

STUDENT TEACHER STIPEND PROGRAM (STSP)

WEBINAR

APRIL 9, 2026

10:00 AM



WELCOME

Introductions

Poll: Who has joined us today? Are you from:

- Local education agency
- Institution of higher education
- Current or prospective student teacher
- Other state agency
- Other not listed above



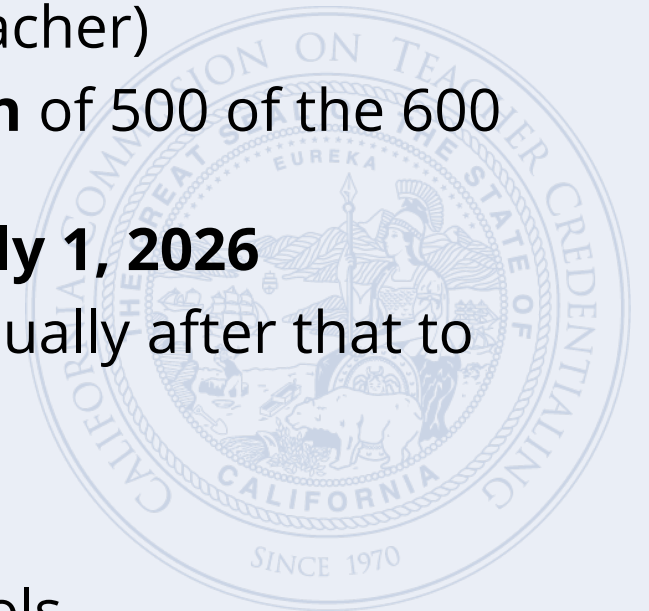
TODAY'S AGENDA

- Education Code [44400](#), [44400.01](#), [44400.02](#), and [44400.03](#)
- Role of Kern County Superintendent of Schools
- STSP compared to other state-funded grants administered by the Commission
- Student teacher eligibility
- STSP online application process: IHE/LEA partnership
- Process for awarding and disbursing grant funds
- Next steps and technical support



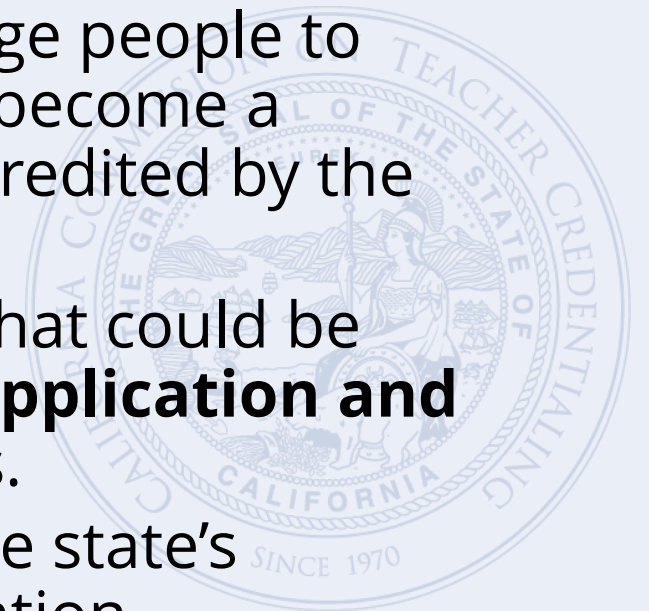
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- Establishes the Student Teacher Stipend Program
- •**\$10,000** per eligible prospective educator (student teacher)
- •To support student teachers **during their completion** of 500 of the 600 required hours of student teaching
- •\$300 M of **Prop 98** funds for three years beginning **July 1, 2026**
- •**\$100 M** for the 2026-27 academic/fiscal year, and annually after that to the extent funds are available.
 - **\$100 M** for the 2026-27 academic/fiscal year
 - **Proposition 98** funds can only be awarded to LEAs
- Partnership with Kern County Superintendent of Schools



ROLE OF KERN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS (KCSOS)

