Transition and Employment Designee (TED) Guidelines





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Overview of the TED

What is a TED?

The <u>TED</u> is an employee in a district or charter school who is designated as the primary contact for transition and employment services for students with disabilities in special education programs.

This employee must be able to provide information and resources about effective transition planning and employment services to school staff, students, parents, and agency providers. Local education agencies, or LEAs, can change this designation, as needed, to make sure that the employee serving in this role has the appropriate knowledge and skills necessary for providing information about effective transition services.

Is every school district required to have a TED?

Yes. Each school district, including shared services arrangements (SSAs), is required to designate at least one employee to serve as the district's designee on transition and employment services for students served by special education programs.

Are charter schools required to have a TED?

Yes. A charter school is required to have an employee designated as the TED. It is important to have someone available to answer questions about transition for students served by special education.

TEC 12.104(2)(F) provides that open-enrollment charter schools are subject to Chapter 29 special education program requirements. Therefore, the requirement in sec. 29.011 that a district designate an employee to serve as the school district's designee on transition and employment services for students enrolled in a special education program applies to charter schools.

Are there any agencies that a TED is required to collaborate with?

Yes. In addition to ensuring communication and collaboration with students and their parents, the TED must also help identify contacts at the following agencies: <u>Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)</u>, <u>Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)</u>, <u>Department of State Health Services (DSHS)</u>, and the <u>Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)</u>. The TED must ensure communication between local school staff and regional or local staff at these agencies.



Choosing the TED

Who determines the TED for an LEA?

The LEA will determine which employee will serve in the role of the TED. A collaborative discussion between the superintendent, special education director, and other leadership may be necessary to determine which employee would be best suited to serve as the TED.

The LEA should develop a process for ensuring this information is updated on TEA's AskTED Directory and the district's website.

Considerations for designating an employee as the TED



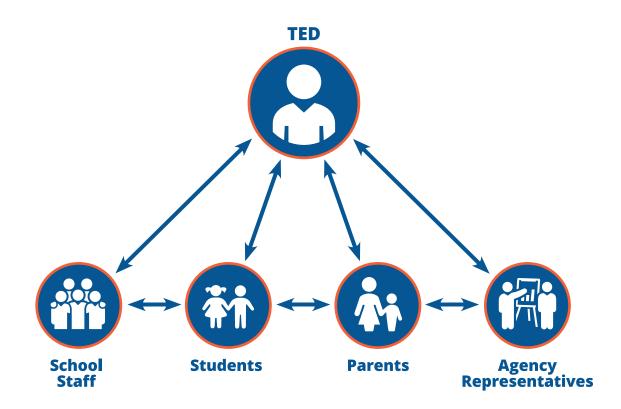
If the employee that you designate as the TED needs additional training in one or more areas listed above, please contact the <u>Transition Specialist at your Education Service Center (ESC)</u> for information about available training or visit the <u>Texas Transition website</u> for a list of free, online training.



Choosing the TED

Communication and Collaboration are Key

The employee who serves as the TED must have effective communication skills and should continually work to develop partnerships among school staff, students, parents, and local and regional representatives of state agencies.



Facilitating Transition Connections

Transition is an ongoing process that should continually support the student in making successful connections to the community to further his or her opportunity for education, training, employment, and independent living. Facilitating transition connections will require regular communication with community partners and a plan for sharing information about them through venues like transition fairs, including virtual or face-to-face options. Besides sharing information with students and parents, school staff also need regular opportunities to learn more about transition connections in the community and with state and local agencies.



Locating the TED in AskTED

Where can I find my TED contact information and verify that it is correct?

The TED contact information (including email and phone number) should be easy to find and publicly available. You should check the TED information listed on your LEA's website and in the AskTED directory from TEA.

Please note: TED information is no longer available on the Legal Framework website. This information has moved to the AskTED directory.

To locate a TED, click here for the <u>AskTED Directory</u> and then follow the steps below:

- Click Search By and then choose District
- Type in the name of the district
- Choose Information Type = Personnel
- Click on the box for Include Other District Roles
- Scroll through Select Roles and click on Transition & Employment Dsigne
- Click Search
- The next screen will provide the contact information for the TED in the district or charter school you entered



Section 2 – TED Requirements

TED Requirements

The TED is *required* by state statute to provide information to parents, students, and school staff about these transition services and agencies:

Transition Services

- Student Involvement
- Parent Involvement
- Adult Student Support
- Postsecondary Education
- Functional Vocational Evaluation
- Employment
- Age-Appropriate Instructional Environments
- Independent Living
- Referral to State Agency Services
- Self-Determination and Supported Decision-Making Agreements

State Agencies

- Health and Human Services
 <u>Commission</u>
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Department of State Health Services
- Department of Family and Protective Services



TED Online Trainings

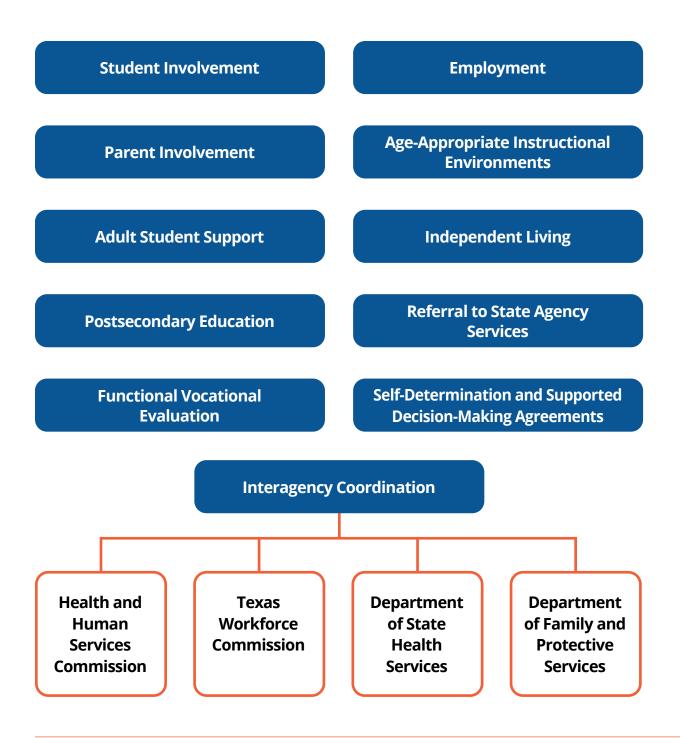
The TED is also required to complete minimum training requirements. To meet these requirements, a TED must complete the <u>online training</u> <u>module:</u>

The purpose of this training is to give information and tools needed to fulfill the statutory requirements of the TED role for a school district TEDs will complete this 2-hour self-paced course and an additional 6 hours of professional development in a transition priority area of their choice in accordance to the professional development rubric in the course.



