

Questions from Tech Plan & STaR Chart Webinar: July 14, 2009

Q: Does the STaR Chart apply to private schools? Are we eligible to use this?

A: Private schools normally do not take the survey on line. You must have a TEA county/district number; most private schools take the STaR Chart online; you can take the survey with paper, the old fashioned way.

Q: We do have a TEA number because we are accredited. Would we still do it on paper? If so, where would we get the survey?

A: tell me your ID number and I will see if you are in the system.

Q: Just to clarify, the certification page must be submitted to TEA even for annual updates, correct?

A: No, you do not need a certification page for an "Updated Plan"; only for new plans for approval! Thanks for your question.

Q: Is the percentage for professional development 25% or 30%?

A: Title II, Part D requires 25% be spent on professional development.

Q: Ok thank you. How do we know if we got approval?

A: The plan builder gets an e-mail from the webmaster; the person on the intro page.

Q: If you have already submitted a plan for approval do you still have to submit a certification page?

A: Yes, the page must be on file; the ESC will review; however, TEA will not look at the plan for final approval; what is the best way to check to see if we received the page from your school.

Q: Has TEA set the deadlines yet for the NCLB information completion?

A: TEA has not shared any of the 2009-2010 NCLB deadlines; the deadline for 2008-2009 was June 30.

Q: Will webinar's be available for later viewing?

A: Yes, from August 1 through August 31. We will send a listserv with the details later. Thank you.

Q: Who is the tech plan contact for region 13?

A: Bob Avant is the contact at Region 13.

Q: If a technology plan has been approved for 3 years can I still make changes on a yearly basis and do I have to submit a new plan if changes are made?

A: TEA requires a yearly "update" that should be submitted by June 30 each year (Campus STaR Charts must be complete by June 30). You can only make minor changes to an update; any major changes require a new plan and new approval. (an updated plan requires approval). Thanks

Q: Do you have to list the transport method (T-1 or CSME, etc) in the Tech Plan or can you just list Bandwidth, etc?

A: It's best to use inclusive language ie: Broadband Access to the Internet – T1 or better and faster as needed at the time of purchase.

Q: Do you know who I contact at Region 7 to become a Technology Reviewer?

A: The contact at Region 7 is Penni Munroe pmunroe@esc7.net

Q: I am a New Technology Director. I have a Plan Approval Certificate that has a expiration date of June 30, 2010. Is that good for this year... ? When do i need to write a new one ?

A: Congratulations! Yes, your plan is good for year 12; you may begin working on your plan now....and submit the plan by March 31, 2010 so that the plan has time to get reviewed and sent to TEA for final approval. Thanks for your question.

Q: When we submit an update, do we need to update the budget for all the years covered by the plan (the current year and previous year)?

A: All years budgets need to be accurate. Make all edits that reflect the correct numbers.