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To People interested in School Health Programs and School Health issues:

The Texas School Health Advisory Committee (TSHAC) was created by Texas Health and Safety Code, [Section 1001.0711](#). TSHAC advises the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in its support for and delivery of coordinated school health programs and school health services. TSHAC seeks input from stakeholders on these issues and produces recommendations to DSHS on school health best practices and resources for school policy makers.

DSHS is currently accepting applications for membership on TSHAC for the following position (s):

- Parent of a school-age child currently enrolled in a Texas school (*1 vacancy*)
- Parent of a school-age child with special health care needs currently enrolled in a Texas school (*1 vacancy*)
- Representative from an organization or agency involved with the health of school children (*3 vacancies*)
- Medical professional (practicing physician, practicing physician assistant, or practicing nurse practitioner) that provides health services to school-age children (*1 vacancy*)
- Person working in a school as a certified health educator (*1 vacancy*)

The DSHS commissioner will appoint a member to the TSHAC to serve a four-year term ending July 31, 2030.

The TSHAC will include key stakeholders as determined by the DSHS commissioner. To view the full composition of TSHAC, please see the [Texas School Health Advisory Committee website](#).

A member must regularly participate in TSHAC meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects, and presentations. Meetings will be held in Austin at least twice a year or at the call of the presiding officer. Virtual attendance at TSHAC meetings is allowed. Reimbursement for travel expenses to and from meetings is permitted when funds are available.

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If you would like to serve on the TSHAC, please complete and return the [linked application](#) no later than **11:59 p.m., March 13, 2026**. Please electronically submit the application and supporting documents (e.g., resumé and recommendation letters) online.

Email:

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Subject: Texas School Health Advisory Committee Member Application

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DSHS will notify applicants if they have been selected to serve as a member by July 2026.

For more information about TSHAC visit the TSHAC website at, [Texas School Health Advisory Committee](#) or contact Raiza Ruiz at [SchoolHealth@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:SchoolHealth@dshs.texas.gov).