TED Requirements

Whether you are new to the TED role or have years of experience, it is helpful to continue to add tools to your toolkit. For each of the TED requirements below, you will find an overview, considerations for each topic, links for more information, and tools that will help you address the questions listed for consideration. To skip directly to a specific topic, click on the boxes below.





Student Involvement

Overview

- Transition planning must begin no later than age 14, but can begin earlier, as appropriate.
- The student must be invited to all ARD committee meetings where the purpose of the meeting is to discuss transition.
- The student must have an opportunity to be appropriately involved in their plan for transition to adult life.
- Conversations must include age-appropriate transition assessments to help the student identify interests, preferences, needs, and strengths as they relate to the student's expectations for their postsecondary goals.

Considerations

- How is the student involved in developing their transition plan:
 - Before the ARD?
 - During the ARD?
 - After the ARD?
- How can school staff help students better understand the role of transition assessments?
- How can school staff involve the student in developing steps to achieve their postsecondary goals?
- How can the student lead (some or all portions of) their ARD committee meeting?
- How can school staff engage the student in development of their Individualized Education Program (IEP)?

For More Information

<u>Federal and Texas Transition Requirements</u> <u>Student Involvement in the IEP Process Online Module from the IRIS Center</u> <u>Student Involvement in the IEP Process Resources from I'm Determined</u>

Tools for Your Toolkit

Student Involvement Tools from the Garrett Center at Sam Houston State University College and Career Planning Tools for Students from Texas OnCourse Student Involvement in the IEP Process Fact Sheet from the PACER Center



Parent Involvement

Overview

- When a student is younger than 18, the student's parent(s) and other people invited by the parent or school must have an opportunity to be appropriately involved.
- The student's parent(s) can be involved in transition planning by attending the ARD committee meeting and giving input on decisions about the future, such as assisting in the selection of an endorsement, appropriate classes, career-related training, self-determination resources, and opportunities for community participation.

Considerations

- How do parents provide input on their child's transition plan:
 - Before the ARD?
 - During the ARD?
 - After the ARD?
- How does the school provide opportunities for parents to learn more about the transition process?
- Are opportunities available for parents to learn about supporting their child's self-determination?
- Do parents know who to contact with questions about their child's transition plan?

For More Information

<u>Federal and Texas Transition Requirements</u> <u>Adult Student and Transfer of Rights</u> <u>Parental Rights at Age of Parental Rights Regarding Adult Students</u> <u>Parent Framework</u>

Tools for Your Toolkit

Notice of Transfer of Rights Model Form with Information and Resources from TEA Notice of Transfer of Rights Model Form with Information and Resources from TEA (Spanish) Parent Tools for Involvement from the Garrett Center at Sam Houston State University



Adult Student Support

Overview

- If a student is at least 18, people invited by the student or school to attend the ARD committee meeting should have an opportunity to be appropriately involved.
- When a student reaches 18, the parent moves from primary decision-maker to a support system for the adult student, although the parent will continue to receive notice of ARD committee meetings.
- The student may request parental involvement in making decisions about education or the student may request a supporter through a supported decision-making agreement.

Considerations

- When does a student learn about the transfer of rights process at the age of majority?
- How is information about supported decision-making communicated to the student?
- How are students involved in the development of their summary of performance?
- Be sure to provide necessary accommodations and modifications when informing students about their rights and responsibilities.

For More Information

Adult Student and Transfer of Rights Age Ranges for Student Eligibility

Tools for Your Toolkit

Notice of Transfer of Rights Model Form with Information and Resources from TEA Notice of Transfer of Rights Model Form with Information and Resources from TEA (Spanish) Summary of Performance Fact Sheet from the Student-Centered Transitions Network (SCTN) Transfer of Rights Fact Sheet from SCTN



Postsecondary Education

Overview

- Postsecondary education options are the educational opportunities that the student may choose to pursue after completing high school.
- The ARD committee must consider appropriate postsecondary education options for the student that should also include preparation for postsecondary-level coursework.
- Postsecondary goals for education and/or training should reflect the student's expectations for life after high school.
- The coordinated set of activities should document activities to support the student in achieving success with postsecondary-level coursework.

Considerations

- What transition assessments have been conducted to determine the student's preferences and interests related to postsecondary education, and what were the results?
- What transition assessments have been conducted to determine the student's strengths and needs related to postsecondary education and postsecondary-level coursework?
- How can a school address college readiness and skills for postsecondary-level coursework in the ARD committee meeting?

For More Information

Content of the IEP Including Transition Requirements

A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education and Employment for Students and Youth with Disabilities (August 2020) from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

College and Career Competency Framework

Tools for Your Toolkit

Postsecondary Education and Training Preparation Toolkit from the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT)

60x30TX, the state's Higher Education Strategic Plan

College Planning Tools for Student and Families from Texas OnCourse



Functional Vocational Evaluation

Overview

- The ARD committee must consider an appropriate functional vocational evaluation (FVE) when more information is needed to help determine the student's postsecondary training and/or postsecondary employment goals.
- An FVE may be needed to help the ARD committee develop a comprehensive transition plan. This evaluation process should include information from multiple sources and include recommendations related to career interests, aptitudes, and skills.
- Student and parent input should be included in an FVE.