- \$6 M set aside for KCSOS to:
 - Conduct a **multi-media campaign** to encourage people to pursue a career in public school employment, become a teacher, and enroll in a credential program accredited by the Commission
 - Develop a grants management system (GMS) that could be utilized by the Commission to streamline the **application and administration** process for all grant programs.
 - Contract for an **independent evaluation** of the state's investments in educator recruitment and retention



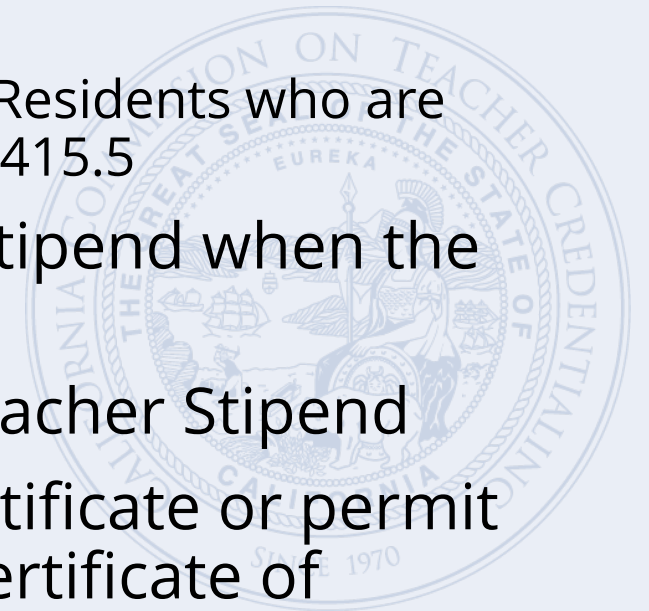
STSP COMPARED TO OTHER STATE-FUNDED GRANT PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSION

- First come, first served
- Streamlined online application process requiring **partnership** between the IHE and the LEA
- Unlike other grant programs, this program has no:
 - Request for Applications process
 - “Projections” of the number of student teachers
 - Payback or service requirement of the student teacher
 - Program administration costs



STUDENT TEACHER ELIGIBILITY

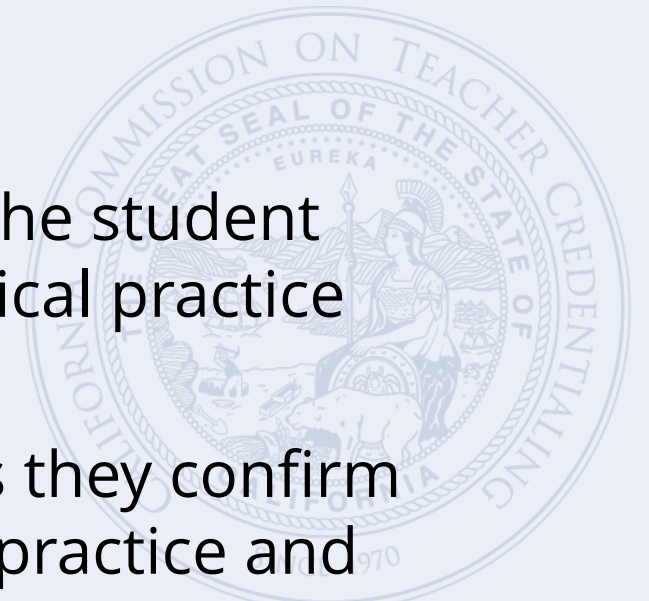
- Teacher residents in a **locally funded residency program may** be supported by the Student Teacher Stipend
 - Student Teacher Stipends **may not** be given to Teacher Residents who are participating in a grant program pursuant to Ed Code 44415.5
- Apprentices **are** eligible for the Student Teacher Stipend when the apprentice is not yet the teacher of record
- Intern teachers **are not** eligible for the Student Teacher Stipend
- Student teachers **must have** evidence of valid certificate or permit required for professional fitness review such as Certificate of Clearance (COC), substitute credential, or similar



STSP ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS: IHE/LEA PARTNERSHIP

The IHE and LEA will **each** have a role in providing information on the behalf of the student teacher.

