Teacher Incentive Allotment: Overview

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The TIA is a program created by the Texas Legislature as part of House Bill 3 to provide increased compensation for our most effective teachers and to help attract and retain highly effective teachers at traditionally hard-to-staff schools. TIA will help us to identify top teachers here in Brazosport by looking at a variety of measures of instructional excellence, including student learning and classroom observations. When looked at in combination, these measures will help recognize and reward highly effective teachers, some of whom will be eligible for increased compensation. The exact amount available to each teacher is dependent on a formula determined at the state level, which also takes into account the number of students who are economically disadvantaged. You can learn more at tiatexas.org.

Teacher Eligibility

The teacher must have an active, eligible SBEC teaching certificate.

- Eligible types of certification include Standard, Professional, and Provisional.
- Eligible classes include: K-12 Reading, 1-8 Math, Algebra 1, Geometry, & Algebra 2

The teacher must be coded 087 (Teacher) per the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) description of codes for 90 days at 100% of the day or 180 days required at 50-99% of the day and compensated for that employment.

TIA Designations

Teachers may receive one of three ratings based on T-TESS, Student Growth Measures, and Attendance: Recognized, Exemplary, or Master. Once district criteria has been developed, a teacher's T-TESS, Student Growth Measures, and Attendance data will be evaluated based upon the developed formula and rubric. Texas Tech University will verify the process and the validity of the data. If approved, that teacher will receive one of the three ratings listed above, along with the additional state determined compensation for that campus. Also, the designation will be placed on their teaching certificate.

A teacher's designation is valid for five years, at which time that teacher will be re-evaluated. Based on performance during the 5-year designation, a teacher can be recommended for a higher designation but not a lower designation.

District Designations

The local school district will use teacher observations and student growth measures for evaluating the overall impact of the teacher evaluation.