

DTR Eligibility

Round 1 (Teachers who have 2025-2026 TEI data)	Round 2 (Teachers who have no 2025-2026 data or are new to Dallas ISD)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be in at least 3rd year of service • Earn a minimum score of 80 on their 2025-2026 summative appraisal • earn at least 50% of possible combined points for Student Achievement and Student Experience on the 2025-2026 TEI Scorecard; and, • Receive a 2025-2026 TEI Evaluation score within top 30% of scores in their category 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be in at least 3rd year of service • Earn a minimum score of 80 on their 2026-2027 summative appraisal (Jan. 15, 2027) • In order to remain eligible, Round 2 teachers must also earn at least 50% of possible combined points at end of year for Student Achievement and Student Experience

Updated DTR Application Workshops Are Now Available

There are multiple opportunities this **fall (September – October)** to learn more about the DTR Process in DTR Application Workshops. **TEI recommends attending one or more workshops prior to completing the DTR Application, *even if you have attended in the past.*** Both Round 1 and Round 2 applicants can attend a workshop in the fall. These workshops are also available for all teachers who want to improve their scorecards to be eligible for DTR. All workshops have been updated this year to provide the best support for teachers who are applying for DTR. *Dates and times are available in Cornerstone.*

DTR Application Informational Workshop

- TEI Led
- In-depth understanding of the DTR Process
- Review the DTR Rubric

DTR Application Writing Workshop

- TEI Led
- In-depth review of the DTR Rubric
- Collaboration on DTR Application

DTR Application with DTR Ambassadors

- DTR Ambassador Led
- In-depth review of the DTR Rubric
- Collaboration on DTR Application

*Recommended for first-time applicants
or novice teachers*

Using the DTR Rubric as a Growth Tool

- TEI-Led
- Using the TEI Evaluation system and self-reflection to develop DTR Experiences
- Build a Professional Portfolio
- Using a Growth Mindset to improve your TEI Scorecard

DTR: Maximizing Your Student Growth

- TEI-Led
- In-depth understanding of “significance” on the DTR Rubric
- Create an Action Plan for collecting and analyzing data for significance

DTR Informational Video

- Available online
- Define DTR (Distinguished Teacher Review)
- Brief Overview of the DTR Process
- How to Apply for DTR
- Short Online Video

2026-2027 DTR Ambassadors

TEI is proud to introduce the 2026-2027 DTR Ambassador Cohort. DTR Ambassadors are Current Distinguished teachers selected by TEI to provide one-to-one virtual support to teachers throughout the district. Ambassadors’ biographies, contact information, and Writing Workshop dates are available on the TEI Website.

2026-2027 DTR Toolkit

The DTR Toolkit provides all the information about DTR in ONE resource.

Upcoming Distinguished Teacher Review Dates

Date	Task	Round One Action	Round 2 Action
Tues., Sept. 15	2025-2026 DTR Scorecards are available via email.	Decide: 1. Take no action and carry over points on 2026-2027 TEI Scorecard* or 2. Submit a 2026-2027 DTR Application	None
Thurs., Sept 24	2026-2027 DTR Application Portal Opens for Round One	Begin submission process	None
Mon., Nov. 2	2026-2027 DTR Application Opt-In Task Opens in Cornerstone for Round Two		
Thurs., Nov. 5	2026-2027 DTR Application Portal Closes for Round One	Submit Application	None
Fri., Nov 13	2025-2026 DTR Application Opt-In Task Closes in Cornerstone for Round Two	None	Complete Task in Cornerstone

When Am I Required to Reapply for DTR?

*Teachers may continue to apply DTR points up to three times before re-applying if DTR eligibility is maintained.

See the table below:

Application Year	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
2023-2024	Applied (1)	Optional Carryover (2)	Optional Carryover (3)	Application Required			
2024-2025		Applied (1)	Optional Carryover (2)	Optional Carryover (3)	Application Required		
2025-2026			Applied (1)	Optional Carryover (2)	Optional Carryover (3)	Application Required	
2026-2027				Applied (1)	Optional Carryover (2)	Optional Carryover (3)	Application Required