



Texas Virtual School Network: The Key to Meeting Graduation Requirements

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Texas Virtual School Network

“Virtual schooling is the future of education...it is the mechanism to ensure true educational equity and adequacy for all our school children. This medium transcends poor and rich districts, geographic locations, and teacher quality issues.”





Texas Virtual School Network: A Brief Overview

Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN)

The TxVSN provides Texas students with equitable access to quality online courses and instructors

- Created by the Texas Legislature
- Administered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) under the leadership of the commissioner of education
- Central operations and course review functions provided by Education Service Center (ESC), Region 10 in partnership with Harris County Department of Education through a contract with the TEA
- Districts are eligible to earn state funding, regardless of where the student is located during instruction



TxVSN

Highly interactive, instructor-led courses taught by Texas-certified teachers trained in best practices in online instruction

- **TxVSN Online Schools (OLS) Program**

- Students enroll in a full-time TxVSN online school
 - Hallsville ISD
 - Grapevine-Colleyville ISD
 - Houston ISD
 - Huntsville ISD
 - Red Oak ISD
 - Texarkana ISD
 - Texas College Preparatory Academies
- 100% virtual program
- Grades 3-12

- **TxVSN Statewide Course Catalog**

- Students participate through their independent school district (ISD) or open-enrollment charter school
- High school, Advanced Placement® (AP), and dual credit courses
- Catalog course cost paid by district or, in some specific situations, student/parent
- www.txvsn.org

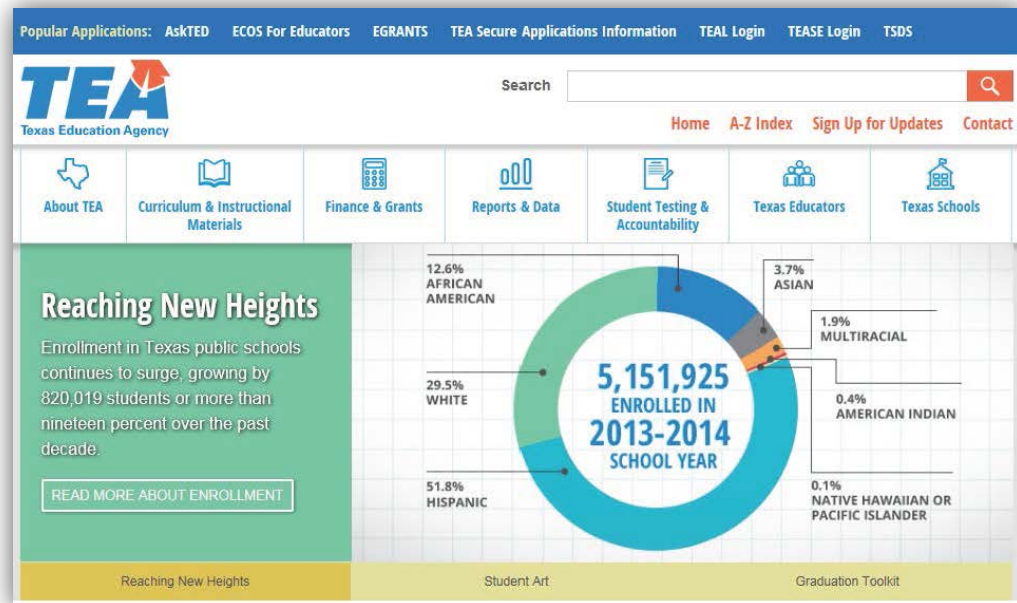
Information on the TxVSN Online Schools (OLS) Program

www.tea.texas.gov

- A-Z Index, select “T”
- Select “Texas Virtual School Network”
- Select “TxVSN Online Schools Program”

or

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=4826>





Texas Virtual School Network: Statewide Course Catalog

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TxVSN State law and rule

- Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 30A
- Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 70

TxVSN Statewide Course Catalog

- Offers supplemental courses for high school graduation
- Serves students ready to take high school level courses
- Participation through school districts and open-enrollment charter schools across the state
- Foundation School Program (FSP) funded based on successful course completion



Quality Online Courses

- Alignment with
 - Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS);
 - International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) *National Standards for Quality Online Courses*; and
 - accessibility requirements
- Instructor–led with extensive interaction between instructor and student and among students
- Equivalent in instructional rigor and scope to course provided in a traditional classroom setting



Student Eligibility

A student is eligible to enroll in a course provided through the state virtual school network only if on September 1 of the school year, the student:

- is younger than 21 years of age; or
- is younger than 26 years of age and entitled to the benefits of the Foundation School Program under §42.003;
- has not graduated from high school; and
- is otherwise eligible to enroll in a public school in the state.



TxVSN Statewide Course Catalog Model

TxVSN Course Providers:

Eligible Texas school districts and open-enrollment charter schools;
education service centers; higher education institutions; private or non-profit entities; corporations
Have Texas-certified online teachers and approved courses



The screenshot displays the TxVSN Course Catalog interface. At the top, there are navigation links for TEA WEBSITE, CONTACT TEA, SIGN UP FOR UPDATES, and TEA SECURE APPLICATIONS. A search bar is present with the text 'Search: By Subject, Course Title or PEIMS ID' and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar is a 'View list of courses' link. The main content area is a table of courses with a 'Course Filter' sidebar on the left. The sidebar includes filters for School Year (2019-20), Course Level (Dual Credit, High School), School Type (Charter, District, Private), Course Type (Accelerated, Continuous, Non-Continuous), Enrollment Type (Show All), Course Review (TEA-Approved, District Certified), and Providers (Allied Independent School District, Anarillo Independent School District, Education Service Center, Region 06). The table lists several courses, including 'Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (1 Unit) (ADQUANR) - A' and 'Algebra I - A' by various providers like Allied Independent School District and Guthrie Common School District. Each course entry includes details such as PEIMS ID, Provider Since, Provider Type, Term, Price, Successful Completion Rate, and Survey Rating.