Considerations

- An FVE may be considered when:
 - A student has difficulty communicating their career interests.
 - A student has completed training at multiple job sites, but there is not a clear direction for next steps.
 - A transition assessment has not provided enough information to develop a comprehensive transition plan.
- How will the school gather information from the student and parent?
- What existing information can be used?
- What new information is needed?
- What do you need to know?

For More Information

Functional Vocational Evaluation in the Legal Framework

Tools for Your Toolkit

Transition Assessment Toolkit from NTACT



Employment

Overview

- Appropriate employment goals and objectives are the measurable steps that enable a student to achieve postsecondary employment.
- Discussing career education options may help the student identify a career choice and the essential skills necessary for employment.
- Employment goals should address skills for acquiring a job and maintaining competitive employment (full or part-time, at or above minimum wage), supported employment, or self-employment.
- Employment skills should focus on successful completion of school-based career exploration and work experiences.

Considerations

- How does the ARD committee determine which employability skills the student needs to learn?
- How can Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses support the student with employability skills?
- What opportunities does the school provide to students with disabilities for career exploration?
- What options does the school provide to students with disabilities for paid or unpaid job training?
- Does the school have training for special education school staff to learn more about work-based learning?

For More Information

Federal and Texas Transition Requirements

Texas Transition and Employment Guide

<u>A Transition Guide to Postsecondary Education and Employment for Students and Youth</u> with Disabilities (August 2020) from OSERS

CTE Programs of Study in Texas

Tools for Your Toolkit

Employment Guide for People with Disabilities from Texas HHSC

Career Readiness Handbook from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)

Student and Family Resources for Jobs and Careers from Texas OnCourse

Competitive Integrated Employment Toolkit from NTACT



Age-Appropriate Instructional Environments

Overview

- When a student reaches 18, age-appropriate instructional environments should continue to be available.
- These environments include community settings or those that prepare the student for postsecondary education, training, competitive integrated employment, or independent living in coordination with the student's postsecondary goals.
- The student should receive instruction individualized for each environment, and instruction may include vocational training, community service, and volunteer opportunities.

Considerations

- Has the student completed all credit requirements and state assessments necessary for graduation?
- Courses taken with modified curriculum may impact a student's graduation option.
- Has the student obtained full-time employment and mastered sufficient self-help skills to enable the student to maintain the employment without direct and ongoing support from the school?
- Has the student mastered specific employability skills, including general skills necessary to obtain or retain employment?
- Does the student have access to services for employment or education options outside of public school?

For More Information

Federal and Texas Transition Requirements

Texas Graduation Requirements for Students Receiving Special Education Services

Students Receiving Special Education and Related Services in an Off-Campus Program

Tools for Your Toolkit

Rubric for Determining Appropriate Instructional Activities and Transition Sustainability for 18+ from the Garrett Center at Sam Houston State University

Social Mapping and Planning for 18+ Community Membership from the Garrett Center at Sam Houston State University



Independent Living

Overview

- The ARD committee should consider, at least annually, whether the student has needs related to independent living that should be addressed through specially designed instruction.
- Independent living goals and objectives are steps to enable the student to achieve postsecondary independent living skills (where appropriate), daily living skills, and community living skills. These goals may address the expected skills and desired independence level that a student should demonstrate after the completion of high school.

Considerations

- What areas of independent living have been addressed through transition assessments?
- Are there any independent living skills the student will need to learn in order to achieve his or her postsecondary goals in the areas of education, training, or employment? For example, will the student need to maintain employment and master a daily living routine independently?
- What functional needs have been identified through the Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP) or the annual IEP goals?

For More Information

<u>Federal and Texas Transition Requirements</u> <u>Technical Assistance: Individualized Education Program (IEP) Development Guide</u> <u>Independent Living in the IEP from the Center on Transition Innovations</u>

Tools for Your Toolkit

Assessment and Instructional Resources from the Texas Complex Access Network (TX CAN) Technical Assistance Network



Referral to State Agency Services

Overview

- The ARD committee should consider appropriate circumstances for facilitating a referral to government agency services or public benefits. This includes a referral to place the student on a waiting list for public benefits available to the student, such as the waiver program established under the Social Security Act.
- The ARD committee determines if there is a need for additional outside assistance by an agency for services based on the individual needs of the student.
- With the written and signed consent of the parent or adult student, any agency responsible for providing transition services may be invited to the ARD.

Considerations

- What support(s) is the student receiving from state agencies?
- What additional assistance does the student currently need from agencies that support students with disabilities?
- What continued supports will the student need as an adult after high school?
- What new supports will the student need as an adult after high school?
- Has the student been referred or placed on the Medicaid Waiver Interest List?

For More Information

Guidance for Inviting Agency Representatives to ARD Committee MeetingsConsent for Disclosure of Confidential Information211 from Texas Health and Human ServicesMedicaid Waivers and Interest Lists from Navigate Life Texas

Tools for Your Toolkit

Video for Inviting Agencies to ARD Meetings Checklist from Region 13 ESC



Self-Determination and Supported Decision-Making Agreements

Overview

- The ARD committee should consider the use and availability of supplementary aids, services, curricula, and other opportunities to assist the student in developing decision-making skills, and supports and services to foster the student's independence and self-determination, including a supported decision-making agreement.
- Schools must provide and document information about guardianship and the alternatives to guardianship when a student or parent asks for information about guardianship or the alternatives.

Considerations

- How can decision-making skills be assessed to determine competencies for each student?
- Where are skills for self-determination taught within the school day?
- How are self-determination skills documented within the IEP?
- Where do school staff learn about guardianship and the alternatives to guardianship, including supported decision-making agreements?
- When do Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) and elementary staff receive training about self-determination and alternatives to guardianship?

