

DATE Grant FAQ's

1.) If there are teachers who teach more than one grade level, do they also have to select a grade for tutoring, or is it only for those that fall under the 40%?

Part I (60%)--- Teachers should teach a TAKS-tested subject for at least four hours during a regular school day.

Part II (40%)--- Teachers who do not teach a TAKS-tested subject and who do not administer TAKS assessment will be included in Part II, Section A. Teachers in Part II, Section A, must choose a grade-level to tutor two hours a day for a twelve-week period.

2.) If a teacher teaches a subject that is not being tested (for example, 6th grade Social Studies), does he/she have to also sign the tutoring form or does she automatically fall under your grade level?

Yes, the teacher must sign the tutoring form since he/she is not teaching a TAKS-tested subject..

3.) Are there any exceptions to the 96% attendance rate requirement for the D.A.T.E. grant?

Employee attendance must reflect at least 96% for the 2009-2010 school year in order for participants to be eligible to receive any incentive pay for Part II, Section B. Extenuating circumstances such as serious health issues (i.e., personal and/or immediate family only) with accompanying documentation from physician(s) and/ or death in immediate family may be considered.

4.) We have 2 new employees. One is a new 5th grade teacher (hired last week) and the other is an Interventionist (hired about 2 weeks ago. Will they qualify for the DATE GRANT? If so, what about their attendance? Will they be allowed to miss 8 days or less?

Teachers who are certified by August 2010 are eligible to participate in the award plan.

The 96% attendance rate will be calculated based on the teacher's entry date of employment.

5.) If a teacher teaches two grade levels, (for example, an ELA or Math teacher who teaches both 6th and 7th grade) does the teacher need to pick the grade they want to be aligned with before January 29th?

The certified teacher must choose the TAKS-tested subject he/she teaches at least four hours during a regular school day.

6.) Will directors be added to the grant if the amendment is granted?

Yes, the director serves in the same capacity as the principal.

7.) If an ABU (alternative behavior unit) teacher teaches two grade levels---4th and 5th, does teacher qualify under Part I or Part II of the grant?

The certified teacher qualifies under Part I of the grant if she or he teaches a TAKS-tested subject for a least four hours during a regular school day.

The certified teacher qualifies under Part II, Section A if she/he does not teach a TAKS-tested for at least four hours during a regular school day.