- IHEs **start the process**, as they know who the student teachers are and when they begin their clinical practice
- LEAs **complete the application process** as they confirm student teachers have started their clinical practice and then apply for grant funds and pay the student teacher



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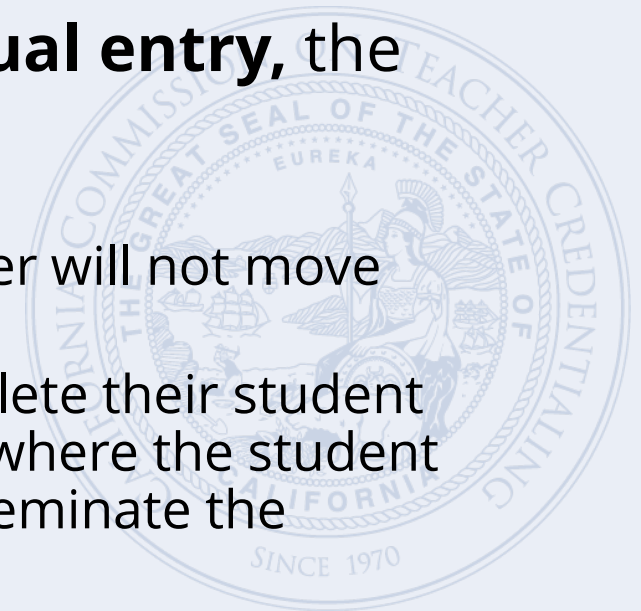
- IHEs partner with LEAs to identify eligible student teachers, coordinate clinical placements, and provide evidence of professional fitness review for stipend eligibility.
- IHEs begin the process by submitting a list of student teachers to appropriate LEAs via the IHE portal. IHEs may submit names of student teachers monthly.
- IHEs will be responsible for reporting to the Commission candidate completion of required hours and credential program.

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY

- LEAs will review student teachers submitted by IHEs, confirm that they have begun student teaching within the LEA, and will submit the application for funding to the Commission.
- LEAs will sign a Grant Award Agreement (GAA) which will be updated monthly if additional student teachers are added for the academic year.
- LEAs receive Prop 98 grant funds to provide stipends to student teachers placed within their schools for clinical practice.
- LEAs will pay the student teacher the \$10,000 stipend.
- LEAs will be responsible for reporting to the Commission confirmation of stipend payment.

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS: THE IHE'S ROLE

- **Begins** the application process
- Using either the **bulk upload** function or by **manual entry**, the IHE will provide:
 - Name of each student teacher,
 - Qualifying document number (**NOTE:** the student teacher will not move forward in the system without this number.),
 - County, District(s), School(s) LEA(s) where they will complete their student teaching including contact information (**NOTE:** The LEA where the student teacher is placed first will apply for the stipend and disseminate the stipend),
 - Credential for which they are student teaching.



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Cal State University, Fullerton – STSP 2025-26



Submit Candidate List

Add your student teacher candidates for this grant cycle. After submission, each candidate's LEA partner will receive an email notification to review and approve.

Bulk Upload

Manual Entry

IHE Point of Contact

First Name *

Jane

Last Name *

Smith

Email *

jane.smith@testschool.edu

Phone *

555-0101

Candidates

Add Candidate

Candidate 1

Remove

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CANDIDATE LOOKUP

Document Number *

e.g. 180012345

Look Up

CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

Credential Area *

Multiple Subject

CLINICAL PLACEMENT

County *

Select County...

