



To the Administrator Addressed



DATE:	December 17, 2020
SUBJECT:	Texas Reading Academies Authorized Provider Application Process
CATEGORY:	Early Childhood Education
NEXT STEPS:	Action requested of LEA: Share with appropriate staff; Action for eligible entities: Apply to become a Reading Academies Authorized Provider

A Reading Academies Authorized Provider is an entity—educational service center (ESC), local educational agency (LEA), institute of higher learning, or other non-profit—that is formally approved by TEA to provide Reading Academies. All Reading Academy Providers must be formally authorized and approved by TEA based on a set of baseline requirements. Eligible providers include ESCs, districts and external organizations.

The agency has released a noncompetitive grant eligible to all Education Service Centers to become a Reading Academies Authorized Provider. See the [TEA Grant Opportunities](#) page for more information.

Non-ESC entities may apply to be an Authorized Provider through a competitive application process. Eligible entities may visit the Reading Practices web page to access the [application](#) on January 4, 2021, and submit a [Notice of Intent to Apply](#) to become a Non-ESC Reading Academies Authorized Provider prior to submitting the application. Entities must demonstrate capacity to execute Reading Academies at the time of application.

