



What's New with the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) Statewide Catalog?

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Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN): 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
 - Day to day operations
 - Centralized student registration system
 - Course catalog listings
 - Course review
 - Other administrative and reporting functions
- 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
 - Grapevine-Colleyville ISD
 - Houston ISD
 - Huntsville ISD
 - Red Oak ISD
 - Texarkana ISD
 - Texas College Preparatory Academies
 - Hallsville ISD
- 100% virtual program
- Grades 3-12

- **TxVSN Statewide Course Catalog**

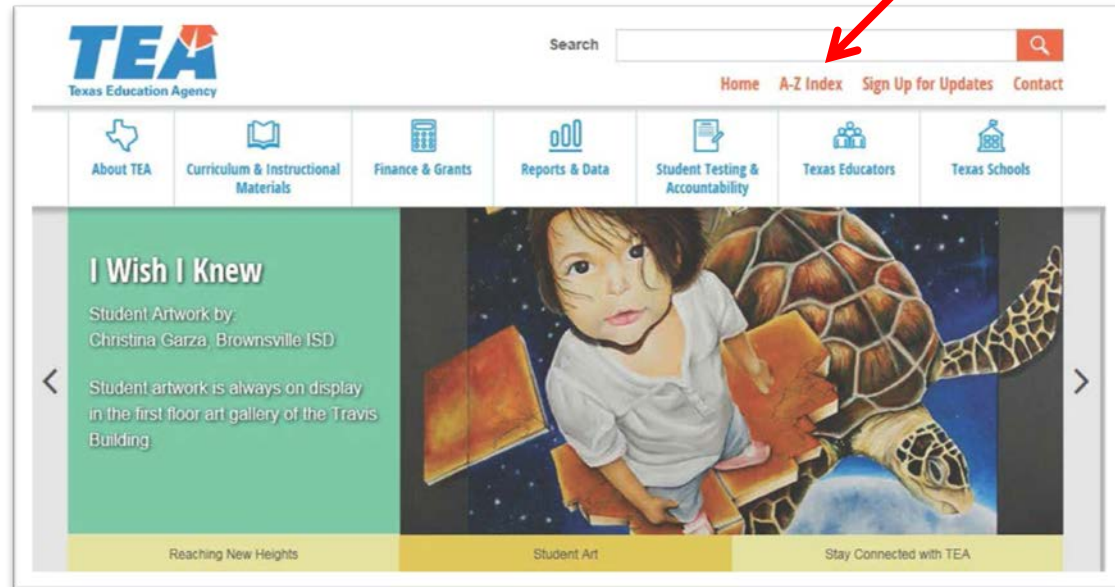
- Students participate through their independent school district (ISD) or open-enrollment charter school
- High school, Advanced Placement® (AP), and dual credit courses
- Catalog course cost paid by district or, in some specific situations, student/parent
- www.txvsn.org

TxVSN Online Schools Program (OLS)

- www.tea.state.tx.us
- A-Z Index, Select “T”
- Select Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN)
- 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

Definition of electronic course

- An electronic course is one in which
 - instruction and content are delivered primarily over the **Internet**;
 - most instructional activities take place in an **online environment and online activities** are integral to the academic program;
 - the student is **not required to be on the physical premises** of a school and **student and teacher are in different locations**; and
 - **extensive communication** between student and teacher and among students is emphasized.



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*
 - accessibility requirements
- Instructor–led with extensive interaction between instructor and student and among students emphasized
- Equivalent in instructional rigor and scope to a course that is 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 Section 42.003;
 - has not graduated from high school; and
 - is otherwise eligible to enroll in a public school in the state.



- A student is eligible to enroll full-time in courses provided through the state virtual school network only if the student:
 - was enrolled in a public school in this state in the preceding school year; or
 - has been placed in substitute care in this state, regardless of whether the student was enrolled in a public school in this state in the preceding school year.

- A student is eligible to enroll in one or more courses provided through the state virtual school network or enroll full-time in courses provided through the network if the student:
 - is a dependent of a member of the United States military;
 - was previously enrolled in high school in this state; and
 - does not reside in this state due to a military deployment or transfer.



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



TxVSN Receiver Districts:

Districts and charter schools
Have students with academic needs
Grant credit for the course delivered by TxVSN course providers

TxVSN District-Designated Contacts

**TxVSN
District
Administrator**

**TxVSN
Site
Coordinator**



Student Support



- Selected provider supplies course and online instructor
- Student's home campus provides a mentor
 - Monitor progress
 - Assist with getting materials
 - Encouragement



Orientation to Online Learning

<http://cluein.txvsn.org>

Quest Badges



Level 1: In this collection of lessons you will unravel the unique characteristics of online courses along with an overview of the types of online courses you may be taking. You will file a preliminary report of your basic understanding of the case for online learning and will designate the individuals to be notified of that report.



