

Curriculum Update

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Update

Mathematics—In April 2012, the State Board of Education (SBOE) gave final approval to the revised mathematics TEKS for Kindergarten through grade 12. The revised TEKS are available online at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter111/index.html> and are indicated by “Adopted 2012” in the title.

Please note that the revised mathematics TEKS for Kindergarten through grade 8 are expected to be implemented in the 2014-2015 school year. The revised mathematics TEKS for high school are scheduled for implementation in the 2015-2016 school year, depending upon the availability of funding for instructional materials. Questions regarding implementation of the revised TEKS may be directed to Jo Ann Bilderback, Math/Science Content Specialist, joann.bilderback@tea.state.tx.us

Fine arts—The SBOE gave final approval to the revised Kindergarten

Questions related to the revised fine arts
Coordinator for Enrichment Education, a

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Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Guidance

Senate Bill 2, 82nd Texas Legislature, 2011, amended Chapter 38 of the Texas Education Code by adding ~~Section 38.015~~ ~~Section 38.0151~~. This section requires the Board of Trustees of each school district and the governing body or appropriate officer of each charter school to adopt and administer a policy for the care of students with a diagnosed food allergy at risk for anaphylaxis. The policy must be based on guidelines developed by the commissioner of state health services in consultation with the ad hoc committee appointed by the commissioner of state health services.

The statute also requires the TEA to post the guidelines developed by the commissioner of state health services. To access the Guide for the Care of Students with Food Allergies at Risk for Anaphylaxis, please visit http://www.tea.state.tx.us/special_needs.html and click on Anaphylaxis (Food Allergies).

For additional assistance, please contact the Curriculum Division by email at healthandsafety@tea.state.tx.us or by phone at (512) 463-9581.

Important Dates

March 1 -June 14, 2013	FITNESSGRAM® Reporting Window
April 8- May 17, 2013	Spring MSTAR Universal Screener Window
July 17 -19, 2013	State Board of Education Meeting

Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP) Update

The Texas Performance Standards Project (TPSP) provides a series of TEKS-based performance tasks and assessments designed to meet the requirements of the



Fall 2013 Registration Open for TxVSN Online Courses

Enrollment for online courses offered through the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) statewide course catalog is open for fall 2013. The TxVSN is an online learning initiative administered by the Texas Education Agency under the leadership of the commissioner of education. The agency's TxVSN supplemental online course catalog provides quality, ~~TEKS~~ ~~aligned~~, ~~teach~~ ~~ed~~, interactive online courses for Texas students. The TxVSN offers a wide range of high school and Advanced Placement (AP) courses as well as dual credit courses. The TxVSN can help your school serve students who are in need of courses that aren't available locally or who need the schedule flexibility or individualized instruction possible through online learning. Additional course the

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New Courses Available through Project Share

New Project Share Learning Opportunities

The courses listed below have become available through Project Share since the October 2012 Curriculum