

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Student Attendance Accounting Handbook</i>•

Senate Bill 15 (SB 15) was sent to the governor to be signed into law on September 1, 2021. Upon the governor’s signature of the bill, local educational agencies (LEAs) may receive full ADA funding for students who attend local remote learning programs at any point during the 2021-22 school year if that remote instruction meets the requirements set by SB 15. Of equal importance: No LEAs are required to offer remote instruction.

This document provides an overview of SB 15, a link to the relevant proposed *Student Attendance Accounting Handbook* language, and upcoming Texas Education Agency (TEA) supports for LEAs seeking to learn more. Please note that all guidance below is pending the

- LEAs that do not have a prior performance rating, for example, LEAs established in school years 2019-20 or 2020-21, are eligible to launch local remote learning under SB 15 but will be subject to the performance rating constraint once a rating is assigned in a future school year.
- Include at least one STAAR-assessed grade level among the grade levels for which local remote learning is offered or include a complete high school program, including each course for which an end-of-

2. *Based on student information from the current school year:*

- The student is enrolled in a school district or open-enrollment charter school.
- The student has reasonable access to in-person services at a district or school facility.
- The student has fewer than 10 unexcused absences while enrolled in local remote instruction over a six-month period.

Please note that for criteria from the current school year, in the event that a student does not meet one of the criteria partway through the school year, LEAs will still receive funding for the first



half-day of funding. Students enrolled in prekindergarten are not eligible for remote instruction ADA.

What other critical information should LEAs know about SB 15 and remote learning in Texas?

Students

Additionally, a crisis code will be added to the PEIMS that indicates if a student was served at least one day as a Full ADA-eligible Local Remote Learning Student any time in the school year.

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