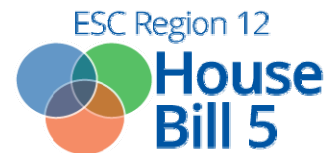


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Updates for Career and College Readiness



House Bill 18 - What

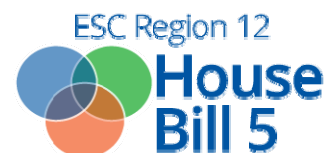
SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.016. INSTRUCTION IN HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND CAREER PREPARATION.

(a) Each school district shall provide instruction to students in grade seven or eight in preparing for high school, college, and a career.

(b) The instruction **must** include information regarding:

- (1) the creation of a high school personal graduation plan under Section 28.02121;
- (2) the distinguished level of achievement described by Section 28.025(b-15);
- (3) each endorsement described by Section 28.025(c-1);
- (4) college readiness standards; and
- (5) potential career choices and the education needed to enter those careers.



House Bill 18 - How

(c) A school district may:

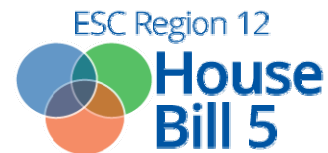
(1) provide the instruction as part of an existing course in the required curriculum;

(2) provide the instruction as part of an existing career and technology course designated by the State Board of Education as appropriate for that purpose; or

(3) establish a new elective course through which to provide the instruction.

(d) Each school district shall ensure that at least once in grade seven or eight each student receives the instruction under this section.

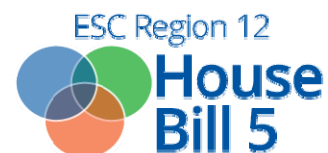
Remember: Student participation in this may be part of a Junior High/Middle School Domain 4 in future accountability.



How are we at ESC 12 working to support you?

We are building an online course which can be used by the teacher of the course to learn about the components of HB18 and offer some options for instruction. This would be a one time training for your middle school teacher.

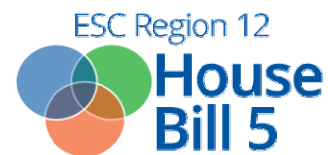
Look for news in April!



College Prep courses – ELA/R and Math

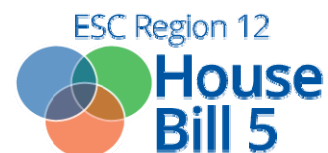
- These are able to count as Advanced ELAR and Math for students on the Foundation HS program. (They are just local credits for students on the RHSP.)
- These are required to be created in partnership with an IHE.
- The course should be an option for students who are not “college ready”.
- College ready is defined by the district. (Most common is use of TSI score.)

So it begins with class of 2018



Challenges

- This is only a HS credit
- High School courses are attached to credit which is based upon mastery of “standards”
- These courses need to have standards built – then curricular alignment and resources
- Credit and completion of this course should make a student “exempt” from TSI
- Some IHEs have wanted scoring “college ready” TSI to be a gatekeeper for the course



How are we at ESC 12 working to support you?

A group known as AVATAR is a cooperative group of high school teachers and college instructors who came together to discuss instruction for “college readiness”. ESC 12 specialists have been facilitating these talks.

In ELA/R, we are currently revising standards for this course based upon a combination of CCRS, TEKS and the goals of remedial IHE courses and looking at sharing instructional ideas. This fulfills the requirement of HB5 for the course creation.

Our goal is to have a training ready for your teachers in August 2016 with standards and curriculum that have been agreed upon by IHE and various high school teachers. We are working with IHEs to get one areawide MOU for this course.

We are looking at doing this same
work in math.

