



*The Texas Virtual School
Network*

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Texas Virtual School Legislation

SB 1788

- Signed by the Governor on June 15, 2007
- Establishes State Virtual School Network
- Establishes Commissioner (TEA) is responsible for the Network
- Education Service Center operates the Network
- Funding and attendance rules to be established by TEA



TxVSN Facts

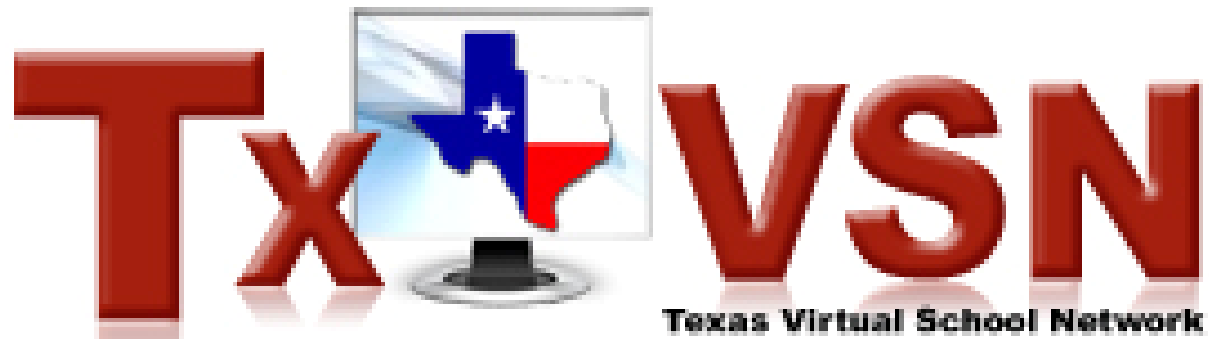
- The Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) is a supplemental rather than diploma granting program.
- Electronic courses will supplement the services the district currently offers students, based on students' academic needs.
- The receiving district will continue to award credits and diplomas and the TxVSN partners with the home district to meet student needs.
- SB 1788 does not affect the provision of distance learning courses offered under other law.



TxVSN Facts

- Education Code Chapters 30
Sec 30A.001 State Virtual School Network
- Districts are course providers
- Private providers eligible via districts
- The network will include :
 - 9-12 courses beginning January 2009
 - 6-8 courses in 2009-2010





Collaborative Entities

Central Operations

- Region 10
 - Barbara Smith, TxVSN Project Director
 - Laura Hodges, TxVSN Counselor
- Harris County Department of Education
 - Angela Clark, Director TxVSN
 - Help Desk
 - Infrastructure, Programming and System Design
- [TxVSN Advisory Council](#)



Central Operations

- Coordinate the course registration and student enrollments.
- Coordinate reporting requirements.
- Responsible for creating and maintaining the infrastructure for central registration of students and enrollments for courses.
- Facilitate the “matching” of receiver districts and provider districts and courses by creating and maintaining an electronic interface that matches the receiver and provider districts and courses.



Central Operations

- Financial transactions regarding the network including accounting for funds sent between provider districts and receiving districts.
- Serve as a clearinghouse for the flow of funds between and among provider districts and receiving districts.
- State reporting requirements and all associated data collection.
- Additional duties as assigned...



Central Operations Status Report

- Systems include registration, catalog, student survey and request
- Portal built
- Communications in place
- Staff hire
- Next Steps : Follow steps in “To Administrator Addressed” Letter
 - <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/taa>



Course Review

- [Course Review](#) at ESC Region 4
 - Brent Bakken
 - coursereview@esc4.net
- TEKS Alignment
- NACOL Standards



TxVSN Course Review

- Definition of a TxVSN Online Course
- Rigorous Course Review
 - 100% TEKS Alignment (AP Audit Approved)
 - Meets or Exceeds the NACOL National Standards
- Course Submission Process
- Course Review Selection

