

PDQ Selected to Provide Statewide Endpoint Management for the Texas K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative

Agreement with Technology Alliance for Statewide Initiatives (TASI) brings PDQ to Texas school systems at no cost to districts, funded through the initiative.



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September 9, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- PDQ, a leading endpoint management solution for IT teams, today announced it has been selected to provide the software deployment solution for the Texas K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative, administered by the Technology Alliance for Statewide Initiatives (TASI).

This partnership with PDQ gives districts a straightforward way to strengthen their defenses using initiative funding. TASI selected PDQ through a statewide competitive process to give participating school systems — from large urban districts to small rural ones — the ability to deploy software, patch vulnerabilities, and harden endpoints against cyberattacks, including removing local administrator access and complementing existing EDR tools at scale.

“We’re proud to bring PDQ’s endpoint management experience to every school system in Texas willing to take part in this program,” said Jaren Nichols, President of PDQ. “Districts across the state — many of them running lean, one-person IT shops — will get enterprise-grade tools without a procurement barrier or a bill.”

“The state of Texas is committed to making sure every school system in Texas, regardless of size or resources, has access to real cybersecurity protection,” said Lea Castillo, Director of TASI. “This partnership with PDQ gives districts a straightforward way to strengthen their defenses at no cost to them.”

PDQ already serves more than 186 Texas K-12 customers across all 20 ESC regions, including Brownsville ISD, one of the state's largest urban districts, and Eden CISD, one of the smaller rural districts in ESC Region 15. This initiative will expand PDQ’s reach statewide through a phased onboarding plan beginning October 1, 2026, and continuing through 2027 and beyond.

School systems interested in participating should contact their regional Education Service Center

for enrollment details.

Texas K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative FAQs

What is PDQ providing through the Texas K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative?

PDQ will provide its Premium tier to participating Texas school districts. IT teams can use PDQ to deploy software, patch vulnerabilities, remove local administrator access, and deploy endpoint detection and response agents across Windows and macOS endpoints.

How much does PDQ cost participating Texas school districts?

PDQ's Premium tier is available at no cost to participating districts because access is funded through the Texas K-12 Cybersecurity Initiative. Districts should contact their regional Education Service Center to confirm enrollment requirements and any local administrative steps.

Which devices can districts manage with PDQ?

PDQ supports endpoint management for Windows and macOS devices. Through the initiative, district IT teams can use PDQ for software deployment, patching, vulnerability management, local administrator removal, and EDR agent deployment at scale.

When will PDQ onboarding begin?

Phased onboarding is scheduled to begin October 1, 2026, and continue through 2027 and beyond. School systems should contact their regional Education Service Center for enrollment details and information about their onboarding schedule.

How can a Texas school system participate?

School systems interested in participating should contact their regional Education Service Center. The initiative is administered by TASI through ESC Region 13 on behalf of Texas's 20 Education Service Centers.

About PDQ

PDQ builds IT management tools that are simple, secure, and pretty damn quick. Trusted by system administrators, MSPs, and IT professionals worldwide, PDQ is an autonomous endpoint management solution, supporting patching, software deployment, and vulnerability management. Founded in 2001 and based in Salt Lake City, Utah, PDQ serves over 33,000 customers and has received G2 Leader and High Performer awards across Endpoint Management, Patch Management, and Remote Support. Learn more at pdq.com.

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