

## Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Update

Languages Other Than English In April 2014, the State Board of Education (SBOE) gave final approval to the revised languages other than English (LOTE) English as a Second Language (ESL) standards for English Language Learners (ELLs) in grades K-12.

# The Early Childhood Data System

The Early Childhood Data System (ECDS), formerly known as the Kindergarten Readiness System, is a new state reporting feature in the Texas Student Data System. ECDS is used to collect early childhood data in order to inform school districts, community and early childhood programs about the effectiveness of pre-kindergarten programs to prepare children for successful kindergarten under Texas Education Code, §29.161. TEA is introducing ECDS in a phased approach. In phase one, kindergarten data will be submitted June 1 to July 31, 2014; in phase two, pre-kindergarten data will be submitted August 1 to October 31, 2014. For more information, you may contact Howard Morrison by telephone at (512) 465-4658 or email at [howard.morrison@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:howard.morrison@tea.state.tx.us)

## Important Dates

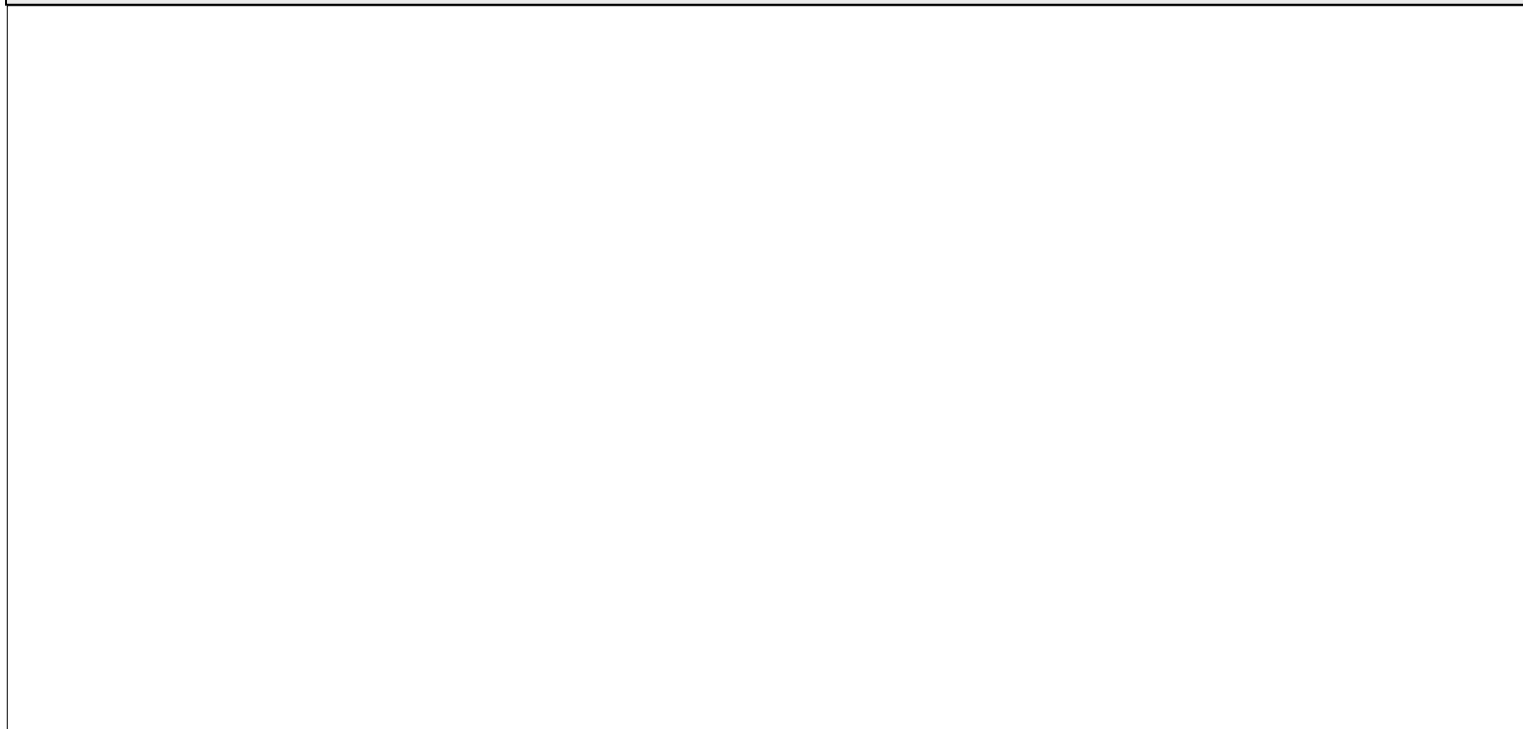
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| July 16-18, 2014        | State Board of Education Meeting             |
| July 29-30, 2014        | Title III ELL Symposium                      |
| August 25 - Oct 3, 2014 | Fall ESTAR/MSTAR Universal Screener Window   |
| Sept 2 - Oct 9, 2014    | Fall MSTAR Diagnostic Assessment Window      |
| Sept 17 - 19, 2014      | State Board of Education Meeting             |
| Jan 7 - Feb 10, 2015    | Winter ESTAR/MSTAR Universal Screener Window |
| Jan 14 - Feb 20, 2014   | Winter MSTAR Diagnostic Assessment Window    |

