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

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

The Commissioner of DSHS is currently accepting applications for membership on the Texas School Health Advisory Committee for the following positions. Unless otherwise specified, the DSHS commissioner will appoint members to the committee to serve a term of four years ending July 31, 2028:

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

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

A committee member must regularly participate in advisory committee meetings and may also have to participate in subcommittee meetings, projects, and presentations. Committee meetings will be in Austin held at least twice a year or at the call of the presiding officer. Virtual attendance at advisory committee meetings is allowed. To the extent permitted by the current state budget, a member of the

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Texas School Health Advisory Committee who is in the parent category may be repaid for their travel expenses to and from meetings. Other committee members are not paid to attend or travel to and from committee meetings.

If you would like to apply to serve on the committee, please complete and return the attached application no later than **March 15, 2024**. It is preferred that you submit your application electronically, but you may submit the application by email, mail, or fax.

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Subject: Texas School Health Advisory Committee Member Application

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DSHS will notify applicants of their application status by July 2024.

In selecting members to serve on the committee, DSHS considers the applicants' qualifications, background, and interest in serving on the committee. DSHS also tries to choose committee members who, as a whole, represent the diversity of all Texans. For that reason, DSHS considers applicants' ethnicity, gender, and geographic location.

For more information about the committee, [visit the committee website](https://www.dshs.texas.gov/school-health) or contact Dianna Pierson at SchoolHealth@dshs.texas.gov.