

Education Service Center,
Region 20



News and Events *for Technology Leaders*

2008–2009 MEETING DATES



ESC-20 Meetings
Technology Director
Noon–3:30 p.m.
Tue, 11/18/2008
Tue, 1/20/2009
Tue, 3/24/2009

Steering Committee
9:00 a.m.–Noon
Tue, 3/24/2009

Executive Committee
1:00 –3:00 p.m.
Thu, 4/16/2009

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NCLB Reporting System Requirements

Districts will be required to provide additional data at the district level in the 2008–2009 school year.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Reporting System will be used to collect the data for the new reporting requirements. This new requirement will be reported on the STaR Chart system (District Level).

The STaR Chart system will be open for reporting on the dates indicated.

District Level
September 2–November 30

Campus/Teacher
September 2–June 30, 2009

The new reporting requirements consist of three (3) sections.

[Section 1—Internet Connectivity](#)

Completed by the district Texas STaR Chart lead person

Data required is the unduplicated number of computers available to students for instruction by Internet access type (no connectivity, dial up, high speed wired or high speed wireless).

[Section 2—Student Proficiencies](#)

Completed by the district Texas STaR Chart lead person

Data required is the unduplicated number of 8th graders evaluated for technology literacy under the district's methodology as defined by the state at the end of the 8th grade for the 2007–2008 school year.

[Section 3—School Administrator Proficiencies](#)

Completed by campus administrators

Data required is the unduplicated number of school personnel achieving acceptable performance on standards-based performance profiles of technology user skills as defined by the state including teachers, librarians, library media specialists and campus administrators.

More information regarding the requirement can be found by accessing the links below.

[FAQs](#)
[Login information](#)
[NCLB Technology Report Info](#)
[Overview](#)
[Step by step instructions](#)

Assessment Methods

There are several assessment options that can be used in gathering information. These include 1) knowledge based test; 2) grades in a required 8th grade course; 3) performance based (checklist/rubric); 4) e-portfolio based (collected over a period of years), 5) project based or 6) a combination of items 1–5.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) selected [Tech Literacy Assessment](#) for its [pilot](#) program.

Other Assessment Options

Other assessment options are available. Links to some can be found below. The list is not all inclusive and is not an endorsement of any product. It is provided as information only.

[Simple Assessment](#)

[K to the 8th Power Assessment](#)

[TechPOINT Proficiency Assessment](#)

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Online Testing Software Update Information



"Online Testers"

New Version of TestNav Software

According to TEA, a new version of the TestNav online test delivery software will be required in Spring 2009. The software will become available on November 7, 2008 for download at the link <http://www.etesttx.com> -> "Test Delivery".

Release Features

This release of software has a new automatic update feature that will reduce the need for manual update of the software by district staff.

Complete Testing Information

<http://etest.pearson.com/Customers/Texas/eoct/txeoct/index.htm>

Online Testing System Requirements

There are minimum system requirements for hardware being used for the online tests. These include what is needed for memory, processor, internet connection speed, screen resolution and sound. See the [link](#) for full details .

Save the Date...Tech Fiesta April 16–17, 2009

Another great event planned...

Exhibitors
Presentations
Door Prizes
Lunch
Refreshments

Coincides with [San Antonio's Fiesta](#)

Tech Fiesta is being held on Thursday, April 16 through Friday, April 17, 2009.

Save the date on your calendar.

Arrangements are underway to plan the event. The theme of this year's event is "Future Vision".



Let's take a peek at what the future holds for technology in education. Vendors will showcase their products and services. Several presentations will be given that show what the future of technology may hold. Don't miss out on this exciting event.

Cisco Networking Academy Grant Opportunity



Two choices available with Cisco Academy certification.

The Cisco Networking Academy has two options for schools to choose from in certifying students. Previously students involved in the program learned the skills necessary to support a small network. Students were taught skills that would help them to configure and

troubleshoot a network. The training prepared students for the Cisco Certified Networking Associate (CCNA) examination. A new curriculum has been introduced that will teach the skills necessary to configure and troubleshoot needs of Small Office Home Office (SOHO)

equipment. The training prepares students for CCENT certification. A grant will be available to your district or school to add an academy. It requires a \$3,000 match on the school or districts part. Details will be provided via the website and list serves when released..

