

Sole Source Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that Responsive Learning is the sole provider of PDAS Teacher Orientation Training Online.

In May, 2009, Responsive Learning entered into a contract with Region XIII Education Service Center to fund, develop, host, and provide back-end technical support for an online training version of the Texas Teacher Orientation to the Professional Development Appraisal System (PDAS).

The online version of the PDAS Orientation follows a blended model of training that includes face-to-face learning with the online course modules and resources. It includes a 1 hour module which each campus principal or designee will facilitate, combining face-to-face discussion and reflection with online content, tools, and resources that will allow for campus-based sessions to provide teachers with the opportunity to actively participate in a discussion of PDAS specifics and to have their questions answered.

This online version of the course is aligned with the requirements and regulations established by the Texas Education Code and the Commissioner's Rules, and integrates existing resources, including the TEA video. It also includes interactive activities and tracked quiz results per module along with a final assessment for the course. These results will be immediately available to school and district administrators via online reports that are downloadable in a variety of formats.

PDAS Teacher Orientation Training may still be delivered by school districts in a number of ways, including traditional face-to-face instruction by District personnel or through an agreement with the District's Regional Education Service Center to provide the training. However, there is no other provider of an electronic, online version of PDAS Teacher Orientation Training.

If you need any additional information, or have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Kay Karr, President Responsive Learning