

Dyslexia Handbook 2021 Update Training and Communication Requirement

Required action stemming from the October 1, 2021, letter to TEA from the United States Department of Education (USED) Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) required TEA to develop a communication and training plan to ensure that LEAs are informed of the Dyslexia Handbook 2021 Update, which went into effect on February 10, 2022.

As part of the plan TEA was required to submit to OSEP by August 31, 2022, all LEAs must provide an assurance through the Legal Framework that at least one staff member has attended the agency-developed training titled Texas Dyslexia Academy 2 (TDA 2): The Dyslexia Handbook 2021 Update by August 31, 2022. This requirement ensures that each LEA in the state is aware of and has at least one trained staff member who can support local dissemination and implementation of the updated handbook requirements. TDA 2: The Dyslexia Handbook 2021 Update training is offered through each regional education service center (ESC).

Additionally, by June 1, 2022 LEAs must provide an assurance through the Legal Framework that they have placed a link to this TEA document in both English and Spanish on their local public-facing website and have updated all websites, materials, static resources, and information available to parents and staff to reflect the Dyslexia Handbook 2021 Update.