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

EDUCATION CODE 44400-44400.03

- 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

STSP ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS: IHE/LEA PARTNERSHIP

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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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Add Candidate

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

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Candidate 1

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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 *

Select School...

More than one placement

Submit to LEA

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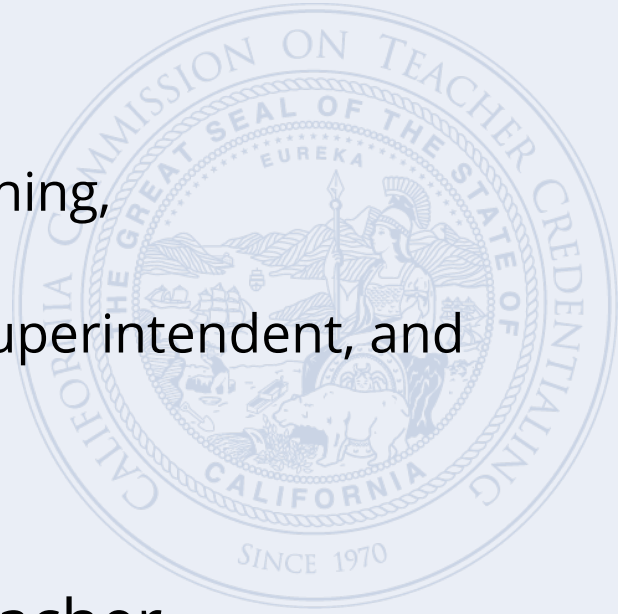
ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS: THE APPLICATION PASSES THROUGH THE COMMISSION

- 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

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	2	7	0
Total Candidates	Awaiting Review	Under Review	Waitlist
Submitted to Commission	Submitted by IHE partners	Awaiting Commission approval	Pending available funding

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Los Angeles Unified School District

Candidates Awaiting Review (2)

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Carter, Ethan	SEID-CY2-IHE02	Cal State University, Fullerton	Single Subject: Mathematics	$10,000	03/28/2026	SUBMITTED TO LEA
Mitchell, Grace	SEID-CY2-IHE01	Cal State University, Fullerton	Multiple Subject	$10,000	03/26/2026	SUBMITTED TO LEA

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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