School District *

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School *

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More than one placement

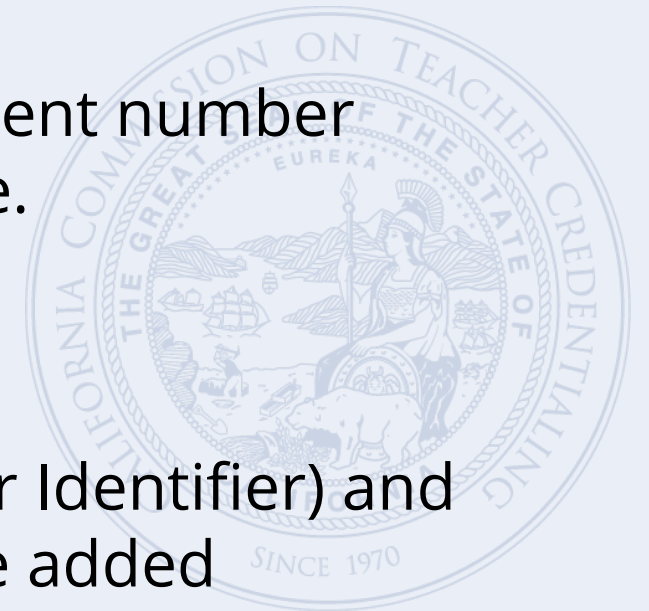
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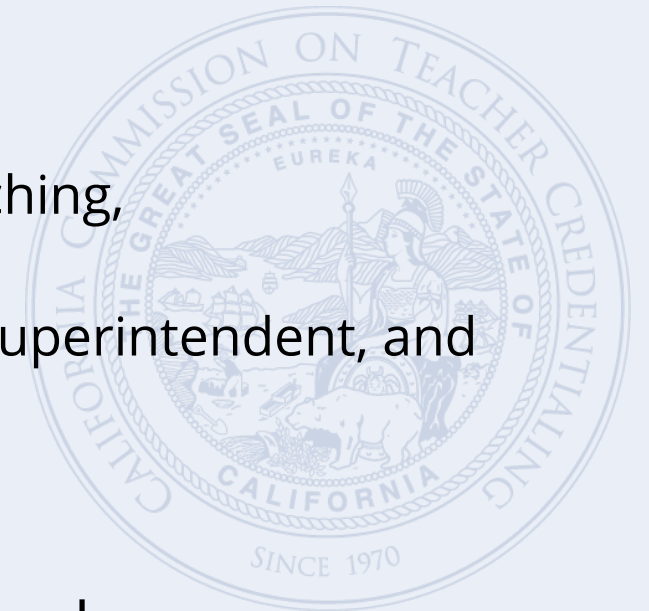
ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS: THE APPLICATION PASSES THROUGH THE COMMISSION

- Names of student teachers with qualifying document number passes through the Commission's data warehouse.
- At the Commission:
 - The student teachers' SEID (Statewide Educator Identifier) and self-identified demographic information will be added



ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS: THE LEA'S ROLE

- “Respond” to the email that states that IHE has placed student teachers at the LEA.
- Complete the application process:
 - Confirm student teachers have begun their student teaching,
 - Verify that each student teacher has a SEID.
 - Add LEA contact information into the system including superintendent, and fiscal manager,
 - Submit application to the Commission,
 - Sign the Grant Award Agreement in a timely manner.
- When grant funds are received, pay the student teacher.



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LEA Dashboard

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Action Items



Candidates Awaiting Review

You have 2 candidate(s) submitted by IHE partners awaiting your review

Due: Apr 10, 2026

→ Review Candidates

Candidate Status



56

Total Candidates

Submitted to Commission



2

Awaiting Review

Submitted by IHE partners



7

Under Review

Awaiting Commission approval



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Waitlist

Pending available funding



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Candidates

Los Angeles Unified School District

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Candidates Awaiting Review (2)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate Name	SEID	IHE Partner	Credential Area	Award Amount	Received	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carter, Ethan	SEID-CY2-IHE02	Cal State University, Fullerton	Single Subject: Mathematics	\$10,000	03/28/2026	SUBMITTED TO LEA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitchell, Grace	SEID-CY2-IHE01	Cal State University, Fullerton	Multiple Subject	\$10,000	03/26/2026	SUBMITTED TO LEA

