

Texas K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative Update

March 2024

The **TEA Cybersecurity** team hosts a **monthly** meeting for Texas Local Education Agency (LEA) **Cybersecurity Coordinators**, Education Service Center (ESC) **Cybersecurity personnel**, and other members of the community that support K12 Cybersecurity efforts. It provides content designed to assist LEAs and ESCs towards maturity in an information security program.

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Purpose of Texas K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative



Establish and mature cybersecurity support for ESCs and LEAs long-term.

Assist LEAs in prioritizing the most impactful preventions to major cyber events.

Fully funded services currently available for request :

To start request please register: [New customer form](#)

Managed Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR)

Requirement: student enrollment 15,000 or less, licenses up to 20% enrollment, 30 license min.
Once registered, request service via Managed Security Service (MSS): [MSS Portal Log In Process \(texas.gov\)](#).

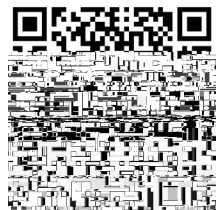
LEAs may choose between EDR vendors [CrowdStrike](#) or [SentinelOne](#).
Standard option should be most common for LEAs.

School District Cybersecurity Assessment

Requirement: First come, first served for any LEA.

Once registered, request service via MSS : [TX K-12 Cybersecurity Assessment Quick Start Guide](#)

LEAs may choose between [Basic](#), [Intermediate](#), or [Advanced](#) Cybersecurity Assessments.



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School District Cybersecurity Assessment



LEAs need an **independent** cybersecurity assessment **completed** to understand the **effectiveness** of their

School District Cybersecurity Assessment



This service focuses on the maturity of processes, gaps against standards of good practice and compliance requirements, and risks to the organization, based on the TCF.

The assessment will include interviews of key stakeholders and review of documentation.

Upcoming Funded Services



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How Does K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative Work?



1) Preparation

Now

LEAs that are interested in receiving cybersecurity services via DIR's Managed Security Service, either independently or under the K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative should begin to work with ESC and MSS vendor to complete the initial paperwork needed.

**Fill out Customer Form
and email to:**

DIRSharedServices@dir.texas.gov

2) Choose your own adventure

Select Cybersecurity Technical Controls:

LEA/ESC requests solution via MSS portal. DIR provisions licenses for LEA. MSS vendor works with ESC or LEA to schedule and assist with implementation.

Assessments:

MSS vendor conducts a virtual K-12 modified Texas Cybersecurity Framework assessment.

**Technical Assistance for Cybersecurity Initiative
Implementation:
(MSS not required)**

3) Follow-up

Select Cybersecurity Technical Controls:

TEA receives report from DIR on successful license implementation at LEA as well as threat blocking activity.

MSS vendor delivers the report to the LEA and discusses remediation recommendations.

TEA reviews aggregate reporting to prioritize remediation support to LEAs in the future.

What is the Paperwork Involved?



Register:

[New customer form](#)

Inter-Local Contract (DIR)

- Contract between DIR and LEA
- Contains general provisions pertaining to all services offered in DIR's Shared Technology Services (STS) program.

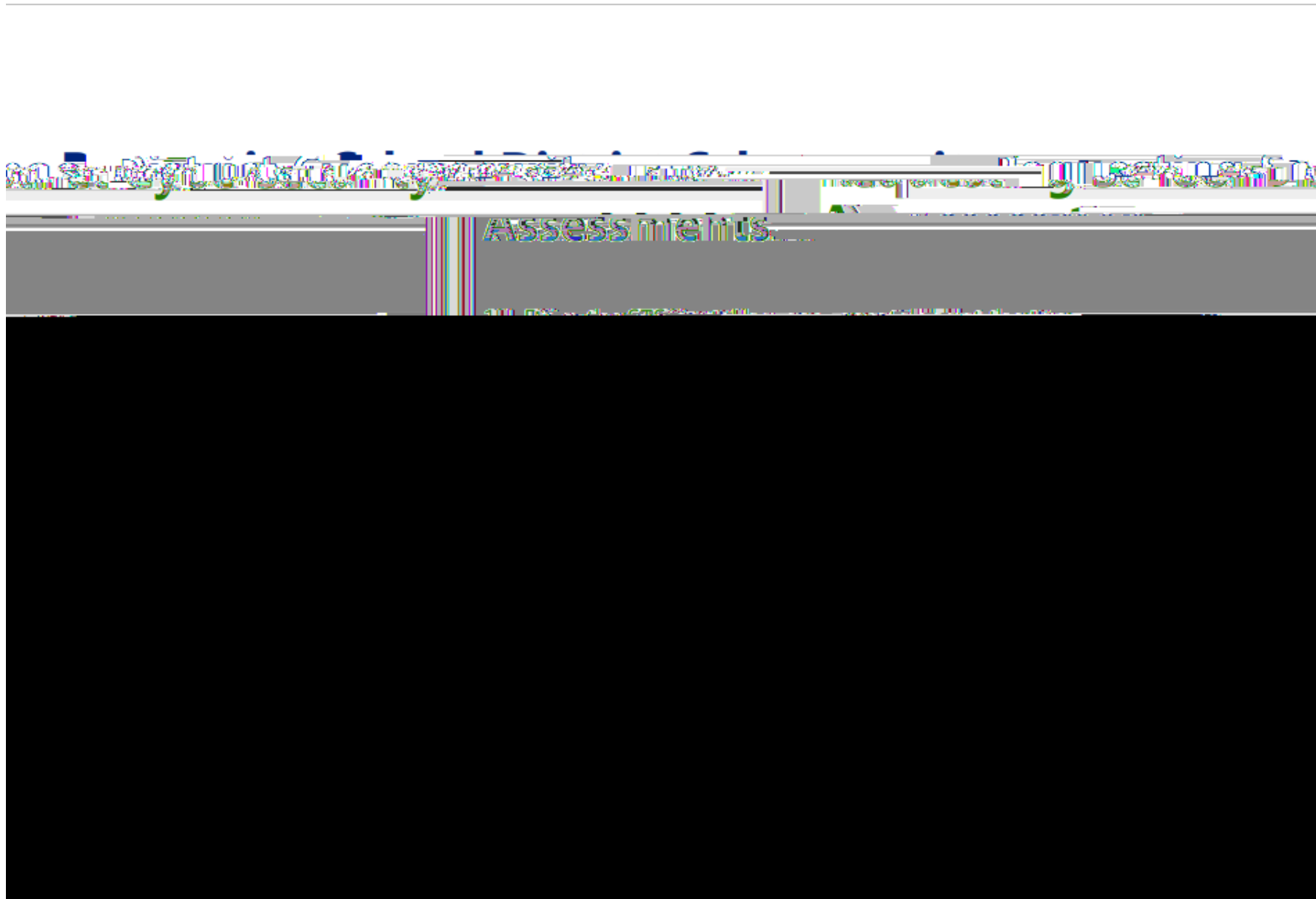
MSS Terms and Conditions (DIR)

