



Eligibility

2009-2010

- A. Students eligible to participate in the Vision 2020 grant must attend a minimum of four class periods per day on campus.
- B. Full-time students who are Homebound who meet all other criteria are eligible to participate in the Vision 2020 grant by receiving a laptop.
- C. Students ineligible to participate in the Vision 2020 grant by receiving a laptop include students receiving special education services who have the most significant cognitive disabilities and are unable to participate in the other statewide assessments even with substantial accommodations and/or modifications are assessed with TAKS-Alt. Admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committees may decide that a student's knowledge and skills can best be assessed with TAKS-Alt if the student meets all of the following participation criteria. The student:
- requires support to access the general curriculum that may include assistance involving communication, response style, physical access, or daily living skills;
 - requires direct, intensive, individualized instruction in a variety of settings to accomplish the acquisition, maintenance and generalization of skills;
 - accesses and participate in the grade-level Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) through activities that focus on prerequisite skills;
 - demonstrates knowledge and skills routinely in class by methods other than paper-and-pencil tasks; and
 - demonstrates performance objectives that may include real-life applications of the grade-level TEKS as appropriate to the student's abilities and needs.
- D. Students who are temporarily assigned to DAEP and are currently assigned a laptop will leave their laptop at the high school campus where it will be reserved for them and will be re-issued to them when they return from DAEP; DAEP students will receive instruction according to the DAEP curriculum.
- E. Other situations that arise will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Vision 2020 Leadership Team.

Computer Use Fee Waiver

Despite the fact that Vision 2020 is an optional program, the goal of Gladewater ISD is that all eligible students will participate. While the grant funds cover a large portion of the project, they do not come close to covering all expenses. The district has committed local funding to supplement the grant funds. The \$60 Computer Use Fee is a fair and inexpensive cost for the 24/7 use of a computer for the school year. The fee will help the district cover ongoing maintenance and support costs to the program, as well as encourage student and parent commitment. However, the \$60 Computer Use Fee may prevent some students from participating. The district does not want any student left out because of a financial hardship. If you experience a financial hardship, please make an appointment to visit with Gay Lewis at the Gladewater ISD Administration office to arrange a payout plan, reduce the fee, or waive the fee. This decision must be approved by the August 20 deadline for the student to be eligible to receive their laptop on the initial laptop rollout date.