For More Information

Guardianship Alternatives from the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities Supported Decision-Making from Disability Rights Texas Self-Determination from the Beach Center on Disability I'm Determined from the Virginia Department of Education

Tools for Your Toolkit

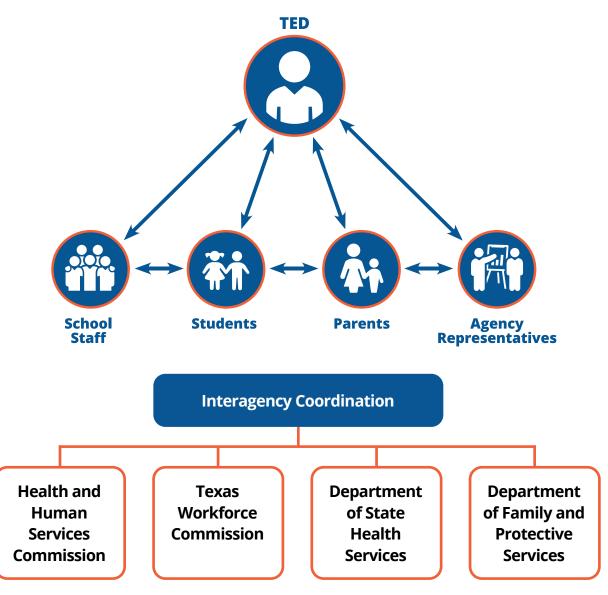
Self-Determination Assessments from the Beach Center on Disability Supported Decision-Making Toolkit from Disability Rights Texas Alternatives to Guardianship Fact Sheet from the Arc of Texas



Interagency Coordination

Communication and Collaboration Are Essential

The TED should continually work to develop partnerships among local and regional representatives of state agencies. There are four specific agencies identified by state statute that TEDs should work with to gather information to share with students, parents, and school staff. In this section, we are going to take a look at each of these state agencies and provide an overview of the agency and key services offered, and highlight resources that are beneficial to add to your own TED guidelines.



An overview of each agency is provided in Section 3. To skip directly to a specific agency, click on the boxes above.



Section 3 – Interagency Coordination Overview

Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

Overview

<u>HHSC</u> manages programs that help families with food, health care, safety, and disaster services including disability services, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Children's Medicaid, and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP).

Key Services for Students with Disabilities

- <u>Health care, such as Texas Medicaid and the Children's Health</u> <u>Insurance Program (CHIP)</u>
- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Benefits
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Cash Help
- Community programs like <u>Community Attendant Services (CAS)</u> and Health Coordination and Consumer Services
- Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Long-term Care Services
- <u>2-1-1 Texas</u> program, which is a 1-stop shop to connect Texans with the services and programs in the community

HHSC programs that include employment services are:

- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Related Conditions (ICF/IID)
- Medicaid waivers:
 - Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
 - Texas Home Living (TxHmL)
 - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
 - Deaf-Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
 - Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)

These programs include case management and service coordination, services specifically designed to assist a person to obtain and maintain employment, and other services that can assist a person in meeting their goals.

Resources

HHS Guide to Employment for People with Disabilities



Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)

Overview

<u>TWC</u> is the state agency charged with overseeing and providing workforce development services to employers and job seekers of Texas. <u>Texas Workforce Solutions-Vocational</u> <u>Rehabilitation Services (TWS-VRS)</u> operates under TWC and TWS to support youth and adults with disabilities. TWS-VRS is the state agency whose primary focus is to assist people with disabilities in obtaining integrated, competitive employment.

Key Services for Students with Disabilities

TWS-VRS services may include vocational counseling, evaluation and assessment, guidance and assistance with job placement, time-limited job coaching, training programs, technology services, and vehicle and home modifications.

TWS-VRS offers the following programs for students:

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

- Vocational counseling, including counseling in job exploration and postsecondary training opportunities
- Counseling on opportunities for postsecondary education such as college, vocational schools, etc.
- Work-based learning experiences, including internships and on-the-job training
- Training in workplace and employer expectations
- Training in self-advocacy and social skills

Other services

- Medical, psychological, and vocational assessments
- Assistive technologies, including screen reader software, computer equipment, and other items
- Job matching and placement services
- Transportation assistance to and from a job, college, or certification program
- Referral to other state, federal, and community agencies and organizations

Resources

Pre-ETS Catalog

Pre-ETS Fact Sheet

TWS-VRS Office Locator



Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Overview

The <u>DSHS</u> offers 2 programs specifically for families of children with disabilities or special health care needs. The DSHS also oversees other programs, including <u>disease prevention</u>, <u>Emergency Medical Services (EMS) certification</u>, <u>health care professional licensing</u>, and <u>birth</u> and <u>death certificates</u>.

Key Services for Students with Disabilities

<u>Mental Health Services</u> are provided by 37 local mental health authorities across the state. These include:

- Crisis Services
- Adult Mental Health
- Children's Mental Health
- Adult Substance Abuse
- Youth Substance Abuse

<u>Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services</u> helps children under the age of 21 with special health care needs. The child must have a medical problem that has physical symptoms (this means the program does not cover clients with solely a mental, behavioral, or emotional condition or a delay in development).

Resources

Mental Health and Substance Use Resources

Transition to Adult Medical Care Resources from Navigate Life Texas



Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

Overview

The <u>DFPS</u> works with communities to promote safe and healthy families and protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. They do this through investigations, services and referrals, and prevention programs.

Key Services for Students with Disabilities

DFPS offers the following programs:

- <u>Adult Protective Services (APS)</u> protects the elderly and adults with disabilities by investigating reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. APS may also provide short-term help with shelter, home repairs, food, transportation, managing money, home health care services, and mental health services.
- <u>Child Protective Services (CPS)</u> protects children from abuse and neglect through investigations, family support services, foster care, and adoption.
- <u>Child Care Licensing (CCL)</u> regulates, inspects, and investigates day care, before- and after-school programs, foster and adoption agencies, foster homes, residential treatment centers, and other residential childcare settings.
- <u>Statewide Intake</u> takes reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation through its 24-hour Texas Abuse Hotline (1-800-252-5400) and through the <u>Texas Abuse Hotline website</u>.
- <u>Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI)</u> funds and partners with community-based programs to prevent juvenile delinquency, child abuse, and child neglect.

