



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
- 100% virtual program
- Grades 3-12

- **TxVSN Statewide Course Catalog**

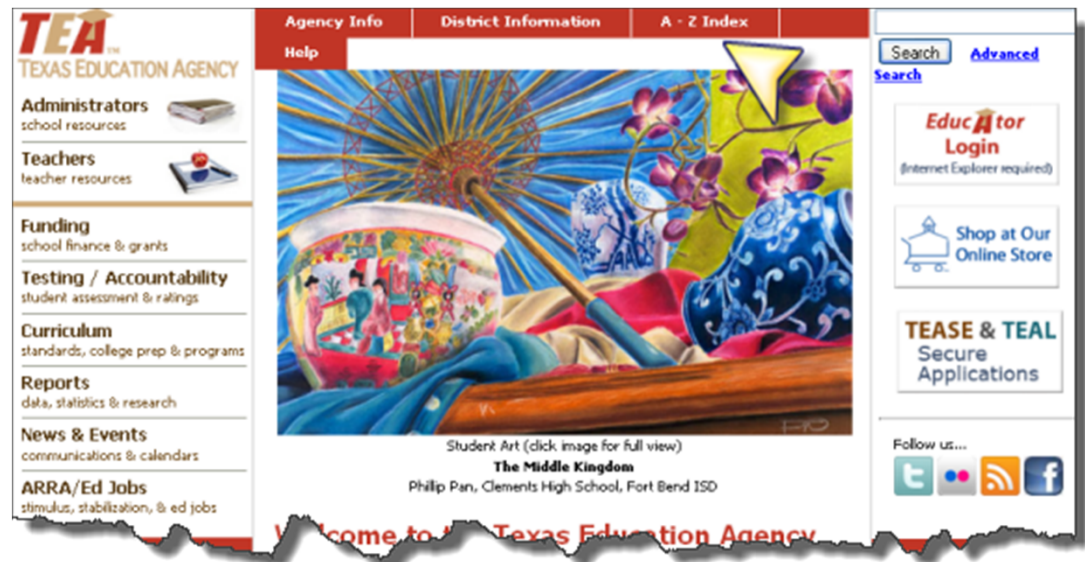
- Students participate through their independent school district (ISD) or open-enrollment charter school
- High school, Advanced Placement® (AP), and dual credit courses
- Catalog course cost paid by district or, in some specific situations, student/parent
- www.txvsn.org

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

TxVSN

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.



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;
- Instructors trained in effective online instruction
- Individualized instruction
- Expand local course choices
- Schedule flexibility
- Early graduation
- Credit advancement
- Credit recovery
- Address teacher shortages
- Alternative opportunities for diverse students
- Course portability

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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Making An Informed Choice

Informed Choice

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Enrollments



Dynamic Enrollment Data

Provider Snapshot



Provider Statistics

Survey Results



Select One

- Student Surveys
- Parent Surveys

Course Demonstrations



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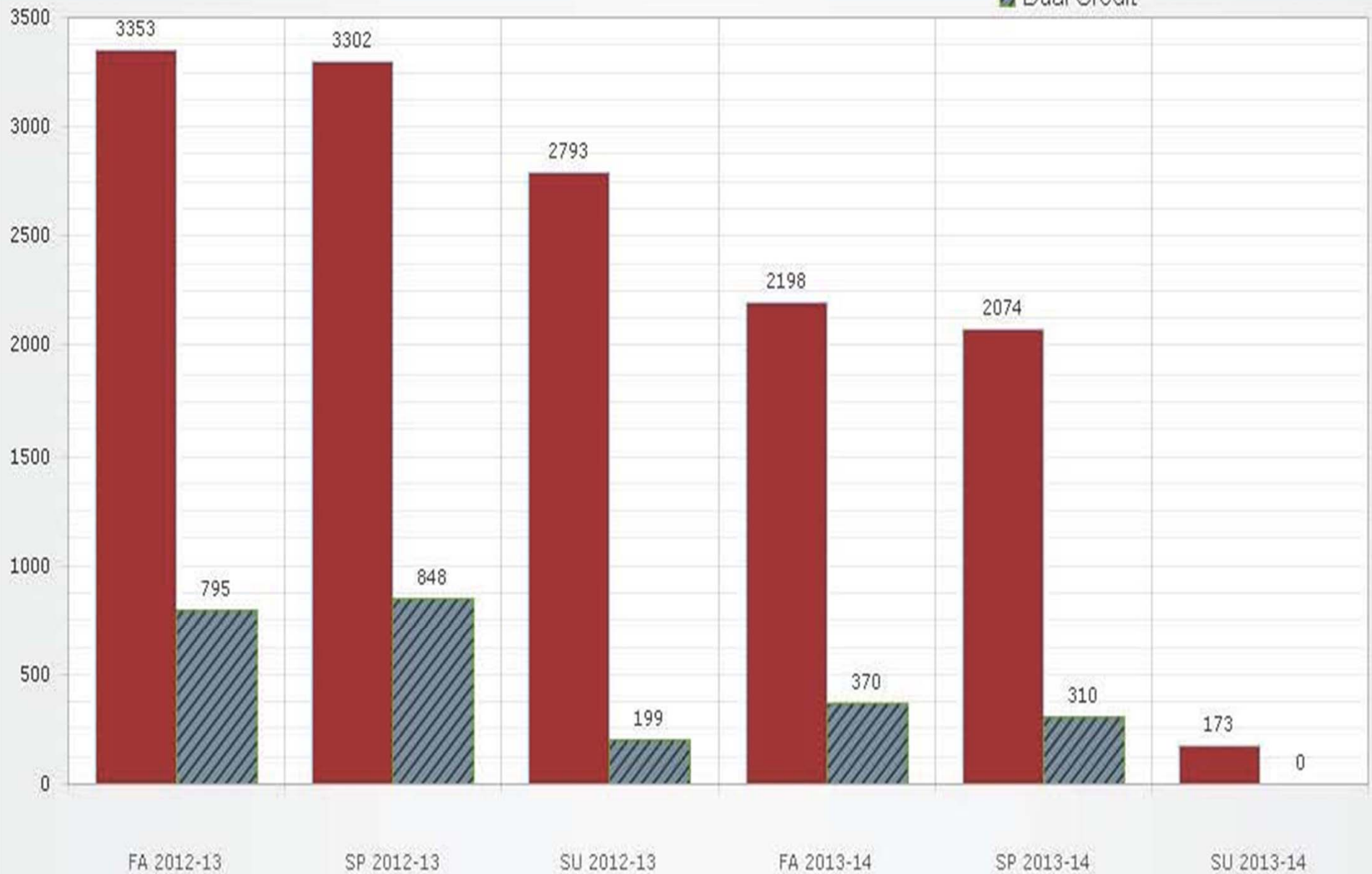
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TxVSN Enrollments By Semester

