

Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN)

Statewide Course Catalog

General Description:

The Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) provides a statewide course catalog of supplemental online courses for credit toward high school graduation to students enrolled in grades 8 to 12. Since its inception in January 2009, the TxVSN has provided Texas high school students and schools with a valuable avenue, for interactive, collaborative, instructor-led online courses taught by state certified and appropriately credentialed teachers.

Authority:

Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 30A

General Appropriations Act (GAA), Article III, Rider 58, 82nd Texas Legislature, 2011

Additional Information:

Established by the Texas Legislature to provide Texas students with equitable access to quality, supplemental online courses, the TxVSN statewide course catalog offers students across the state opportunities to enroll in high school and dual credit courses provided by eligible Texas school districts, open enrollment charter schools, education service centers, and public or private institutions of higher education. These entities, identified as TxVSN Provider Districts, submit courses for inclusion in the statewide catalog and are responsible for instruction. Each course in the catalog is reviewed for alignment to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the International Association for K-12 Online Learning's (iNACOL) National Standards of Quality for Online Courses. The TxVSN is a network of providers that operates a supplemental rather than diploma-granting program. The providers work in partnership with home districts, known as receiver districts to meet students' needs. Each student's home district continues to award credits and diplomas and remains accountable for the student's academic progress. School personnel, students, and parents can review options to select online courses that best meet students' learning styles and graduation plans.

Statute authorizes the Commissioner of Education to contract with a regional education service center to operate the network. ESC Region 10 currently serves as central operations for the TxVSN and is responsible for managing all systems used to operate the network, providing and maintaining TxVSN telecom and infrastructure, managing course review, and coordinating activities with Providers, Receiver Districts, and stakeholders.

Funding:

In 2009, the 81st Texas Legislature created a state virtual allotment of \$400 per course. In 2011, the state virtual school allotment was repealed. In the absence of the allotment, a limited number of Virtual Learning Scholarships have been made available until June 2012 to districts and schools that enroll students through the course catalog.

Source: General Appropriations Act, Article III, Rider 58 Virtual School Network, 82nd Texas Legislature 2011

Fiscal Year	Amount
FY 2010	\$4,000,000
FY 2011	\$4,000,000
Total	\$8,000,000

Resources: www.txvsn.org

Key Data

Student Enrollment	
2009-2010	4,779
2010-2011	22,899
2011-2012	5,685
Fall 2012	4,403

Successful Course Completions	
2009-2010	65.73%
2010-2011	68.07%
2011-2012	78.17%

Provider Districts	
2009-2010	15
2010-2011	24
2011-2012	22
2012-2013	19

Receiver Districts	
2009-2010	193
2010-2011	396
2011-2012	352
2012-2013	467

Data as of October 1, 2012

List of Courses Currently Offered through the TxVSN Statewide Course Catalog

English Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies	Career and Technical Education	Fine Arts	Languages Other than English	Health and Physical Education	Technology Applications*	Driver and Safety Education
Communication Applications	Advanced Quantitative Reasoning	Astronomy	Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System	Digital and Interactive Media	Art, Level I	Chinese, Levels I, II	Health Education		Driver and Safety Education
English I	Algebra I	Biology	Special Topics in Social Studies: Hebrew Scripture	Principles of Information Technology	Music History, Level I	French, Levels I, II, III	Foundations of Personal Fitness		Driver Education
English II	Algebra II	Chemistry	Special Topics in Social Studies: New Testament	Touch System Data Entry		German, Levels I, II, III			
English III	Geometry	Integrated Physics and Chemistry	U.S. Government			Latin, Levels I, II, III			
English IV	Mathematical Models with Applications	Physics	U.S. History Studies Since 1877			Spanish, Levels I, II, III			
	Precalculus	Earth and Space Science	World Geography Studies			Russian, Levels I, II			
		Environmental Systems	World History Studies						
Advanced Placement									
AP English Language & Composition	AP Calculus AB	AP Biology	AP U.S. Government & Politics			AP Latin (Vergil)			
AP English Literature & Composition	AP Calculus BC	AP Chemistry	AP U.S. History			AP Spanish Language			
	AP Statistics	AP Environmental Science							
		AP Physics B							
Dual Credit									
English III	Algebra II	Chemistry	Social Studies Advanced Studies		Art I				
English IV	Independent Study in Mathematics		Special Topics in Social Studies		Art History, Level III				
			U.S. Government		Music History, Level I				
			U.S. History Studies Since 1877						

* With the implementation of new technology applications Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in the 2012-2013 school year, technology applications courses have been approved but are not yet being offered by the providers.