Course Title	Provider	PEIMS ID	Provider Since	Provider Type	Term	Price	Successful Completion Rate	Survey Rating
Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (1 Unit) (ADQUANR) - A	Allied Independent School District	03102510	2009	District	FALL	\$350.00	N/A	(0 overall responses)
Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (1 Unit) (ADQUANR) - A	Guthrie Common School District	03102510	2011	District	FALL	\$350.00	N/A	★★★★★ (2 overall responses)
Advanced Quantitative Reasoning (1 Unit) (ADQUANR) - B	Guthrie Common School District	03102510	2011	District	FALL	\$350.00	N/A	★★★★★ (1 overall responses)
Algebra I - A	Allied Independent School District	03100500	2009	District	FALL	\$350.00	N/A	(0 overall responses)



TxVSN Receiver Districts:

All Texas districts and open-enrollment charter schools!
Have students with academic needs
Grant credit for the course delivered by TxVSN course providers

TxVSN Statewide Course Catalog Benefits

Equitable access

- high-quality online high school courses that align with TEKS and national standards;
- dual credit, and AP[®] courses for high school graduation;
- Texas-certified teachers; and
- instructors trained in effective online instruction.

Opportunity

- expand local course choices
- schedule flexibility
- early graduation
- credit advancement
- credit recovery
- address teacher shortages
- alternative opportunities for diverse students
- individualized instruction

Funding Sources

- FSP funding for up to three yearlong courses, or the equivalent, per student per year
- Instructional Materials Allotment (IMA)
- State and federal program funds
- State and federal grant funds
- Title funds, including Title I, IDEA Part B
- Local funds
- May be student-paid after first three yearlong courses per student per year

When planning for the upcoming school year, build TxVSN course costs into the budget!



Local Policy for the TxVSN

TEC, §30A.007

Each school district or open-enrollment charter school shall adopt a written policy that provides students with the opportunity to enroll in electronic courses provided through the state virtual school network. The policy must be consistent with requirements imposed by TEC, §26.0031.



Rights Concerning the TxVSN

TEC, §26.0031

- At the time and in the manner the school informs students and parents about traditional local classroom course offerings, it must also notify them of option to enroll in TxVSN courses
- School may not deny request to enroll in TxVSN course except in specific circumstances allowed under this section



TxVSN Website: New Look!



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Region 17 Schools with Current Receiving District Agreement

- Anton ISD
- Cotton Center ISD
- Frenship ISD
- Guthrie CSD
- Jayton-Girard ISD
- Klondike ISD
- Lockney ISD
- Lubbock-Cooper ISD
- Motley County ISD
- O'Donnell Springs ISD
- Patton ISD
- Sands CISD
- Seagraves ISD
- Seminole ISD
- Spur ISD
- Sudan ISD
- Sundown ISD
- Wilson ISD



Districts and schools: Sign up with TxVSN!



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Statewide Course Catalog Additions

Fall 2015

Health Science

- Principles of Health Science
- Medical Terminology
- World Health Research
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Pathophysiology

Business, Management, and Administration

- Human Resources Management
- Business Information Management II
- Business English
- Business Management



Statewide Course Catalog Additions

Fall 2015

Finance

- Money Matters
- Accounting I

Computer Science*

- Computer Science I
- Computer Science II

*Not CTE courses



TxVSN Contact Information

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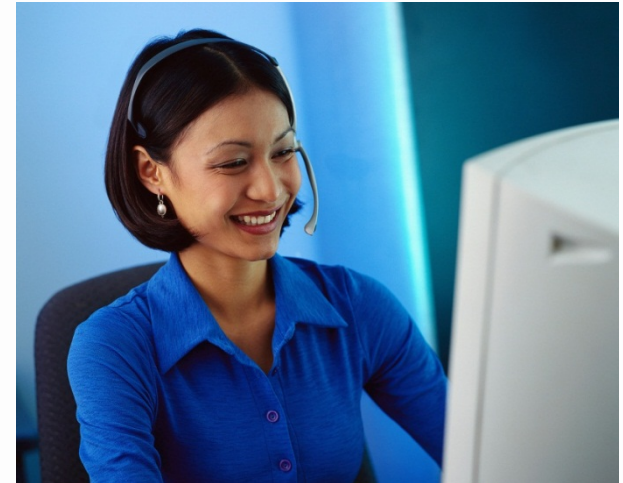
Live Chat

TxVSN Course Review

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successes, and challenges!
Submit proposals at pd.txvsn.org.

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virtual lab sessions accepted,
Blackboard Collaborate training
provided, and expert
facilitators present during
session.

Call For Proposals - Deadline June 23, 2015

Speak to educators, and course developers about K-12 online learning. Share information about student and educator support, instructional strategies, and course development. Hear a vision for the future of online learning. **ACT NOW** to get your choice slot!

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