## Texas Literacy Initiative

The Texas Literacy Initiative (TLI) is completing the third year of the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) federal grant. The focus of the TLI is the implementation of a comprehensive literacy plan supporting learners age 0 through grade 12. The comprehensive literacy plan for Texas has been named the Texas State Literacy Plan (TSLP). The goal of the TSLP is to ensure ~~every~~ <sup>every</sup> child is

# ESTAR/MSTAR

Elementary/Middle-School Students in Texas: Algebra Ready



# English I for Speakers of Other Languages and English II for Speakers of Other Language

Students identified as Limited English Proficient (LEP) who are at the beginning or intermediate level of English language pr

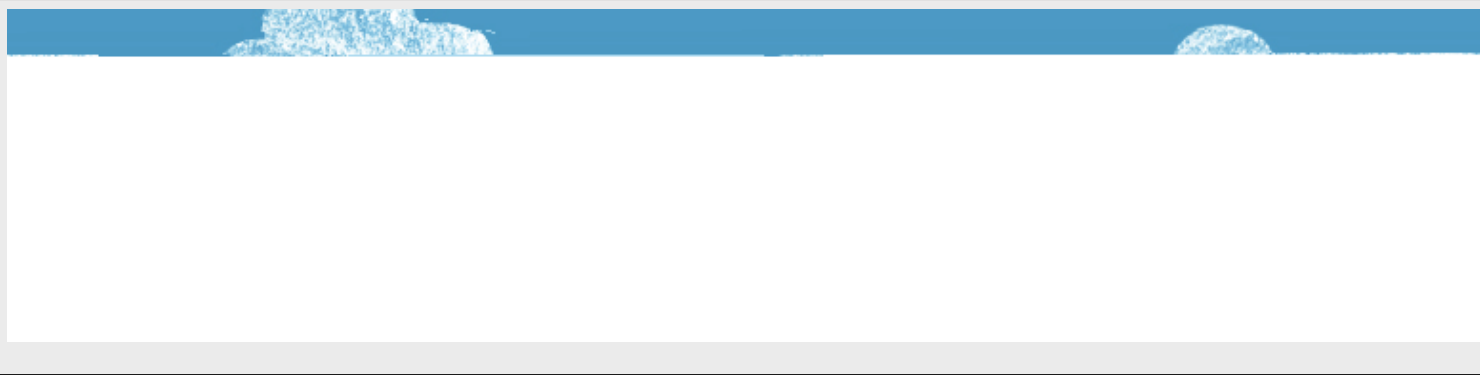
## INNOVATIVE COURSES

The Texas Administrative Code ~~74.49~~<sup>74.427</sup>, Innovative Courses and Programs, allows districts to offer state-approved innovative courses to enable students to master knowledge, skills, and competencies not included in the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum. With the approval of the local board of trustees, school districts and charter schools may offer any state-approved innovative course for state elective credit. No application is required for a district or school to offer an approved innovative course.

At the April meeting of the State Board of Education, the following innovative courses were renewed through the 2018-2019 school year:

- x AVID-IV
- x Reconnecting Youth
- x Student Leadership
- x Teen Leadership

New innovative courses will be posted to the TEA website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=6079> the coming weeks. For more information, please contact Debbie Gonzales by telephone at (512) 469-581 or email at [debbie.gonzales@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:debbie.gonzales@tea.state.tx.us)



## New Professional Development Courses Available through Project Share

New professional development (PD) courses designed to introduce educators to the revised mathematics TEKS are now available through Project Share. To join, click on the link(s) provided below.

| Course Title  | Course Link | Course Developer |
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| Introduction to Math TEKS Process Standards Courses |             |                  |