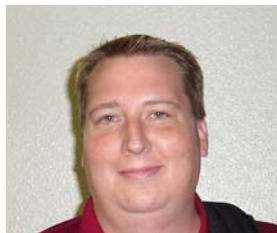
Introducing New Arrivals



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ADVERTISE YOUR DISTRICT NEWS HERE!!!

Do you have someone
new at your district that
you'd like to let others
know about?



Send a photo and
information.

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Share your good news!!!

Where's the Money?

Best Buy

Interactive Programs
Eligible: U.S. Schools
Deadline: 10/12/08
Award: \$5K

Target

Field Trips
Eligible: Ed Professionals
Deadline: 11/1/08
Award: \$800

InterWrite/eInstruction

Interactive Classroom
Eligible: K-12
Deadline: 10/24/08
Award: \$25K Equipment

Tool Factory

Digital Media Accessories
Eligible: Classrooms
Deadline: 12/30/08
Award: \$3K

2008 Prep Grant

SMART Products
Eligible: All
Deadline: 12/31/08
Award: Varies

Toyota

TAPESTRY Grant
Eligible: Science Teachers
Deadline: 1/21/09
Award: \$2.5K-\$10K

Toshiba

ExploraVision Awards
Eligible: K-12
Deadline: 1/28/09
Award: Goods+ \$5-\$10K

Nat. Science Foundation

Eligible: Secondary
Teachers (Grades 7-12)
Deadline: 5/1/09
Award: \$10K



*Grant funds are out
there...*

*Do you know where to
look?*



Online Training for netVision20

Members
(Access is via
iLearning)



TOPICS

Integrating ICT Skills into
Teaching and Learning

Deploying Student Technical
Support Solutions

Understanding and Building
Basic Networks

Using Microsoft Office 2003
for Learning Projects

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October 2008

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 9—Noon Bilingual ESL Updates (TETN) 1:30—3:30 Using Infused Skills Assessment (TETN)	2 2—4 Texas High School Grant (TETN) 3:15—4:15 NASA Our Solar Neighborhood (VFT)	3 1—2:30 TxVSN Information Session (TETN)
6	7 8:30—4:00 Basic Troubleshooting with Windows (OS) 10—12 Careers In Web Design (VFT)	8 9:30—10:30 Pro Football Hall of Fame (VFT) 10—12:30 Achieve Texas (TETN) 3:45—5:45 Collaborative Dropout Reduction	9 9—11:10 EIS Videoconference (TETN)	10 8:30—9:45 Providing TxVSN Courses (TETN) 9:30—10:30 Pro Football Hall of Fame (VFT) 10—12:30 Serving Pregnant Sp. Ed. Students (TETN) 1—3 2008—2009 Accommodations Manual (TETN)
13 9—12 SIP Requirements for Stage I (TETN)	14 9—12 Fitnessgram Implementation (TETN) 10—11:15 COSI Columbus Autopsy (VFT)	15 8:30—4:00 Windows XP Pro (OS) 3:45—4:45 Virtual Wednesday (VC)	16 10—12 LA Reading Coordinators in Dist (TETN)	17 9—12 Oral/Aural Skills Development (TETN) 1:30—3 411 for TxVSN Site Coordinators (TETN)
20 9—12 SIP Rqmts Stage 3 (TETN) 1—4 SIP Requirements for Stage 4 (TETN)	21	22 1—4 TAP in Stage 3-6 SIP Schools (TETN)	23 1—3 Special Education Assessments (TETN) 3:15—5 Redesign Cycle 5 (TETN)	24 1—3 TX Fitness Now Grant Update (TETN)
27 8:30—4:00 Ethical Hacker (OS) 1—2:30 Math Coaches Cycle 2 (TETN)	 28 8:30—4:00 Ethical Hacker (OS) 7:40—8:40 National Football Hall of Fame Memorial (VFT) 9—12 CTE TEKS Review Process (TETN)	29 8:30—4:00 Ethical Hacker (OS) 10—12 Functional Hearing Assessment (TETN) 3:45—4:45 Virtual Wednesday (VC)	30 8:30—4:00 Ethical Hacker (OS) 10—12:30 Preg. Svcs. & Life Skills Grant (TETN) 7—11 Edwards Aquifer Authority (VFT)	31 8:30—4:00 Ethical Hacker (OS) 8:30—4:00 Video Methodologies (OS) 10—12 RF Monitoring Training

LEGEND

Onsite (OS)

Texas Educational Telecommunications Network (TETN)

Videoconference (VC)/Virtual Field Trip (VFT)