Resources

DFPS Transition Services List

Transition Planning Guide for Students in Foster Care Receiving Special Education Services



Section 4 – TED Roles and Responsibilities

TED Checklist Overview

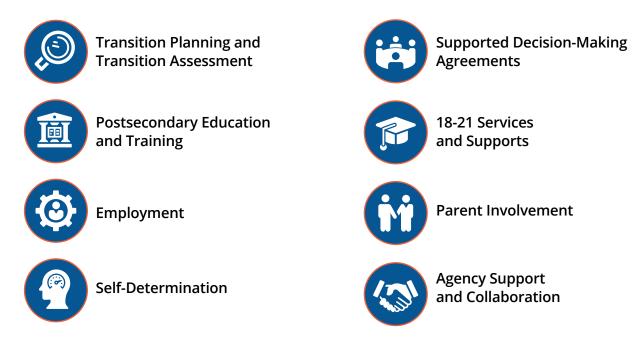
Check Your Understanding of the TED Role and Responsibilities

Most TEDs have responsibilities in addition to their role as a TED. Now that you have had an opportunity to review the TED requirements, we recommend completing the following checklist to determine how the TED requirements fit within the other transition-related responsibilities that a TED may have within the LEA. Remember, not all transition-related requirements and activities within the LEA must be completed by the TED. The purpose of this checklist is to help you identify which responsibilities must be completed by the TED so that you can identify other staff in your LEA that may be able to help carry out transition-related activities.

The checklist is organized into 8 main categories that identify transition-related responsibilities. Each transition-related responsibility that is also a TED requirement will be identified with **bold text**.

Once the checklist is completed, you can identify the TED's responsibilities and where you need to build capacity at the LEA.

TED Checklist Categories





Mark each item that describes a responsibility that you have within your current role in your LEA. **Note:** Each responsibility that meets a TED requirement is identified with **bold text**.

Transition Planning and Transition Assessment

- Provide training to school staff on how to conduct age-appropriate transition assessments and write postsecondary goals in the areas of education/training, employment, and independent living (where appropriate).
- □ Identify and administer age-appropriate transition assessments to students.
- Provide information to school staff about the why, when, and how for functional vocational evaluations.
- □ Ensure that all IEPs comply with the <u>State Performance Plan (SPP)</u> <u>Indicator 13</u> checklist.
- Obtain consent to invite agency representatives to ARD committee meetings.
- Provide information to special education staff about how to get students involved in the development of the transition plan within their IEP and as part of their ARD committee meeting.
- □ Monitor progress on transition activities within each student's IEP.
- U Write measurable annual IEP goals based on transition needs.
- Address the coordinated set of activities within the transition supplement of the IEP to include instruction, related services, community experiences, employment, and daily living skills.
- Share information with school staff about how to consider developing goals within the IEP in the areas of employment, postsecondary education, and independent living for students who are 14 or older.
- Understand how to include results of transition assessments within the IEP.



Mark each item that describes a responsibility that you have within your current role in your LEA. **Note:** Each responsibility that meets a TED requirement is identified with **bold text**.

Postsecondary Education and Training

- Provide information about postsecondary education options, including postsecondary-level coursework.
- Provide information about how to apply for disability services through the office of disability services at postsecondary institutions.
- Ensure that students, parents, and staff have information about how to request accommodations for the SAT, ACT, TSIA-2, and other assessments that may be required for college entrance.
- Collaborate with school counselors to ensure that students have information about how to apply for financial aid and scholarships.
- □ Identify college planning resources for students and parents.
- □ Help students understand how to use their Summary of Performance to help them explain their disability-related needs after high school.
- □ Invite representatives of higher education programs for students with intellectual disabilities to provide information to staff, students, and parents.

Employment

- Provide training to school staff about work-based learning and options for paid and unpaid job training.
- Collaborate with CTE teachers to share information about how to access supports, including accommodations and modifications, within the CTE classroom.
- Provide information and training to school staff about how to consider employment goals and objectives within the IEP.
- □ Share information about different sources of data that can be used within a functional vocational evaluation.
- □ Work with community employers to obtain a variety of job sites for student work experiences.
- Observe students in authentic work experiences and collect data on task analysis.
- Routinely check in with a student's employer to determine if student is making progress on their goals.



Mark each item that describes a responsibility that you have within your current role in your LEA. **Note:** Each responsibility that meets a TED requirement is identified with **bold text**.

Self-Determination

- Provide a variety of self-determination assessments that will identify a student's level of self-determination.
- Determine how to use curricula and other supports and services to help students develop decision-making skills.
- □ Teach students different strategies for leading some or all of their ARD committee meeting.
- □ Identify Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) within core subjects that include decision-making skills.
- Provide opportunities for students to practice skills for decision-making, independence, and self-determination.
- Assist ARD facilitators and other school staff in understanding how to explain the role of self-determination within the IEP to parents.

Supported Decision-Making Agreements

- Provide training to school staff across all grade levels about guardianship and the alternatives to guardianship.
- Ensure that all school staff have access to information about guardianship and the alternatives to guardianship that can be provided to parents and students upon request.
- □ Provide information to school staff about supported decision-making agreements that include what they are and how they can be used.
- Share resources with students and parents about supported decision-making agreements that include when and how they can be used.
- Document the information that was shared about guardianship and alternatives to guardianship, including supported decision-making agreements within the IEP at ARD committee meeting.



Mark each item that describes a responsibility that you have within your current role in your LEA. **Note:** Each responsibility that meets a TED requirement is identified with **bold text**.

18-21 Services and Supports

- □ Provide training to staff about how to identify an age-appropriate instructional environment for students that are 18 or older.
- Ensure that the ARD committee understands that age-appropriate instructional environments should include community settings that prepare students for postsecondary education or training, competitive integrated employment, or independent living.
- □ Provide information to school staff about how students must meet the graduation requirements for students that receive special education services in order to receive a diploma.
- □ Verify that students in 18+ services have completed all state credit and state assessment requirements for graduation.
- Provide information about the transfer of rights before and after the age of 18 to all students and their parents.

Parent Involvement

- □ Provide opportunities for parents to provide meaningful input about their child's transition services within the IEP.
- □ Ensure that parents understand the transfer of rights process, including how they can continue to be involved in their child's ARD committee meeting once the child turns 18.
- Communicate with parents routinely about their child's progress on the transition plan.
- Be prepared to provide information to parents about how to sign their child up for a Medicaid waiver interest list or to refer them to a subject matter expert that can walk them through the steps.
- Provide information to parents about the postschool outcomes survey they may be asked to complete during the summer as part of SPP Indicator 14 one year after their child graduates.



