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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April Trainings:

- **April 18** – New Generation System (NGS) Series Day 4
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20-Tech Lab 1)
- **April 20** – New Generation System (NGS) Series Day 4
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (Uvalde-Technology Center)
- **April 24**– Math Plus Training
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 (ESC-20)

May Trainings:

- No training scheduled

Register for sessions through ilearning at: <http://www.esc20.net/workshop>

National Migrant Education Conference

The National Migrant Education Conference will be in Phoenix, Arizona April 29 – May 2, 2007. For more information, please visit <http://www.nasdme.org>

Texas Parent Coordinating Council Conference (TPCC)

The Texas Parent Coordinating Council Conference will be in McAllen, Texas April 24 – 25, 2007. For more information, please visit www.esc1.net/tpcc

New Generation System (NGS)

Deadlines Coming Up:

For more information on deadlines, please refer to pages 4-6 of the NGS Required School District/ESC Activities.

- Immunization information must be submitted to the Terminal Site by March 1 (for students with a qualifying move after August 1 or previous school year)
- Input of immunization information must be completed by April 15

*Monthly Reports (**Must be run monthly**)*

- District Report
- Unique Report
- Priority for Services
- Continuation of Services

Highly recommended Reports:

- Residency Verification
- Two year olds turning three (P2-P3)
- PFS Tracking Report (all types)

NGS Information:

- Facility updates - if information has changed for 06-07 updates can be made as early as February 1, 2007 and must be completed by August 31, 2007.
- Each NGS site must keep a terminal site log for daily **incoming** data.
- *NGS Specialist **must never delete** enrollment lines when a student has been misidentified as migrant. (*Must notify ESC-20)

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Counseling Corner

Excuses, Excuses

The following are the top excuses, identified by the College Board that high school students have given for not continuing their education after high school.

- 1. No one in my family has ever gone to college.**
Why not be the first? A college experience gives you more opportunities and helps you build a more successful future. Your loved ones want the best for you, and you'll be able to do more for others if you complete some type of higher education.
- 2. I've been in school for 12 years. That's enough. I just want a good job.**
Think again. Most "good jobs" — those that are more interesting, pay more, and offer better opportunities — require some sort of education beyond high school. Many of the jobs that were available for high school graduates no longer exist due to the increasing use of computer automation.
- 3. I don't know what I want to do with my life.**
Most students who continue their education beyond high school don't know at first either. At least, they haven't settled on a single field or career. It's OK if you don't have definite plans yet. By taking on higher education, you can keep all of your options open.
- 4. I won't fit in.**
Colleges are dynamic places filled with people of different backgrounds, from different places, with different hopes and dreams. The higher education environment is for everyone — that's what makes it so exciting and fun.
- 5. College is too hard.**
In some cases, programs can be challenging, but no school will admit you unless they've reviewed your background and are confident you can meet the challenge — that's what the folks in admissions offices do every day. And once you're accepted, everyone on that campus, from your fellow students to the faculty and your resident assistants, will work hard to help you succeed.
- 6. I don't know how to apply or where I want to go.**
There are books, Web sites, teachers and counselors who attended colleges — way too many sources of information available for this excuse. Talk to your parents, visit with your guidance counselor, or do some research on the Web. Your goal should be to figure out what you like and what you don't like, and to explore the possibilities. Before you know it, you'll be well on your way.

From AIEmail: Adapted from: [College Board's "Seven Excuses Not to Go to College and Why They're Lame"](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/starting-points/141.html) (<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/starting-points/141.html>)

Math Plus Training

April 24

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ESC (Conference Center)

Districts can choose to send one person that will train staff or send staff who will be participating in Math Plus.

Register for sessions through ilearning at:

<http://www.esc20.net/workshop>

Texas State MEP Conference

November 27 – 29, 2007

San Antonio, Texas

Crowne Plaza Hotel

For reservations call 888-623-2800.

ESC-20 will be establishing local committee to help with the conference. If your district would like to participate in a local committee, please feel free to contact:

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Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)

The Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program will run from April – June 2007. Books are scheduled to be delivered in March. Students who qualify for RIF are children who have an eligible QAD as of April 1, 2007. For more information, please contact Veronica Alvarez at veronica.alvarez@esc20.net or at 210-370-5426.

Eligibility Validation

Eligibility Validation will run from April 2 – April 27. ESC-20 will be contacting districts to set up re-interviews with families. As a reminder COE, Supplemental Form or any other information that was used for eligibility will be requested. Districts can drive and introduce re-interviewer, but can not sit in on interview. For more information, please contact Veronica Alvarez at veronica.alvarez@esc20.net or at 210-370-5426 or Alex Dominguez at alexandra.dominguez@esc20.net or 210-370-5447.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who should attend the annual trainings?
 - o Recruiters and Eligibility Reviewers who sign the COE must attend the Annual ID&R Training. Eligibility Reviewers must also attend the Eligibility Reviewer Annual Training ½ day training that is designed especially for Eligibility Reviewers. NGS Data Specialist and staff who have full access to NGS must attend the NGS Annual Training. **Annual Trainings must be attended in order to receive certification for the new year as well as to recruit or sign COEs for school year 2007-2008.**
2. What are items we should be doing before the end of the school year?
 - o It is important that Recruiter IDs have been entered into NGS for all students who have an enrollment line for school year 2006-2007.
 - o Facility updates forms (Page 39) can also be updated for 2006-2007 they must be submitted to the NGS Data Specialist and kept on file. Deadline to have encoded them into NGS is August 31.
 - o Prepare motivational activities for 2 RIF distributions.
 - o Register and attend the Math Plus training.
 - o Have a plan for Math Plus summer program.

For any questions, comments, or if you have information you would like to share in the monthly newsletter, please contact Veronica Alvarez at veronica.alvarez@esc20.net

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