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The purpose of this guide is to provide districts with a quick reference to school district teaching permit information, including rules and best practices for district personnel. This guide also outlines the steps to submit a school district teaching permit application.

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHING PERMIT BASICS

School district teaching permits (SDTP) are governed by [Texas Education Code 21.055](#)

It allows a school district to employ an individual the district deems qualified to serve as a teacher but who does not hold a State Board for Educator Certification teaching certificate.

A school district teaching permit is valid only in the district where it is issued and remains valid unless the district issuing the permit revokes it for cause.

The SDTP is valid for classroom teaching assignments only and is **not** available for any other assignment, including:

- school counselor
- school librarian
- administrator
- any other professional assignment outside of classroom teacher; or
- special education, bilingual education, English as a second language, or PreK/PreK4 programs

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## 10. Where can I find the SDTP application?

State law requires the district to provide the commissioner with a written statement identifying the person, the courses he or she will teach, and his or her qualifications to teach the course. There are two different applications:

- [SDTP issued by authority of the local school district board of trustees to teach Noncore Academic CTE.](#)
- SDTP issued by authority of the commissioner of education to teach [any teaching assignment Other Than Noncore Academic CTE.](#)