Mark each item that describes a responsibility that you have within your current role in your LEA. **Note:** Each responsibility that meets a TED requirement is identified with **bold text**.

Agency Support and Collaboration

- Share information about the appropriate circumstances for facilitating a referral of a student or their parents to a governmental agency for services or public benefits.
- Provide information to school staff, parents, and students about how to sign up for the Medicaid waiver interest lists.
- □ Identify the TWS-VRS counselor(s) for the LEA and share their contact information with school staff, students, and parents.
- □ Identify local or regional offices for TWC, HHSC, DSHS, and DFPS.
- Provide information and resources about effective transition planning and services with agency contacts to facilitate better transition planning between agencies and the LEA.
- □ Organize a transition fair for parents and students and invite representatives of state agencies, postsecondary education institutions, and community supports.
- Provide opportunities for school staff to learn about Pre-ETS available to students from the local TWS-VRS counselor(s).
- □ Meet regularly with the TWS-VRS counselor(s) to review student referrals and students engaged in Pre-ETS, and to plan information sessions for students and parents.
- □ Invite a representative of the local intellectual and developmental disability authority (LIDDA) to provide information about the services that they offer to parents and students.
- Share information with parents and students about how to obtain a <u>Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account</u>.



Plan for Building Capacity

Review the Checklist

Review your responses to all of the items on the checklist. Determine if there were any items that you did not mark that were identified as a TED responsibility. If so, you should add those items to the priority list below. If not, review additional items on the list that were not marked that could build your capacity in transition to support your role as the TED.

Create an Action Plan

Based on your responses to the checklist, determine at least 3 priorities that you can commit to learning more about in order to build your capacity as a TED. Then, determine who can support you with the priorities that you have selected. Finally, set at least 3 personal goals that will help you address the priorities you listed. Consider sharing the action plan with the transition specialist at your ESC so they can provide additional resources and support to help you achieve your goals!

TED Action Plan				
Priorities	#1			
	#2			
	#3			
Who Can Help				
Consider supports like your supervisor, the transition specialist at your ESC, and the Student-Centered Transitions Network.				
Personal TED Goals	#1			
	#2			
	#3			



TED Required Online Module Resources

This section includes 2 resources from the online module.

- 1. Transition and Employment Designee (TED) Self-Assessment Rubric
- 2. Transition and Employment Designee (TED) Professional Development Plan for Building CapacityTransition and Employment Designee (TED)



Transition and **Employment Designee** (TED) Self-Assessment Rubric



This rubric highlights each of the statutory requirements for a TED. The document should be used for self-assessment purposes for an individual serving as a district's TED.

This document SHOULD NOT be used as evidence for determining TED performance, as it only serves as a resource to help a TED determine needed areas for building capacity.

This self-assessment rubric addresses the following areas Transition Services: State Agencies: Health and Human Services Student Involvement

- Texas Workforce Commission Parent Involvement
- Adult Student Support Department of State Health Services
- Postsecondary Education Department of Family and Protective Services
- Functional Vocational Evaluation
- Employment
- Age-Appropriate Instructional
- Environments
- Independent Living
- Referral to State Agency Services Self-Determination and Supported
- Decision-Making Agreements

Transition and Employment Designee (TED) Professional Development Plan for Building Capacity

This rubric outlines the statutory requirements for a district TED and options for meeting the additional 5-hour professional development (PD) requirement. The professional development plan should be completed after you have identified priority areas to address from your results on the TED self-Assessment Rubric. The rubric below should be used as a guide to help you determine the streas of transition that you will focus to no meet the professional development requirement for TEDs.

As a district TED, you are required to obtain 6 additional hours of professional development once you complete the required TED Online course (2 hours). You may choose one priority area to focus your 6 hours of professional development, or you can choose up to 3 priority areas to obtain additional professional development which must results in at lasst 6 hours total when combined. You must complete the additional 6 hours within 90 days of your enrolment in the TED Required Training course.

Name:		_ School I	District:			Region:	
itial Date of Plan: Target Date for Completion:							
Domain	Initial Rating	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Professional Development Options	Professional Development Selected	
Transition Planning A student's ARD committee must consider, and if appropriate, address the following issues in the student's individual education program (IEP):							
Student Involvement (1) appropriate student involvement in the student's transition to life outside the	No Knowledge Limited Knowledge Moderate Knowledge				Student-Centered Transition Planning Helping Students with Disabilities Plan for. Post-High School Settings	Title/Hours:	
public school system	Extensive Knowledge				Guiding Principles	Title/Hours:	
						Title/Hours:	
Parent Involvement (2) if the student is younger than 18 years of age, appropriate involvement in	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge				<u>Working with Families</u> <u>Secondary Transition and Cultural</u> Diversity	Title/Hours:	
the student's transition by the student's parents and other persons invited to participate by:	Extensive Knowledge				Other:	Title/Hours:	
 (A) the student's parents; or (B) the school district in which the student is enrolled 						Title/Hours:	

TED Self-Assessment Rubric

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TED Professional Development Plan for Building Capacity

This rubric outlines the options for meeting the additional 6-hour professional development (PD) requirement. The PD plan should be completed after you have identified priority areas to address from the TED Self-Assessment Rubric.

As a district TED, you are required to

- Complete the required TED Online course (2 hours)
- Obtain 6 *additional* hours of professional development based on self-assessment priorities. You may choose one priority area to focus your 6 hours of professional development, or you can choose up to 3 priority areas

The TED can start the online module at any point during the year, however, the 2 hour course and additional 6 hours must be completed within 90 days of enrollment in the TED Required Online Module.





Transition and Employment Designee (TED) Self-Assessment Rubric



This rubric highlights each of the statutory requirements for a TED. The document should be used for self-assessment purposes for an individual serving as a district's TED.

This document SHOULD NOT be used as evidence for determining TED performance, as it only serves as a resource to help a TED determine needed areas for building capacity.

