

# Denton ISD Virtual School

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# Keeping Pace With K-12

## Online Learning:

### An Annual Review of State-Level Policy and Practice, Nov 2009

- State virtual schools exist in 27 states, 2 more in development
- Six other states provide resources to on-line programs
- Florida is by far the largest with over 150,000 course enrollments in 2008-09
- 24 states plus D.C. have full-time online schools

# Recent Research of Online Learning Reveals...

Online learning programs continue to grow because...

- Online programs expand options for students
- Online learning programs are effective in meeting students educational needs--21 Century Skills
- Online courses offer opportunities for students to have equitable access to courses required for the Recommended and Distinguished Achievement graduation plans

# Texas Virtual School Network (TXVSN)

- TEC Chapter 30A: 80<sup>th</sup> Legislature authorized TEA to establish the TXVSN
- 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature passed revised TEC 30A and provided funding for TXVSN and TXVSN courses
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# About the courses

All high school courses are TEKS aligned and meet iNACOL standards, but may:

- Vary in pacing
- Enrollment
- Materials to be provided by student or district

# Student Eligibility Basics

A student is eligible to enroll in a course provided by the TXVSN only if the student:

- Is younger than 21 years of age on September 1 of the school year,
- Has not graduated from high school, and
- Is otherwise eligible to enroll in a public school in Texas

# On-line Instructor Requirements

- All TXVSN courses are instructor-led
- The high school instructors must:
  - Must be Texas-certified to teach the course
  - Must have completed TXVSN-approved professional development
  - Submit to Provider District's process for background checks, certification, professional development, etc.



# TXVSN Site Coordinator: DISD

- Knows students' academic needs
- Is “go to” contact for online instructor
- Will receive grade reports for student
- Will receive final grade for student
- Must mentor student or sees that another designated staff member mentors the student

# 81<sup>st</sup> TX Legislature Expanded TXVSN Priorities, HB3646, Sep 2009

- Expanded priorities include:
  - Courses that meet **high school graduation requirements**
  - Courses that would likely benefit a student in obtaining **admission to a postsecondary institution**
  - Courses, including **dual credit courses**, that allow a student to earn college credit or other **advanced credit**
  - Courses benefitting students under the **supervision** of a juvenile probation department, the Texas Youth Commission, or the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and;
  - Courses in **teacher shortage subject** areas.

# Provider and Receiver Schools

For each student who *successfully* completes an electronic course that:

- Satisfies a curriculum requirement for graduation,
- Is provided through the TXVSN, and
- Is part of a normal student course load,

Then, the **Provider District** that provided the course is entitled to **\$400** per student/course.

Then, the **Receiving District** that received the course is entitled to **\$80** per student/course

# Successful Completion: “No pass...no pay”

A final grade of 70 or higher as assigned by the course provider district

*and*

Required course activities and assignments are completed by the student

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## **DISD Virtual School Leadership Team :**

Jamie Wilson,  
Dr. Mike Mattingly  
Robert Bostic,  
Melanie Lewis  
Vicky Christenson

- DISD joined the Texas Virtual School Network in June of 2010
- Student may take 2 semester courses per semester.
- Student must meet with counselor to make sure the course selected fits into the student's graduation plan, and that it meets the TXVSN criteria for payment through high school allotment funding. Courses that do not meet that criteria may be taken on a tuition basis at the student/parent expense.
- Students must complete Readi -Assessment to evaluate readiness for on-line independent learning

## DISD TXVSN cont.

- Courses may be taken for acceleration or retrieval. DISD recommends that students take TAKS tested courses in the DISD classroom format whenever possible
- No more than four (4) total credits of coursework from any combination of correspondence or online classes may be applied to the graduation requirements for DISD
- Final grades from TXVSN courses will be recorded on the student's Academic Achievement Record; scores will be counted in the student's GPA calculation if it is a course that earns GPA points

# DISD TXVSN cont.

DISD TXVSN Administrator: Melanie Lewis

Technology Support: Leslie Taylor

TXVSN Finance Approver: Julie Simpson

Site Coordinators:

FMHS: Trevina Willis

DHS: Dr. Doretha Hudspeth & Brian Massegee

RHS: Linda Skaggs

GHS: Donna Jones

Training held June 16, 2010 in DISD

Two DISD students enrolled for summer school semester taking US History (Plano ISD) and Spanish I (Mansfield ISD)

Statements have been placed in the 2010/11 Student Code of Conduct relative to DISD and TXVSN opportunities.

***QUESTIONS or COMMENTS?***