April 2017 to Lori Merrell. The purpose of these funds is to provide periodic, short-term non-educational services for students receiving special education services, who are at risk of residential placement for educational purposes or returning from an educational residential placement. Applications will be processed on both priority and application date basis.

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Residential Applications in TEASE

The Nonpublic Day School and Residential application is now available in the HCF/Non-Public TEASE application. Application is due by December 1st for placements prior to December 1, 2016 for the
current school year. Applications received after December 1st and received within 30 school days of ARD decision; or the date of TEA receipt if received more than 30 school days after the ARD decision. For assistance contact Lori Merrell lori.merrell@esc13.txed.net

RF Tracker Initial Entries
Deadline November 18, 2016
Districts have an ongoing obligation to submit data for students with disabilities residing in residential care and treatment facilities with the boundaries of the district. See TEA Correspondence dated October 12, 2016 and Special Education Leaders post October 13, 2016 http://www5.esc13.net/thescoop/speddirectors/2016/10/13/rf-tracker-data-entry-now-open/
For assistance contact Joy Hunsucker joy.hunsucker@esc13.txed.net

Resource Information
The Library at ESC Region 13
Assistive Technology Preview Center
For assistance contact Robin Reimund robin.reimund@esc13.txed.net

LiveBinders
- Early Braille bit.ly/EarlyBraille
- Facilitated IEP (FIEP) http://www.livebinders.com/IEP-Facilitation
- Special Education Funding: http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=1338386
- VI Tech Bootcamp bit.ly/Tech4VI

Blogs
All ESC 13 blogs may be accessed at http://www5.esc13.net/thescoop/blogs/

Special education specific Blogs
- Special Education Leaders http://www5.esc13.net/thescoop/speddirectors/
- What’s So Special? http://www5.esc13.net/thescoop/special/

Web Sites:
- Accommodations Central: http://acentral.education/
- Assessment & Accountability http://www5.esc13.net/thescoop/assessment/
- Curriculum Council [http://www5.esc13.net/thescoop/cc/]
- In-Sight: A Newsletter for Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment [http://www5.esc13.net/thescoop/insight/]
- Parent Companion – First Five Years [www.parentcompanion.org]
- The Teacher Toolkit - [http://www.theteachertoolkit.com/]

**Calendar Information**

**Calendars of Events**
- Special Education Leaders/Directors Calendar [https://teamup.com/ksd0a557f617970b71]
- Transition Fairs and Events Calendar [http://www4.esc13.net/transition/transition-fairs-and-events/]

**2016-2017 SELN Meetings:**
- January 12, 2017 - #SP1734824
- February 9, 2017 - #SP1734825
- April 13, 2017 - #SP1734826
- May 11, 2017 - #SP1734827

**2016-2017 Curriculum Council Meetings:**
  Registration # FA1634324
- January 5, 2017 - Virtual Meeting Only
- February 2, 2017 - Virtual Meeting Only
- April 6, 2017 - Virtual Meeting Only
- May 4, 2017 - Virtual Meeting Only
- June 1, 2017 - Virtual Meeting Only
- August 3, 2017 - Virtual Meeting Only