

FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES WITH TEFA FUNDS

YOU CAN PAY FOR A TUTOR WITH YOUR TEFA VOUCHER. ONLY A CERTIFIED ONE.

466 tutoring vendors are on the state's list; 106 say "TEFA" on their own website. One rule decides whether the account pays: Odyssey says tutors must hold an active Texas teaching certificate. If the tutor doesn't, the order you place in Odyssey gets cancelled.

★ READ TO THE END →

The last box on page 2:

the three reasons a tutoring order gets cancelled in Odyssey, and what to do about each one, so you don't book a session the account won't pay for.

WHAT TEFA PAYS FOR

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| ✓ One-on-one or small-group tutoring from a listed vendor | ✗ A tutor without an active Texas teaching certificate, even at a listed company |
| ✓ Online tutoring, anywhere in Texas (172 vendors are tagged online) | ✗ Sessions paid through the vendor's own checkout instead of the marketplace |
| ✓ Math, reading, dyslexia intervention, test prep | ✗ Coaching or enrichment described as tutoring but not on the list |

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

A TUTOR ONLINE, ANY SUBJECT

You want sessions on a laptop, anywhere in Texas, from a company already doing TEFA.
Red Comet (math, reading, dyslexia; from about \$30; says TEFA and Odyssey; certified tutors)
Fast Lane Learning (Austin and online; says both)
Jyoling (online; says both).

MATH, EVERY WEEK

Your kid is behind in math.
Root + Rise Math (\$332 to \$684 a month, Leander, certified teacher, says TEFA).
Mathnasium centers in Castle Hills, South Shore, El Paso, and Humble say TEFA too; ask about the certificate.

READING AND DYSLLEXIA

Your kid is struggling to read.
Red Comet
Evergrow Language and Literacy (Spring)
I Just Want To Read! (Henderson)
Ahava Learning (Houston).
All say TEFA and say their tutors are certified.

SAT, ACT, OR PSAT PREP

Jyoling (online)
The Pierce Institute (Fort Worth; says TEFA and Odyssey).

Not the only ones: 466 are on the list, 106 say TEFA. These fit each situation and state a certificate; the full list by city is online.

Before the first session:

tutor's name checked at TEA, vendor on the state's list, session ordered through the marketplace. Page 2 walks you through all three.

FROM HERE TO THE FIRST SESSION, THIS WEEK

Four steps, minutes each, and the session gets paid by TEFA instead of by you.

1. PICK FROM WHERE YOU ARE

Every name here says TEFA on its own site. The full 466, by city and subject, is online.

Where you are	Already taking TEFA
Online, anywhere in Texas	Red Comet (math, reading, dyslexia; says Odyssey; certified stated) · Fast Lane Learning (math, reading; says Odyssey) · Jyoling (test prep; says Odyssey) · Numbercents
Houston	Ahava Learning · Evergrow Language and Literacy (Spring; reading) · Khalil Ventures (West Houston) · Mathnasium (7 centers)
Dallas and Fort Worth	Lossing Mathclub (Allen, Frisco; math) · The Pierce Institute (Fort Worth; test prep; says Odyssey) · Khalil Ventures (Lake Highlands) · Mathnasium (5 centers)
Austin	Root + Rise Math (Leander; math; says Odyssey; certified teacher) · Khalil Ventures (4 centers) · Mathnasium (3 centers)
San Antonio	Confident Minds Academy (math, reading, dyslexia) · LearningRx (2 centers) · Mathnasium (6 centers)
Elsewhere in Texas	26 more in El Paso, Beaumont, College Station, Texarkana and elsewhere; online table by city.

2. SEND THIS MESSAGE (COPY IT)

"Hi. My child is in [grade] and needs help with [subject]. Before we book: what is the full name of the tutor, so I can check their Texas teaching certificate at TEA? And is the session billed through the Odyssey marketplace?"

3. CHECK THE NAME AT TEA

- 1** tea.texas.gov, Educator Certification Lookup. Search the tutor's full name.
- 2** Look for "Active" and a current expiration. Screenshot it. No result means TEFA won't pay.

4. ORDER THROUGH THE MARKETPLACE, NOT THE VENDOR

- 1** In Odyssey, search the vendor's exact name and open the session listing.
- 2** Check it's the session you agreed on (subject, length, price), then order. The vendor confirms.

If the order cancels, it's one of three things:

1. The tutor isn't certified. Ask the same vendor for one who is.
2. The listing isn't approved yet. The vendor fixes it in the marketplace.
3. You paid the vendor directly. Can't be reversed; order the next one through Odyssey.

Sources: support.withodyssey.com (tutor certificate rule, purchases through the platform); finder.educationfreedom.texas.gov (466 tutoring vendors, Sept 16, 2026); vendor sites crawled Sept 17, 2026; TEA Educator Certification Lookup.