This self-assessment rubric addresses the following areas:

Transition Services:

- Student Involvement
- Parent Involvement
- Adult Student Support
- Postsecondary Education
- Functional Vocational Evaluation
- Employment
- Age-Appropriate Instructional Environments
- Independent Living
- Referral to State Agency Services
- Self-Determination and Supported Decision-Making Agreements

State Agencies:

- Health and Human Services
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Department of State Health Services
- Department of Family and Protective
 Services





Transition Services:

Domain	Transition Planning: Student Involvement				
Description	A student's ARD committee must consider, and if appropriate, address the following issues in the student's individualized education program (IEP): (1) appropriate student involvement in the student's transition to life outside the public school system				
Rating	Image: No Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge Image: Moderate Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge				

Domain	Transition Planning: Parent Involvement				
Description	(2) if the student is younger than 18 years of age, appropriate involvement in the student's transition by the student's parents and other persons invited to participate by:				
	(A) the student's parents; or				
	(B) the school district ir	n which the student is enro	olled		
Rating	No Knowledge Limited Moderate Extensive Knowledge Knowledge Knowledge Knowledge				

Domain	Transition Planning: Adult Students				
Description	(3) if the student is at least 18 years of age, involvement in the student's transition and future by the student's parents and other persons, if the parent or other person:				
	(A) is invited to participate by the student or the school district in which the student is enrolled; or				
	(B) has the student's consent to participate pursuant to a supported decision-making agreement under Chapter 1357, Estates Code				
Rating	Image: No Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge Image: Moderate Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge				





Domain	Transition Planning: Postsecondary Education				
Description	(4) appropriate postsecondary education options, including preparation for postsecondary-level coursework				
Rating	□ No Knowledge	□ Limited Knowledge	□ Moderate Knowledge	Extensive Knowledge	

Domain	Transition Planning: Functional Vocational Evaluation					
Description	(5) an appropriate functional vocational evaluation					
Rating	□ No Knowledge	Image: No Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge Image: Moderate Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge Image: No Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge				

Domain	Transition Planning: Employment			
Description	(6) appropriate employment goals and objectives			
Rating	🗆 No Knowledge	□ Limited Knowledge	□ Moderate Knowledge	□ Extensive Knowledge

Domain	Transition Planning: Age-Appropriate Adult Environments				
Description	(7) if the student is at least 18 years of age, the availability of age-appropriate instructional environments, including community settings or environments that prepare the student for postsecondary education or training, competitive integrated employment, or independent living, in coordination with the student's transition goals and objectives				
Rating	Image: State of the state of goals and objectives Image: State of the state of goals and objectives Image: State of the state of goals and objectives Image: State of the state of goals and objectives Image: State of the state of goals and objectives Image: State of the state of goals and objectives Image: State of the state of the state of goals and objectives Image: State of the state of the state of goals and objectives Image: State of the state o				





Domain	Transition Planning: Independent Living				
Description	(8) appropriate independent living goals and objectives				
Rating	□ No Knowledge	□ Limited Knowledge	□ Moderate Knowledge	□ Extensive Knowledge	

Domain	Transition Planning: Agency Facilitation				
Description	(9) appropriate circumstances for facilitating a referral of a student or the student's parents to a governmental agency for services or public benefits, including a referral to a governmental agency to place the student on a waiting list for public benefits available to the student, such as a waiver program established under Section 1915(c), Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396n(c))				
Rating	Image: No Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge Image: Moderate Knowledge Image: Limited Knowledge				

Domain	Transition Planning: Self-Determination and Supported Decision-Making								
Description	(10) the use and availability of appropriate:								
	(A) supplementary aids, services, curricula, and other opportunities to assist the student in developing decision-making skills; and								
	(B) supports and services to foster the student's independence and self-determination, including a supported decision-making agreement under Chapter 1357, Estates Code								
Rating	🗆 No Knowledge	□ Limited Knowledge	□ Moderate Knowledge	□ Extensive Knowledge					





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State Agencies:

Description	An individual designated in this role must provide information and resources for interagency coordination to ensure that local school staff communicate and collaborate with: students receiving special education services and their parents, and as appropriate, local and regional staff of the: Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Workforce Commission, Department of State Health Services, and Department of Family and Protective Services. TEC § 29.011(b)									
Domain	Interagency Coord hhs.texas.gov	Interagency Coordination: Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) hhs.texas.gov								
Rating	🗆 No Knowledge	Knowledge Limited Moderate Extensive Knowledge Knowledge Knowledge Knowledge								
Domain	Interagency Coordination: Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) twc.texas.gov									
Rating	🗆 No Knowledge	No Knowledge Limited Knowledge Moderate Knowledge Extensive Knowledge								
Domain	Interagency Coord dshs.texas.gov	ination: Departmen	t of State Health Ser	vices (DSHS)						
Rating	🗆 No Knowledge	□ Limited Knowledge	□ Moderate Knowledge	□ Extensive Knowledge						
Domain	Interagency Coordination: Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) <u>dfps.state.tx.us</u>									
Rating	No Knowledge	Limited Knowledge	Moderate Knowledge	Extensive Knowledge						





Self-Assessment Summary

Please summarize each domain by checking the box in the appropriate column based on your answers on pages 2-4.

Domain: Transition Planning	No Knowledge	Limited Knowledge	Moderate Knowledge	Extensive Knowledge
Student Involvement				
Parent Involvement				
Adult Students				
Postsecondary Education				
Functional Vocational Evaluation				
Employment				
Age-Appropriate Adult Environments				
Independent Living				
Agency Facilitation				
Self-Determination and Supported Decision-Making Agreements				
Total:	out of 10	out of 10	out of 10	out of 10





Self-Assessment Summary

Please summarize each domain by placing an X under the appropriate column below based on your answers on pages 5:

Domain: Transition Planning	No Knowledge	Limited Knowledge	Moderate Knowledge	Extensive Knowledge
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тwc				
DSHS				
DFPS				
Total:	out of 4	out of 4	out of 4	out of 4

Domains to Consider for Capacity Building

Review your scores on pages 6 and the top of page 7 to determine if you have any items marked in the "No Knowledge" or "Limited Knowledge" categories. If so, consider adding the item with the highest number in those categories as a priority area to address for this school year. If you do not have any areas marked in the "orange" categories, review the areas with the highest total from the "Moderate Knowledge" category.

