

State Compensatory Education (SCE)

Purpose:

State Compensatory Education (SCE) is a program designed to supplement the regular education program by providing compensatory, intensive, or accelerated instruction for students identified as at risk of dropping out of school. Students become eligible for the program when they qualify for one or more of the state's 15 criteria under Section 29.081 of the Texas Education Code (TEC).

Goal:

The SCE Program aims to provide challenging and meaningful instruction to improve and increase the academic achievement of students through direct instructional services. It seeks to reduce disparities in performance on assessment instruments, close the gap in high school completion rates, and reduce the dropout rate between at-risk students and all other students in the district.

Use of Funds:

State compensatory education funds must be used to provide support programs and/or services that supplement the regular education program (foundation curriculum) so that students at risk of dropping out of school can succeed in school. Any program activity, program personnel, or program materials required by federal law, state law, or State Board of Education rule may not be funded through the SCE fund source.

Statutes and Correspondence:

- **Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.0217:** Relates to satisfactory performance on state assessment instruments and providing accelerated instruction to certain students.
- **TEC, §29.081:** Defines the purpose of the SCE program and the statutory criteria for determining if a student is at risk of dropping out of high school.
- **TEC, §29.089:** Allows school districts and charter schools to fund mentoring programs with SCE funds.
- **TEC, §48.104:** Provides the method for TEA to calculate school district and charter school allotments and establishes certain additional uses for SCE funds.

- **19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §61.1027:** Relates to the eligible student count for the compensatory education allotment.

Resources:

- State Compensatory Education Program Manual 2024-2025
- SCE At-Risk Eligibility Criteria
- [TEA State Compensatory Education site](#)