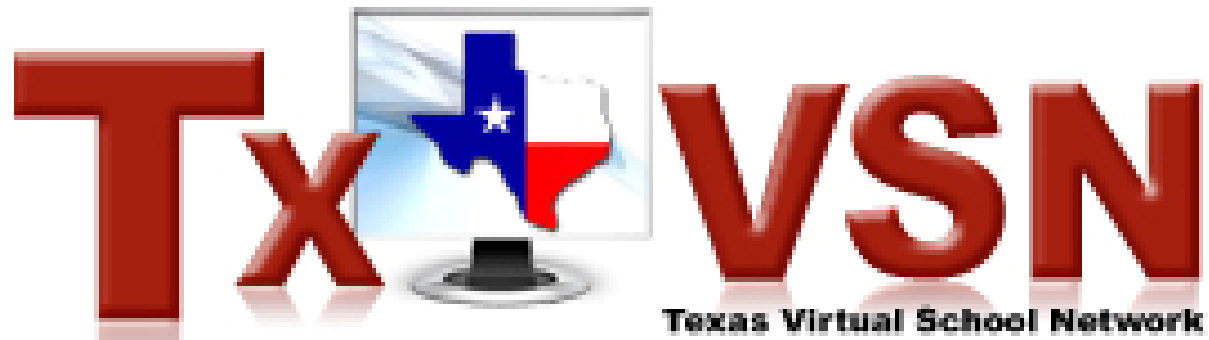


Professional Development

TxVSN Approved Online Professional Development Providers

- Education Development Center, Inc.
- ESC Region 4
- ESC Region 11
- Harris County Department of Education
- Texas A&M Center for Distance Learning





Participant Roles

TxVSN Provider Districts

- A Texas school district rated academically **acceptable** or higher may provide courses to students in the state of Texas.
- An open enrollment charter school rated **recognized** or higher may serve as a provider school only:
 - To a student within the school district where the school is located or within it's service area or;
 - To another student in the state through an agreement with the administering authority.
- Texas ESC's and institutions of higher education may also provide courses to students.
- Provider enter into an agreement with TxVSN Central Operations to provide courses.
- Courses will be listed in the TxVSN course catalog.



TxVSN Provider District Teachers

- Must be Texas certified in the curriculum area to teach the course
- Must have completed TxVSN approved professional development from an identified provider before teaching a course
- Is the teacher of record for the course
 - Gives the course grade
- Will receive documentation of course completion for TxVSN, not a certification for TxVSN
- Provider district responsible for background checks and finger printing of teachers



TxVSN Receiving Districts

- Will provide Site Coordinator and Administrative contact to the TxVSN for each campus
- Schedule and approve students participation in courses
- Award credit if a course is successfully completed
- Retains responsibility for providing all eligible services such as special education, bilingual, ESL, migrant, hospital/homebound, and section 504.



Receiving District Roles

- Student
 - Requests courses
 - Submits request for approval by Site Coordinator
- Campus Administrator
 - Informs campus of TxVSN
 - Approves or denies Site Coordinators
- Site Coordinator
 - Requests access to TxVSN
 - Views student request for courses
 - Approves or denies student course request
 - Selects appropriate course for student
 - Monitors student progress



Contact Us

TxVSN Central Operations

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TxVSN Course Review

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TxVSN Professional Development Providers

Links on the Professional Development page at www.txvsn.org



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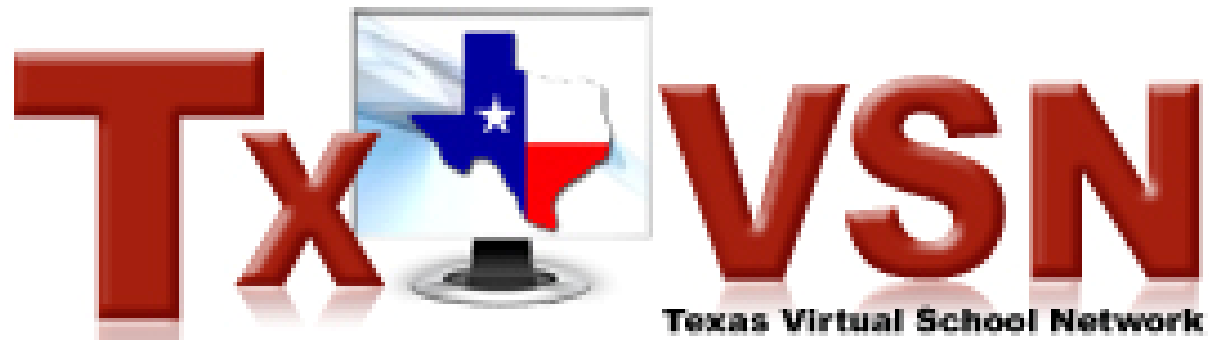
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