Instructional Leaders Leadership Network

Reading/Language Arts and Social Studies Department Updates
April 6, 2016

House Bill 4 High-Quality Prekindergarten Grant Program

- High-Quality Prekindergarten Grant Application due April 8, 2016
- Commissioner’s List of Approved Prekindergarten Progress Monitoring Instruments
- Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines (updated 2015) will be implemented beginning 2016-2017 school year

Update on ELA/R and SLA/R TEKS Revision

- July 2016 – SBOE Adoption of revised K-12 TEKS
- Spring/Summer 2018 – Professional Development for K-8 TEKS
- 2018-2019 School Year – Implement revised K-8 TEKS
- Spring/Summer 2019 – Professional Development for 9-12 TEKS
- 2019-2020 School Year – Implement revised 9-12 TEKS

TEKS and Instructional Materials Working Document
Texas SUCCESS - Reading

- Programs for accelerated reading instruction
  - Grades 3-5 Istation
  - Grades 6-8 Compass Learning and Istation
  - English I and II – Apex Learning

- Save the dates:
  - May 17
  - May 24
  - May 26

Online Resources

- Write for Texas: Professional Development to Support Academic Writing Resources
- Texas Gateway: ELA and Reading

Personal Financial Literacy

- A new one-half credit elective course in social studies available beginning with the 2016-2017 school year
- TEKS will be available online and will be noted with “Adopted 2016” in the title
- The PEIMS code is available at 2016-2017 PEIMS Data Standards (03380082)
- Please note that Texas Education Code §28.021(b) requires that school districts and open-enrollment charter schools with a high school program must offer the Personal Financial Literacy course. Other financial literacy courses will not meet this requirement (TEA, 2016)
- State Board of Educator Certification will post information about teacher certification requirement(s)
- Personal Financial Literacy List of Approved Materials