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Create A New School As a District-Managed Campus

What Is a District-Managed New School and How Does It Work?



Create a new school designed to meet a need in the community.

The district identifies an entrepreneurial leader to participate in an intensive school design program and create a new school with a clear mission and goals, an Effective Schools Framework-aligned model including high-quality instructional materials, and new teams who are empowered to achieve success for students.

Why Create a New School?

- Introduce new options to meet the targeted needs of specific student groups
- Deliver a more diverse set of schools and programs to meet community need
- Expand district school capacity for a growing student population
- Create more space for students currently enrolled in underperforming schools

Why Choose a District-Managed New School?



Expand existing options to offer students innovative new school models or programs.



Provide an **opportunity for a strong entrepreneurial leader in your district** to design and manage a new school.



Access additional resources and funding to support new schools.



New schools have an **evidence-based track record of success** in improving outcomes.



To learn more about School Actions and your schools contact the CSA at csa@tea.texas.gov

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How to Plan and Implement this Action Type

1) Identify the Need

- ❑ Create a communications and engagement plan
- ❑ **Engage with families and students to understand what families want and need in a new school**

2) Choose a Leader

- ❑ **Consider high-performing entrepreneurial school leaders in your district and select a leader for the new school**
- ❑ Ensure release time is available for the leader to participate in the new school design fellowship during the planning year

3) Create a Plan

- ❑ **Through the new school design fellowship, design a new school that is ESF-aligned, including high-quality instructional materials, and offers extended learning time**
- ❑ Plan for the operation of the new school including the school's facility (may be in an existing facility) and budget
- ❑ Finalize school design plan after TEA feedback and approval

4) Launch School

- ❑ School leader and staff begin student recruitment and professional development
- ❑ If applicable, apply for School Action Fund Continuation Funding
- ❑ **New school opens! The school can open in a new or existing facility**

School Actions in Practice: Lubbock ISD

Lubbock's annual analysis of schools and community needs demonstrated demand for additional STEM-focused middle school options. The district had the the vision, capacity, and leadership to manage a new school, utilizing support from STEM program experts. McCool Academy opened in August 2020.

