Curriculum Update

The mission of the Texas Education Agency is to provide leadership, guidance and resources to help

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147486096

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/graduation.aspx

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6148

http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chttp://www.tea.state.tx.us/t

aa_letters.aspx.

curriculum@tea.state.tx.us.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Update

Fine arts – The SBOE gave final approval to revised Kindergarten-grade 12 fine arts TEKS this April. The revised fine arts TEKS are available online at http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter117/index.html and are noted with "Adopted 2013" in the title. Please note that the revised fine arts TEKS will not be implemented in classrooms until the 2015-2016 school year. New fine arts courses cannot be used to satisfy the middle school fine arts requirement or to earn fine arts credit toward graduation until the revised TEKS are implemented in 2015-2016. Questions related to the revised fine arts TEKS may be directed to Jessica Snyder, Program Coordinator for Enrichment Education, at jessica.snyder@tea.state.tx.us.

Languages other than English – The SBOE has begun the process for the review and revision of the languages other than English (LOTE) TEKS. SBOE-appointed committees began work on recommendations for the revision of the LOTE TEKS in summer 2013. The committees' first draft recommendations are now available online. The committees are scheduled to submit final recommendations to the SBOE this November and final approval is expected in spring 2014. For updates and information related to the LOTE TEKS review process, please visit the LOTE TEKS webpage at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147510494.

Career and technical education (CTE) – The next subject area TEKS scheduled for review and revision is CTE. Applications for individuals interested in serving on a CTE TEKS review committee are expected to be available in late October. Information will be posted to the TEKS webpage at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6148 as it becomes available.

ESTAR/MSTAR Universal Screener

The purpose of the Elementary School Students in Texas: Algebra Ready (ESTAR) and Middle School Students in Texas: Algebra Ready (MSTAR) Universal Screener is to help teachers answer two important questions within the Response to Intervention (RtI) process:

(1) Are students on track or at risk for meeting expectations in algebra and algebra readiness?

(2) What is the degree of intensity of instructional supports or supplemental interventions needed for students who are at risk for not meeting curricular expectations in algebra?

Results can help teachers identify students who are in need of additional instructional support in their development of knowledge and skills that relate directly to algebra readiness.

Access the ESTAR/MSTAR Universal Screener through one of three ways:

- Go to

ESTAR/MSTAR Diagnostic Assessments

After the MSTAR Universal Screener is administered and risk students identified, the MSTAR Diagnostic Assessments for grades 5 – 8 will be the next step for RtI implementation for algebra readiness. Training for this tool is scheduled to be available in fall 2013.

The 2013 – 2014 Administration Windows for the MSTAR Diagnostic Assessments have been scheduled as follows:

- Fall: N/A
- Winter: January 15, 2014 – February 21, 2014
- Spring: April 14, 2014 – May 16, 2014

The ESTAR Diagnostic Assessments are scheduled to be piloted in the spring of 2014.

For more information, training, or assistance related to the MSTAR Universal Screener, MSTAR Diagnostic Assessments and/or ESTAR Universal Screener, please contact your regional education service center or mathtx@esc13.net.

Important Dates

8/26 – 10/4/2013	Fall MSTAR/ESTAR Screening Window
11/1/2013	Bilingual Education Exceptions/Waivers for English

Texas Presidential Award Finalists

The Center for Digital Education has announced that the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Project Share, a valuable resource for all Texas public and open enrollment charter schools, is among the winners of a 2013 Digital Education Achievement Award. Read more about award at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/news_release.aspx?id=25769807346 .

Project Share Statewide Learning Opportunities

ELAR Professional Development

Expository Reading & Writing in High School http://www.epsilen.com/crs/1114837

Intel® Teach Elements Professional Development

Intel Teach Elements: Project-Based Approaches	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12105247
Intel Teach Elements: Collaboration in the Digital Classroom	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12105249
Intel Teach Elements: Thinking Critically with Data	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12105244
Intel Teach Elements: Educational Leadership in the 21st Century	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12105248
Intel Teach Elements: Assessment in 21st Century Classrooms	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12105245

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Professional Development

CTE 101: Introduction to Career and Technical Education in	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12111851
Science Safety Training for High School	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12104735

Advanced Animal Science
Part 1 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12153735
Part 2 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12153736
Part 3 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12153739
Part 4 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12153740
Part 5 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12153804
Part 6 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12153807

Advanced Biotechnology
Part 1 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12156064
Part 2 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12156068
Part 3 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12156070
Part 4 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12156072
Part 5 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12156088
Part 6 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12156090

Advanced Plant and Soil Science
Part 1 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112590
Part 2 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112597
Part 3 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112610
Part 4 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112626

Engineering Mathematics
Part 1 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112259
Part 2 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112263
Part 3 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112270
Part 4 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112274
Part 5 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112277
Part 6 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12112278

Food Science
Part 1 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12151410
Part 2 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12151414
Part 3 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12151416
Part 4 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12151421
Part 5 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12151424
Part 6 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12151425

Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
Part 1 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12159131
Part 2 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12159340
Part 3 http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12159344
Part 4

Project Share Training

Texas Tour	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/1010998
Next Steps in Project Share: Connect, Create, Collaborate	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12113515

Additional Training

Improve Student Resilience For College & Career Readiness	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12162438
Prospective Early College High School Course	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12159712
Early College High School Course	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12159711
Improving Student Performance: Best Practices in Intervention and Acceleration	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/1011911

OnTRACK Lessons for Students

* Districts can obtain local copies of these lessons and enroll students by contacting their education service center or ontrack@ipsi.utexas.edu. New versions of many OnTRACK courses will be available soon after October 1, 2013.

OnTRACK Lessons for Grade 8 Math	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13194438
OnTRACK Lessons for Algebra I	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12156458
OnTRACK Lessons for Algebra II	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12157258
OnTRACK Lessons for Geometry	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12157141
OnTRACK Lessons for Grade 8 Science	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13200083
OnTRACK Lessons for Biology	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13194420
OnTRACK Lessons for Chemistry	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12157665
OnTRACK Lessons for Physics	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12157671
OnTRACK Lessons for Grade 8 Social Studies	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13200084
OnTRACK Lessons for US History	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12113918
OnTRACK Lessons for World Geography	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13194974
OnTRACK Lessons for World History	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/12102897
OnTRACK Lessons for English I	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13195624
OnTRACK Lessons for English II	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13195625
OnTRACK Lessons for English III	http://www.epsilen.com/crs/13198487

Project Share Support