Data as of 3/24/14

- High School
- ▨ Dual Credit



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TxVSN Provider District Success Data

* Mandatory Fields

Provider District:

* Guthrie Common School District ▼

School Year:

* 2012-13 ▼

School Semesters:

To select multiple hold Ctrl + Click

Fall
Spring
Summer

Search

Guthrie Common School District

Partner: Rosetta Stone (Some Courses)

Years as TxVSN Provider: 2

Results By Semester

▼ Spring 2012-13

Provider District #	Successful	Unsuccessful	Dropped	Total Attrition Rate
135001	93.49%	5.60%	0.76%	6.35%

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ISD Virtual School	107	★★★★☆
<i>Astronomy A</i>	12	★★★★☆
<i>Astronomy B</i>	11	★★★★☆
<i>Communication Applications N/A</i>	42	★★★★☆
<i>Economics With Emphasis On The Free Enterprise System And Its Benefits N/A</i>	5	★★★★☆

Student Satisfaction Survey

Overall, how satisfied was the student with this provider?

Click the Provider Name to view course titles, and then click a course title to view response details.

[See how this compares to other providers.](#)

Did you complete this course and receive a final grade?

RESPONSE	TOTAL RESPONSE	PERCENT
Yes	40	95.2%
No	2	4.8%

I knew enough about the course before enrolling to determine whether it would be a good fit for me.

RESPONSE	TOTAL RESPONSE	PERCENT
Strongly agree	9	22.5%
Agree	13	32.5%
Somewhat disagree	9	22.5%
Strongly disagree	5	12.5%
Neutral / No opinion	4	10.0%

I had access to the resources I needed in order to successfully complete the course.

RESPONSE	TOTAL RESPONSE	PERCENT
Strongly Agree	18	45.0%
Agree	18	45.0%

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The Texas Virtual School Network catalog includes approved courses from Texas public school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, Education Service Centers, and higher education institutions. Courses have a design and structure unique to the provider. Individual provider courses may vary slightly, however, the examples below provide a glimpse into the typical course structure and design of the provider.

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Alief ISD - High School

In *English II* studies selections from the works of well-known American and British authors, as well as significant works from other cultures. The goal is to help you achieve an understanding of fiction and non-fiction in various forms, from both a literary and historical perspective.

mp4 410MB transcript



Amarillo ISD - High School Courses

Art I is designed around the same philosophy as all of Amarillo ISD online classes are. Web-based resources and tools are used to create a rich, virtual learning environment, and to foster a high degree of interactivity between you and your teacher and your online classmates.

mp4 397MB transcript



Angelina College - Dual Credit Courses



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'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	
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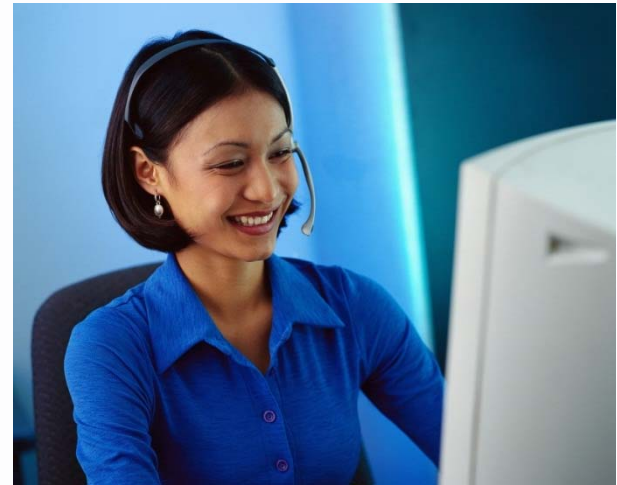
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