Level 2: In these lessons, you will crack the important skills needed to be successful in an online course. We'll cover basic computer skills, communication protocols, and the heart and soul of many online courses – the discussion forum.



Level 3: During these lessons, you'll theorize how you can get familiar with your new online course and start constructing an organizational system that will keep you successful.



Level 4: You have gathered all your evidence and are ready to file your final report. You will designate individuals, such as your guidance counselor and parent/guardian to be notified of your successful completion of all activities and levels of the TxVSN CLUE IN Orientation to Online Learning.

TxVSN Statewide Course Catalog Benefits

Equitable access to

- 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.
- Expand local course choices
 - Schedule flexibility
 - Early graduation
 - Credit advancement
 - Credit recovery
 - Address teacher shortages
 - Alternative opportunities for diverse students
 - Individualized instruction

Local Policy on Electronic Courses

Students in all Texas school districts and open-enrollment charter schools can participate in the TxVSN course catalog!

- TEC Section 30A.007

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



Questions?



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83rd Texas Legislature Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL 1926

House Bill 1926

- Conference committee version was passed on May 26, 2013
- Applies beginning with the 2013-2014 school year



TEC §30A.001(7) and (8) As Amended

- Course provider means:
 - A school district or open-enrollment charter school that provides an electronic course through the state virtual school network to:
 - students enrolled in that district or school; or
 - students enrolled in another school district or school;
 - a public or private institution of higher education, nonprofit entity, or private entity that provides a course through the state virtual school network; or,
 - an entity that provides an electronic professional development course through the state virtual school network.
- “Public or private institution of higher education” means an institution of higher education, as defined by 20 U.S.C. Section 1001.



TEC §30A.153 As Amended

- School district or open-enrollment charter school in which a student is enrolled is entitled to funding under Chapter 42 or in accordance with the terms of a charter granted under Section 12.101 for the student's enrollment in an electronic course offered through the state virtual school network in the same manner that the district or school is entitled to funding for the student's enrollment in courses provided in a traditional classroom setting, provided that the student successfully completes the electronic course.



TEC §30A.153 As Amended

- A school district or open-enrollment charter school is limited to the funding for a student's enrollment in not more than three electronic courses during any school year.



TEC §30A.155 As Amended

- A school district or open-enrollment charter school may charge a fee for enrollment in an electronic course provided through the state virtual school network to a student who resides in this state and:
 - is enrolled in a school district or open-enrollment charter school as a full-time student with a course load greater than that normally taken by students in the equivalent grade level in other school districts or open-enrollment charter schools; or,



TEC §30A.155 As Amended

- Elects to enroll in an electronic course provided through the network for which the school district or open-enrollment charter school in which the student is enrolled as a full-time student declines to pay the cost, as authorized by Section 26.0031(c-1).



TEC §26.0031 As Amended

Rights Related to State Virtual School Network

- School district or open-enrollment charter school may deny a request to enroll a student in an electronic course if:
 - a student attempts to enroll in a course load that is inconsistent with the student's high school graduation plan or requirements for college admission or earning an industry certification;
 - The student requests permission to enroll in an electronic course at a time that is not consistent with the enrollment period established by the school district or open-enrollment charter school providing the course; or
 - The district or school offers a substantially similar course.



TEC §26.0031 As Amended

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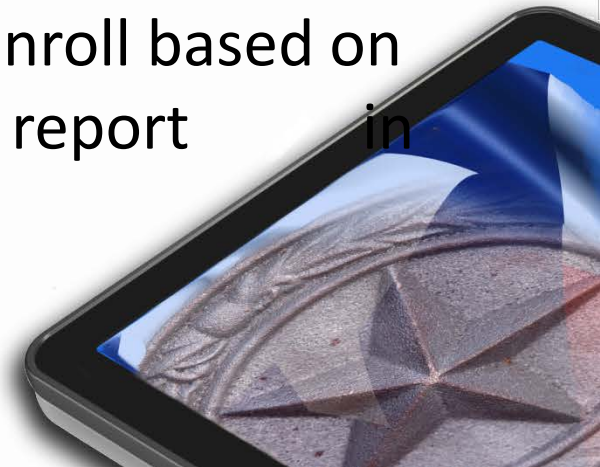
- A school district or open-enrollment charter school may decline to pay the cost for a student of more than three yearlong electronic courses, or the equivalent, during any school year.
- This subsection does not limit the ability of the student to enroll in additional electronic courses at the student's cost.