- Terms and Conditions that pertain to the full-range of services offered within the MSS program.
- Written acceptance by the LEA to DIR

Technical Provisioning Document (TPD) (MSS Vendor)

- Service Verification Meeting: Discusses work to be done in the assessment or implementation of security controls.
- Provision stating TEA is funding these services.
- TEA Certifications and Disclaimers

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Requesting School District Cybersecurity Assessment - Cont.

1. Complete all required fields marked with an asterisk.

Submit

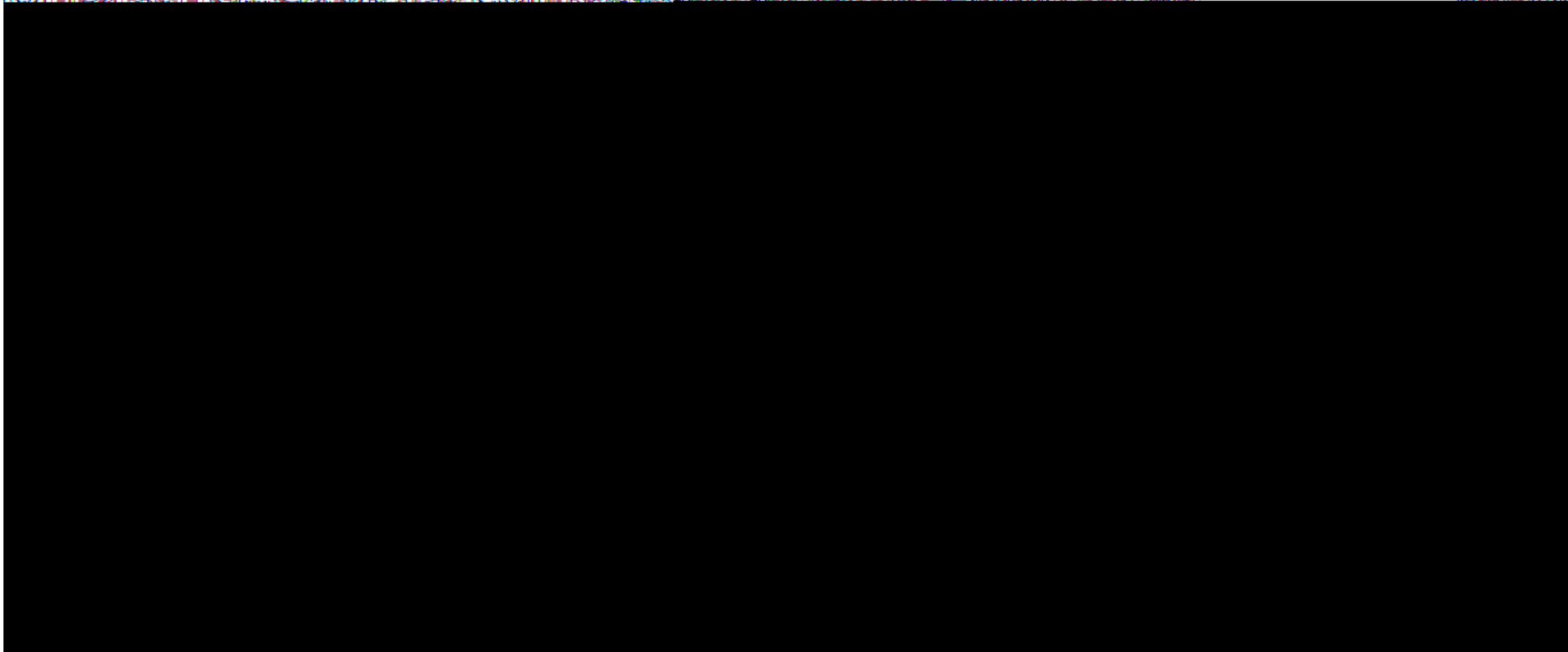
I Agree

Add to Cart Add to Wish List **Submit**

Next Steps

1. The request is sent for TEA final review and is returned to you.
2. TIS (AT & T) will contact you to verify the request and schedule a start date.

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Additional Questions or Assistance?



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