



2025 - 2026 "BEST PRACTICE AWARD"

INSTRUCTIONS & CRITERIA

Application

\$500 TAAE AWARD for "Best Practices" in Texas Alternative Schools"

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: RECEIVED by TAAE by May 15, 2026

This TAAE sponsored contest will focus on established classroom practices presently being utilized in an alternative school, DAEP, AEP, JJAEP, charter school or School of Choice setting. This is a "Best Practice Award" for alternative schools that is designed to spotlight practices implemented in an alternative classroom settings. The purpose of the award is to generate ideas and share outcomes regarding alternative classroom practices that are working throughout Texas. It is the desire of TAAE to recognize "outstanding and promising classroom practices" at our annual conference each year and disseminate those ideas to our TAAE members through our newsletter as a learning tool. Up to two submissions will be selected for a \$500 cash award for each school. Awards will be granted directly to teachers or to a school, depending on the best practice's scope of impact, and will be posted on the TAAE website for review.

Instructions

To be considered for the [TAAE Best Practice Award](#), answer the following questions on a separate paper. Attach this form to your submission and return to TAAE by May 15, 2026.

- Title of Best Practice
- What areas does the Best Practice impact? (Math, reading, special education, school climate, and staff development are some examples.)
- Description of the problem or research that motivated its implementation. (This is done with a bulleted list or paragraph format.)
What is the history of the program/project. Here are some questions to consider:
 - How did the program get started?
 - What was the need?
 - What was the focus?
 - What population did you address? Why?
- Procedure or process of implementation. (Again, this is descriptive; either bulleted or paragraph format.)
 - Who or what was instrumental in design and implementation?
 - How did your best practice take shape? (Materials used/needed?)
- Report results. This is specific to the impacted area. Listing of AEIS results if used to evaluate the practice.
Must be highly descriptive:
 - How were students needs met? How was the goal achieved ?
 - What was it like before the program was implemented?
 - What was it like after the program was implemented?
 - Include data. (Share data with us that shows student progress, academic gain, behavioral change, etc.) Any other evaluative criteria used? What did it show? Survey results, etc.

School/Program Name: _____

School Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone:(____) _____ School Fax:(____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

School District: _____

Person, District, or Affiliate Making Nomination: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone:(____) _____ Cell Phone:(____) _____

RETURN FORM AND ADDITIONAL PAGES TO: TAAE Headquarters, TAAE Best Practice Award
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