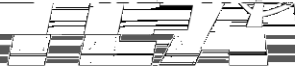


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House Bill 3706 amended TEC §29.081 to specify that a dropout recovery education program can be offered either on site at a campus or through an internet based online program. Among other provisions, online dropout recovery education programs are specifically required to:

- include as part of its curriculum credentials, certifications, and other course offerings that relates directly to employment in the state;
- provide an academic coach or local advocate for each student;
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- track the number of minutes the student is receiving instruction online.

Beginning with the 2018-2019 TSDS PEIMS summer submission, districts and charter schools will be required to report participation in the OFSDP online programs as code 11, a new code on the C182-NON-CAMPUS-BASED-INSTRUCTION CODE table, and as code 6, a new code on the C177-FLEXIBLE-ATTENDANCE-PROGRAM-TYPE-CODE table. Additionally, these calendar tracks should be reported as code 5 on the C215 INSTRUCTIONAL-PROGRAM-TYPE table.

To participate in the OFSDP, your district or charter school must submit an **annual application** notifying the Texas Education Agency (TEA) that it plans to participate. The application requires the following information: 1) implementation plan description, 2) a completed Participating Campus, Student Eligibility, and Period of Agreement Template 3) staff plans, 4) schedules, and 5) student attendance accounting security procedures and documentation.

**Please note that the district or charter school may not begin the program prior to receiving application**