



2025–2026 Innovative Course Application Instructions New

- x The Texas school district, charter school, or other organization seeking approval for a new innovative course must complete the innovative course application for new courses.
- x The new innovative course application must be completed prior to submission. Applications deemed incomplete or received after the due date will not be considered.
- x The TEA will review the applications in the order received.
- x Applications that duplicate the content of a Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) course or can reasonably be taught within an existing TEKS course will not be approved. Please refer to guidance within the application regarding specific requirements for career and technical (CTE).
- x A single application is required for each course. A course with multiple levels of the same course must have a separate application for each level. For example, an applicant may apply for approval of Latin Literature I, II, and III but will be required to submit complete applications with essential knowledge and skills that are separate and unique for each level of the course.
- x Please remember to follow these essential requirements.
 - a. The application must provide sufficient guidance for teachers to implement the course without additional information.
 - b. The essential knowledge and skills (TEKS) for the proposed innovative course(s) must be presented as student expectations and should be in the same format as the TEKS. Examples of the format, general requirement, and introduction are available in 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), [Chapters 1128 and 130](#).
 - c. The essential knowledge and skills must be:
 - x rigorous and appropriate for the subject matter and grade level of the course;
 - x measurable and observable; and
 - x clear, direct, and specific
 - d. Please note that formatting similar to that in the TEKS are built into the document. An applicant will receive an email confirmation of receipt.

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- x Expect an email receipt confirmation within five working days.



- x Submit all included recommended resources with the application to make them available for State Board of Education (SBOE) review. Best access to any online course and learning management system content must be provided. If any resources are required for the course, please include the cost.
- x Access to electronic materials
Directions for electronic access of recommended resources, including credentials, must be emailed with the application submission by Friday, September 13, 2024.
- x Digital materials (Soft copy)
Please send digital copies of recommended resources Resources.Innovative.Courses@tea.texas.gov by Friday, September 13, 2024.
- x Print materials (Hard copy)
For materials that exist in hard copy, please use the following address for submission. Please ensure any shipments can be received by TEA no later than Friday, September 13, 2024. Please also alert TEA if you have shipped any materials and the shipping method used so that the mailroom can be properly notified.
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