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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:

- Parents of a school-age child currently enrolled in a Texas school. *Two positions*
- A person who works in school nutrition services in a school setting.
- A person working in a school as a physical educator or physical education administrator with certification as a physical educator.
- Person working in a school as a school counselor with certification as a school counselor.
- School professionals (superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or school district board member). *Two positions, one with a four-year term, one with a term ending July 31, 2024.*

The DSHS commissioner will appoint members to the committee to serve a term of four years, unless otherwise specified. 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

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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 Texas School Health Advisory Committee who is in the parent category may be repaid for their travel expenses to and from meetings, if funds are available. 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 the application](#) no later than **March 10, 2023**. A paper copy is available upon request. It is preferred that you submit your application electronically, but you may submit the paper 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 August 2023.

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](#) or contact Raiza Ruiz at SchoolHealth@dshs.texas.gov.