TEC §26.0031 As Amended

Rights Related to State Virtual School Network

- A school district or open-enrollment charter school from which a parent of a student requests permission to enroll the student in an electronic course offered through the state virtual school network under Chapter 30A has discretion to select a course provider approved by the network's administering authority for the course in which the student will enroll based on factors including the informed choice report in Section 30A.108(b).



TEC §30A.007 As Amended

- Student's LEA must:
 - At least once per school year, send to a parent of each district or school student enrolled at the middle or high school level a copy of the written policy adopted that provides students with the opportunity to enroll in electronic courses provided through the state virtual school network.
 - A district or school may send the policy with any other information



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TxVSN website: New look!



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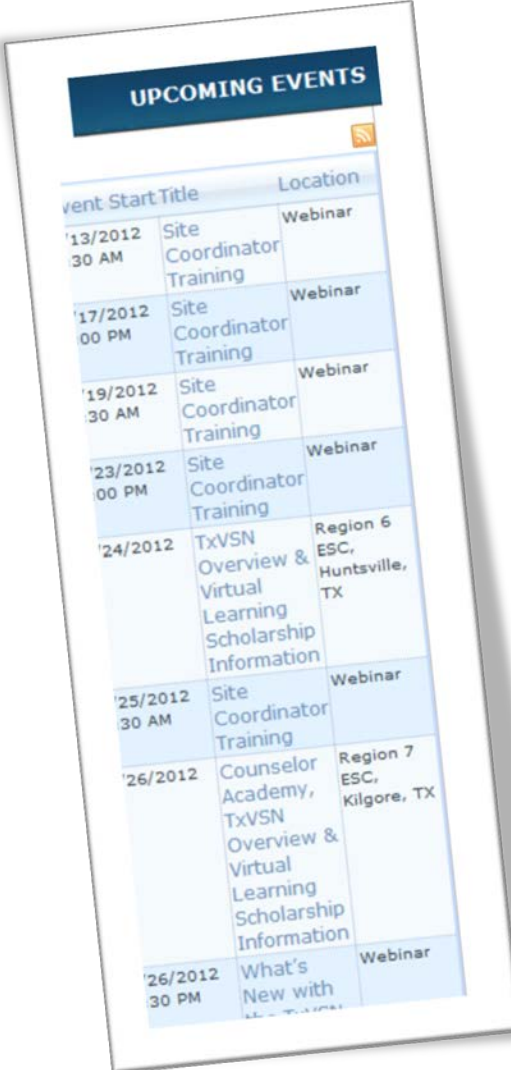
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The image shows a tilted screenshot of a calendar titled "UPCOMING EVENTS". The calendar lists several events, including "Site Coordinator Training" and "TxVSN Overview & Virtual Learning Scholarship Information". The events are organized by date and time, with locations specified for some of them.

Event Start	Title	Location
'13/2012 30 AM	Site Coordinator Training	Webinar
'17/2012 00 PM	Site Coordinator Training	Webinar
'19/2012 30 AM	Site Coordinator Training	Webinar
'23/2012 00 PM	Site Coordinator Training	Webinar
'24/2012	TxVSN Overview & Virtual Learning Scholarship Information	Region 6 ESC, Huntsville, TX
'25/2012 30 AM	Site Coordinator Training	Webinar
'26/2012	Counselor Academy, TxVSN Overview & Virtual Learning Scholarship Information	Region 7 ESC, Kilgore, TX
'26/2012 30 PM	What's New with	Webinar

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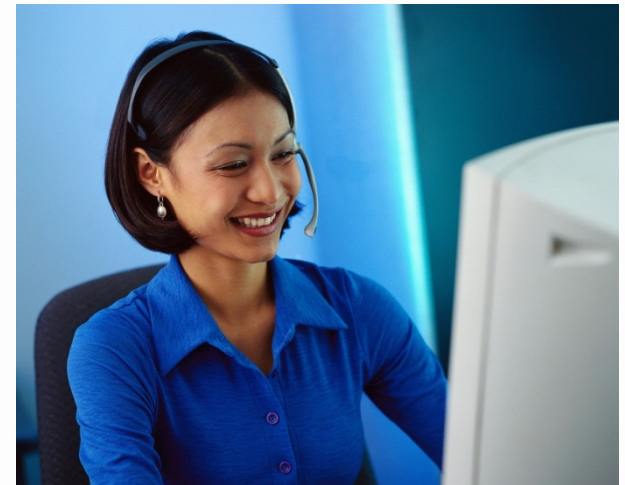
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TxVSN Course Review

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