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Return to IHE

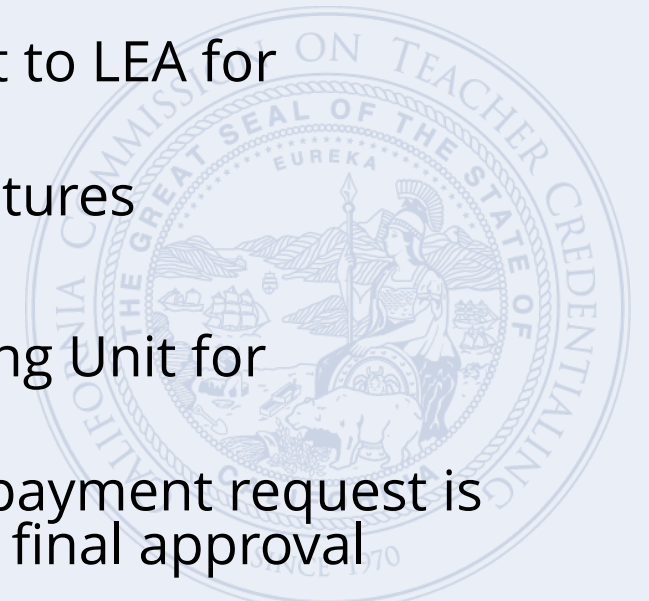
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PROCESS FOR AWARDING AND DISBURSING GRANT FUNDS

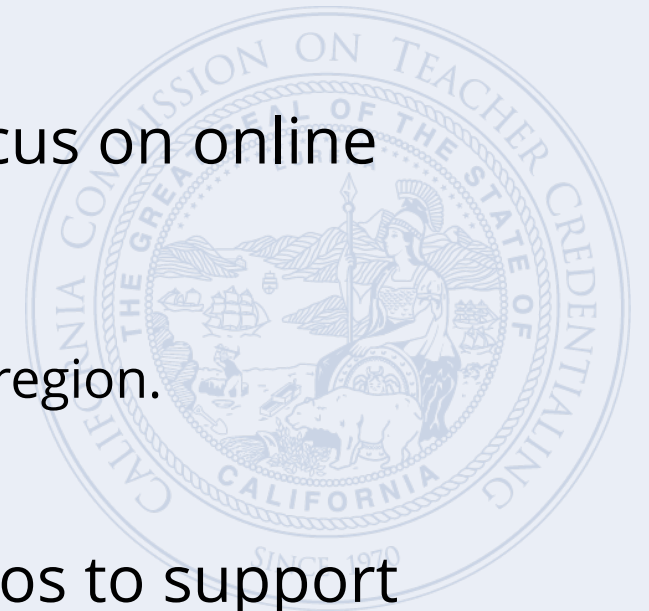
Once it is confirmed that student teachers have begun their student teaching:

- Application will go to the Commission for review
- Grant Award Agreement (GAA) will be generated and sent to LEA for signature with an STD204
- GAA returned to Commission for final approval and signatures
- Purchase Order created in Fi\$Cal and then dispatched
- Invoice is created and sent to the Commission's Accounting Unit for processing
- Once approved, Payment Authorization is created and a payment request is sent to Contracted Fiscal Service (CFS) for processing and final approval
- Finally, a request for payment is sent by CFS to State Controllers Office (SCO) to issue a check to the LEA



NEXT STEPS AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- Next webinar: **April 29, 2026, at 10:00 am**
 - This webinar will focus on the online application system
- Regional gatherings for smaller, more intimate focus on online system
 - From **1:00 to 3:00 pm** on **May 8, 15, 29 and June 5, 12**
 - Regions TBD, and you may attend a session not in your region.
- Townhall/Office hours throughout the year.
- System will have tool tips, embedded tutorial videos to support you.



Questions



MORE QUESTIONS?

Contact us!

- [Student Teacher Stipend Program](#)
 - See questions and answers on the webpage related to this grant program
- STSP@ctc.ca.gov



Thank you
for joining us today