Priority 1

	No Knowledge	Limited Knowledge	Moderate Knowledge	Extensive Knowledge					
Domain:									
Action Plan:	When will I start working on this area of need?								
	What training or support do I need?								
	Who can help me with this area of need?								





Priority 2

	No Knowledge	Limited Knowledge	Moderate Knowledge	Extensive Knowledge					
Domain:									
Action Plan:	When will I start working on this area of need?								
		support do I need?	eed?						

Priority 3

	No Knowledge	Limited Knowledge	Moderate Knowledge	Extensive Knowledge
Domain:				
Action Plan:	What training or s	working on this area support do I need?		

Self-Assessment Completion Date:





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Name:		_ School [District:			Region:			
Initial Date of Plan:				Target Date for Completion:					
Domain	Initial Rating	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Professional Development Options	Professional Development Selected			
Transition Planning A student's ARD committee must consider, and if appropriate, address the following issues in the student's individual education program (IEP):									
Student Involvement (1) appropriate student involvement in the student's transition to life outside the	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge				□ <u>Student-Centered Transition Planning</u> □ <u>Helping Students with Disabilities Plan for</u>	Title/Hours:			
the student's transition to life outside the public school system	Moderate Knowledge Ktensive Knowledge				Post-High School Settings	Title/Hours:			
						Title/Hours:			
Parent Involvement (2) if the student is younger than 18 years of age, appropriate involvement in	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge				 Working with Families Secondary Transition and Cultural Diversity 	Title/Hours:			
years of age, appropriate involvement in the student's transition by the student's parents and other persons invited to participate by:	Extensive Knowledge					Title/Hours:			
(A) the student's parents; or(B) the school district in which the student is enrolled						Title/Hours:			





Domain	Initial Rating	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Professional Development Options	Professional Development Selected
Adult Students (3) if the student is at least 18 years of age, involvement in the student's transition and future by the student's parents and other persons, if the parent or other person: (A) is invited to participate by the student or the school district in which the student is enrolled; or (B) has the student's consent to participate pursuant to a supported decision-making agreement under Chapter 1357, Estates Code	 □ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge 				 <u>Student-Centered Transition Planning</u> <u>Helping Students with Disabilities Plan for</u> <u>Post-High School Settings</u> 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:
Postsecondary Education (4) appropriate postsecondary education options, including preparation for postsecondary-level coursework	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge				 <u>Student-Centered Transition Planning</u> <u>Helping Students with Disabilities Plan for</u> <u>Post-High School Settings</u> <u>Guiding Principles</u> 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:
Functional Vocational Evaluation (5) an appropriate functional vocational evaluation	 □ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge 				 <u>Student-Centered Transition Planning</u> <u>Transition Assessment: The Big Picture</u> <u>Guiding Principles</u> 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:





Domain	Initial Rating	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Professional Development Options	Professional Development Selected
Employment (6) appropriate employment goals and objectives	 □ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge 				 Pathways to Employment Enhancing Employment Outcomes Work-Based Learning 101 The Power of Early Work Experiences Connecting with Employers and Families Work-Based Learning 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:
Age-Appropriate Adult Environments (7) if the student is at least 18 years of age, the availability of age-appropriate instructional environments, including community settings or environments that prepare the student for postsecondary education or training, competitive integrated employment, or independent living, in coordination with the student's transition goals and objectives	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge				 Student-Centered Transition Planning Helping Students with Disabilities Plan for Post-High School Settings Pathways to Community Life 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:
Independent Living (8) appropriate independent living goals and objectives	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge				 <u>Student-Centered Transition Planning</u> <u>Helping Students with Disabilities Plan for</u> <u>Post-High School Settings</u> <u>Pathways to Community Life</u> 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:





Domain	Initial Rating	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Professional Development Options	Professional Development Selected
Agency Facilitation (9) appropriate circumstances for facilitating a referral of a student or the student's parents to a governmental agency for services or public benefits, including a referral to a governmental agency to place the student on a waiting list for public benefits available to the student, such as a waiver program established under Section 1915(c), Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396n(c))	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge				 Interagency Collaboration Interagency Collaboration: The Groundwork Developing Strong Partnerships 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:
Self-Determination and Supported Decision-Making (10) the use and availability of appropriate: (A) supplementary aids, services, curricula, and other opportunities to assist the student in developing decision-making skills; and (B) supports and services to foster the student's independence and self0determination, including a supported decision-making agreement under Chapter 1357, Estates Code	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge				Pathways to Self-Determination The Essentials of Self-Determination Instruction in Self-Advocacy	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:





Domain	Initial Rating	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Professional Development Options	Professional Development Selected			
Interagency Collaboration An individual designated in this role must provide information and resources for interagency coordination to ensure that local school staff communicate and collaborate with: students receiving special education services and their parents, and as appropriate, local and regional staff of the: Health and Human Services Commission, Texas Workforce Commission, Department of State Health Services, and Department of Family and Protective Services. TEC §29.011(b)									
Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)	 □ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge 				 Interagency Collaboration Interagency Collaboration: The Groundwork 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:			
Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge				 <u>An Overview of WIOA and Pre-ETS</u> <u>The Power of Early Work Experiences</u> <u>Connecting with Employers and Families</u> <u>Developing Strong Partnerships</u> <u>Work-Based Learning</u> <u>Instruction in Self-Advocacy</u> 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:			





Domain	Initial Rating	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Professional Development Options	Professional Development Selected
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	 □ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge 				Developing Strong Partnerships Work-Based Learning Instruction in Self-Advocacy	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:
Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)	□ No Knowledge □ Limited Knowledge □ Moderate Knowledge □ Extensive Knowledge				 Interagency Collaboration Interagency Collaboration: The Groundwork Pathways to Community Life 	Title/Hours: Title/Hours: Title/Hours:

