

2012 SOLUTIONS CATALOG



Show Me How

Using Mentor Text to Guide Readers and Writers in Grades 6



Supporting STAAR[™] Achievement
Meeting the TEKS and Readiness Standards

Teacher Edition



Gateways
to Science
STAAR Edition



TEKS
Mathematics Charts: I



ABOUT REGION 4



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As the largest education service center (ESC) in Texas, Region 4 provides research-based products and professional development to 53 school districts, 49 state-approved charter schools, and nearly 1,300 campuses, representing more than 1 million students (almost one-fourth of all students in Texas) and 88,000 educators in the upper Texas Gulf Coast area.

Certified educators and administrators prepare materials and training that align to state and federal standards and test the effectiveness of these products and services in education environments to ensure high quality and consistency across learning platforms.

OUR HISTORY

Region 4, located in Houston, Texas, is one of 20 ESCs established by the Texas Legislature in 1967. As mandated by the legislature, ESCs are charged with—

- assisting school districts in improving student performance;
- enabling school districts to operate more efficiently and economically; and
- implementing initiatives assigned by the legislature or Commissioner of Education.

To illustrate our commitment to students, we have developed the following center-wide strategic plan framework to which we adhere each day.

Core Purpose

Revolutionizing education to inspire and advance future generations®

Vision

Creating solutions that are the worldwide standard for educational excellence®

Strategic Goals/Quality Objectives

- Make Every Customer a Raving Fan
- Be Financially Self-Sufficient
- Increase Employee and Organizational Capacity

Core Values

- Excellence
- Service
- Children

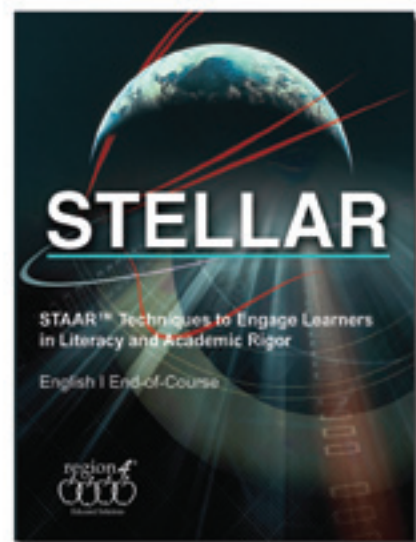
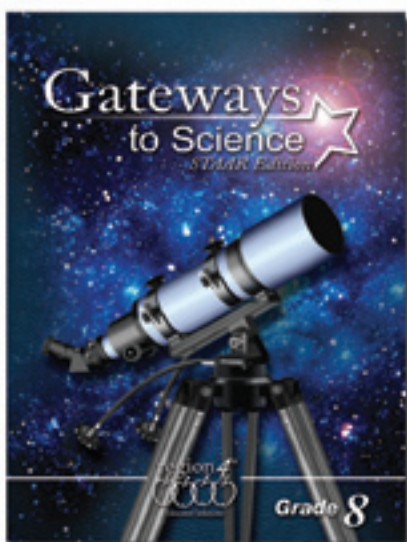
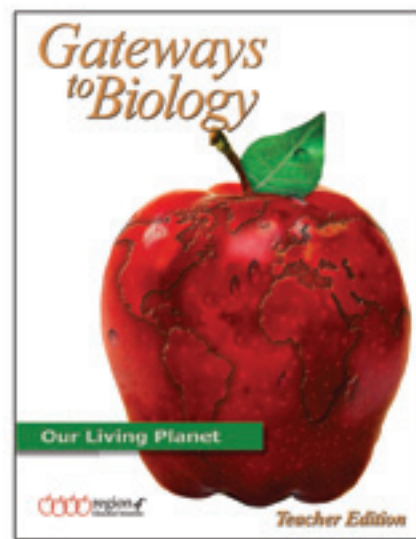
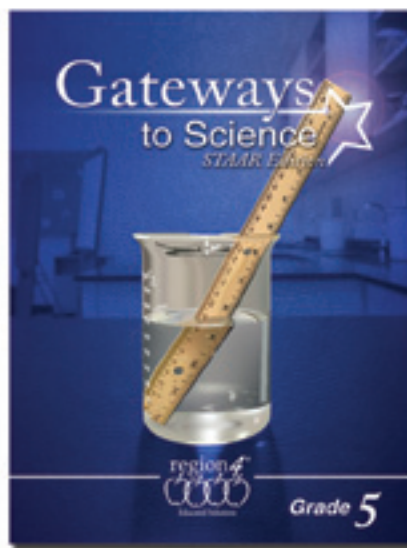


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PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS



2011–2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Important Test Dates

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| 7–18 | STAAR—Algebra I STAAR—US History STAAR—Biology STAAR—Geometry STAAR—World Geography STAAR—Physics STAAR—World History STAAR—Algebra II STAAR—Chemistry |
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The following are the 2011–2012 assessment dates for Texas public school students as revised by TEA on July 6, 2011. The dates are subject to change by TEA.



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Academic Support

General Instruction

New!

Gateways to Science

Revised to meet STAAR requirements, designed to increase achievement

The **Gateways to Science** instructional program uses the research-proven 5E instructional model—Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate—in which students actively participate in learning science and integrate that knowledge into real-world understanding. The program creates an interactive environment for students through engaging experiences such as—

- Hands-on lab investigations;
- Cooperative reading strategies;
- Use of science notebooks;
- Problem-solving activities;
- Questioning that promotes inquiry-based discussion; and
- Curriculum-based assessments that measure student mastery of concepts and processes.

Gateways to Science includes detailed instructions to guide teachers through the 5E lesson model, annotated answers to questions and activities, strategies for helping students organize information, materials lists, and reproducible masters.

Contact science@esc4.net for full details, or visit www.region4store.com to order online.

Gateways to Science

Grade 1

Teacher Edition
460-1371/\$100
Student Edition
460-1372/\$50

Grade 2

Teacher Edition
460-1369/\$100
Student Edition
460-1370/\$50

Grade 3

Teacher & Student Editions
In development

Grade 4

Teacher & Student Editions
In development

Grade 5, STAAR Edition

Teacher Edition/Student Edition Set (1 each)
460-1680/\$300
Student Edition
460-1021S/\$50 each
Class Set
(1 Teacher Edition, 20 Student Editions)
460-1681/\$1,100

Grade 6

Teacher Edition/Student Edition Set (1 each)
460-1694/\$300
Student Edition
460-1016S/\$50 each
Class Set
(1 Teacher Edition, 20 Student Editions)
460-1695/\$1,100 each

Grade 7

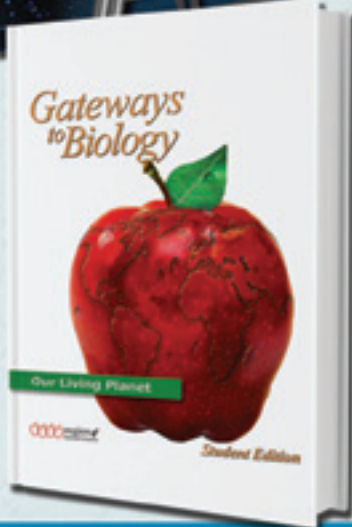
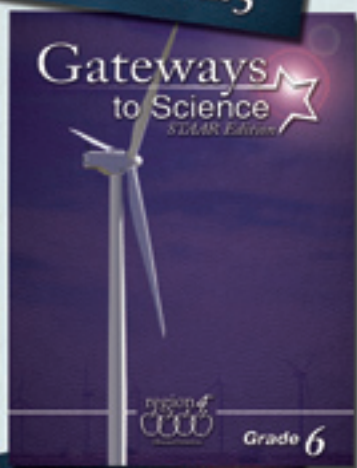
Teacher & Student Editions
In development

Grade 8, STAAR Edition

Teacher Edition/Student Edition Set (1 each)
460-1698/\$300
Student Edition
460-1020S/\$50 each
Class Set
(1 Teacher Edition, 20 Student Editions)
460-1699/\$1,100

Gateways to Biology

Teacher Edition
460-1505/\$200
Student Edition
460-1506/\$80



Academic Support

General Instruction

New!

Show Me How

Reading and writing enrichment for critical testing years

Show Me How is a series of instructional units containing sequential lessons that connect the interrelated roles of reading and writing across multiple genres and modes. The lessons follow the gradual release of responsibility framework in the context of a reading and writing workshop environment. Lessons are divided into units by genre that teachers can use as a starting point or a complete unit of study. \$350/reading@esc4.net

Elementary (Grades 3–5): 501-1665

Middle School (Grades 6–7): 501-1664



TEKS and ELPS Charts **Best Seller**

The Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) Charts provide quick and portable access to state standards. Available for English language arts/reading, mathematics, and science, each TEKS chart is organized by grade and contains the complete TEKS standards listings. These durable resources are ideal for assisting educators in curriculum and lesson planning—vertical and horizontal—across all content areas, guiding professional development and ensuring that instructional activities align to state standards. \$20 set of 10/solutions@esc4.net

Novel Series: A Balanced Approach to Academic Rigor and Cognitive Development

Support the implementation of the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) in secondary English reading/language arts by equipping teachers to use literary novels as agents for reinforcing the balanced literacy strands. Each edition is a comprehensive teaching unit strategically structured to empower teachers in targeting, teaching, and assessing higher level reading, thinking, and writing skills with seamless, thematic, and historical/cultural contextual supports. \$50/reading@esc4.net

To Kill a Mockingbird: 501-1095

The Outsiders: 501-1097

The Giver: 501-1100

Night: 501-1256



Academic Support

General Instruction



Engaging Mathematics **Best Seller**

Requiring only 10–15 minutes each to complete, the activities included in *Engaging Mathematics* can be easily incorporated into a teacher's current instructional plans. Activities, such as writing prompts, are ideal to use as warm-ups, short-cycle assessments, follow-up lessons, or retention support.

\$50/math@esc4.net

Grade 2: 407-1648

Grade 4: 407-1468

Grade 6: 407-1601

Grade 8: 407-1602

Algebra II: 407-1603

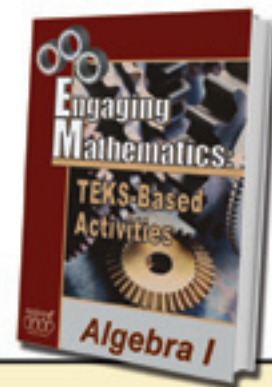
Grade 3: 407-1467

Grade 5: 407-1381

Grade 7: 407-1531

Algebra I: 407-1469

Geometry: 407-1604



Making Connections with Measurement

From food preparation to building structures, measuring pervades our everyday lives. Each book in this series provides educators with lessons and strategies that support grade-level TEKS objectives while at the same time helping students apply measuring skills within mathematics, science, and real-world contexts. Grades K–6 available in Spanish.

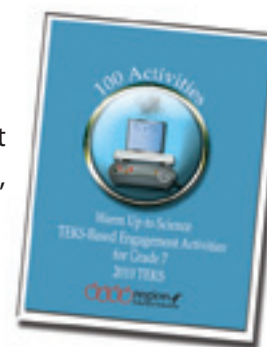
Teacher Edition: \$50 Student Workbooks: \$360 set of 30 math@esc4.net

Warm Up to Science

Features over 100 brief, classroom-ready activities aimed at state assessment mastery. Designed for immediate student involvement in multiple science concepts, this series contains proven strategies, such as setting high expectations, activating prior knowledge, providing feedback, and allowing recognition for efforts.

\$50/science@esc4.net

Grade 7: 460-1586 | Grade 8: 460-0875



Differentiation Strategies for Gifted/Advanced Students in Social Studies

Add depth and complexity to the gifted and advanced social studies classroom with this teacher resource for Grades 4–8. Includes practical content examples and provides a framework from which teachers can create their own differentiated activities and lessons.

460-1327/\$40/socialstudies@esc4.net



Academic Support

General Instruction

Early Literacy Resources

Put your young readers on the path to reading success and ready for STAAR

Emergent Reader Series (also available in Spanish)

- **Vocabulary Series**—Each book and accompanying activity is designed to expand the vocabulary of young children by making connections to known words. 501-1571/\$40
- **Concept of Print Series**—The kit engages the earliest readers with patterned text, appealing graphics, and colorful photographs. Each book is designed to teach one specific concept of print, including concept of a word, left-to-right directionality, speech-to-print matching, and more. 501-1555/\$30
- **Informational Text Series**—Features of informational text, such as table of contents, headings, labels, tables, and diagrams, are covered in each of the 6 included books. Includes 23 guided-practice cards and 23 reproducible take-home minibooks. 501-1573/\$50

Thinking Pads—Designed to support teachers in scaffolding students' reading, this primary grade resource provides lessons designed to support student engagement in both whole- and small-group settings while promoting independent student thinking and a transition to independent reading. Kit includes 8 teacher modeling cards, 40 thinking pads, and a teacher's manual. 501-1541/\$150

Interactive Nonfiction Kit—Designed to encourage young readers to learn how nonfiction books are structured. Each book, written at the second-grade reading level, spotlights several examples of nonfiction writing, such as headings, captions, comparisons, maps, and bold print. Kit includes 6 packs of 8 nonfiction titles (48 books), a teacher's manual, and interactive CD for review. 501-1534/\$350



Extending the Story: Connecting Children's Picture Books with Critical Thinking Skills

Featuring 24 picture books with summaries, complete bibliographic information, and activity cards to encourage critical thinking, this colorful resource manual is designed to expand students' thinking abilities. 501-1549/\$40/reading@esc4.net

Big Activities for Small-Group Literacy Instruction: Level 1

This cross-curricular collection equips teachers with tools to revive small-group reading instruction through engaging multisensory literacy activities, authentic reading materials, and support for the high-stakes areas of science, social studies, and mathematics. The kit includes 6 nonfiction book titles, comprehension game boards, interactive work boards, vocabulary development sorts, and a teacher's guide with reproducible extension activities for independent practice. 501-1512/\$500/reading@esc4.net

For more information about our early literacy products and customized professional development, contact reading@esc4.net.



Academic Support

Curriculum/Assessment and Intervention

New!

STAAR™ Achievement—Mathematics

Campus-wide student success starts with readiness

Designed to give educators a set of tools to prepare students for the rigor of STAAR, Region 4's *Supporting STAAR™ Achievement in Mathematics* is the resource to help your students succeed. Focusing on the readiness standards, these materials provide classroom-ready lessons utilizing the research-based 5E instructional model. The materials include differentiated activities, ELPS supports, and selected-response assessments.

\$50/math@esc4.net

Grade 3: 407-1666

Grade 4: 407-1671

Grade 5: 407-1669

Grade 6: 407-1672

Grade 7: 407-1670

Grade 8: 407-1673

Algebra I: 407-1668



STELLAR

Solution for high school STAAR™ ELAR preparation

New!

STELLAR modules incorporate multigenre pieces, thematically linked to seamlessly align to the new TEKS and creatively crafted to inspire inquiry, discussion, and ongoing reflection. Each module also offers added-value enrichments through technology, research, listening and speaking, and study skills, while providing relevant scaffolding options for diverse learners and gifted and talented students. Modules include summative and formative assessment options and suggestions for extensions through reading, writing, listening, and speaking, in order to support authentic literacy experiences.

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English I: 501-1663



Academic Support

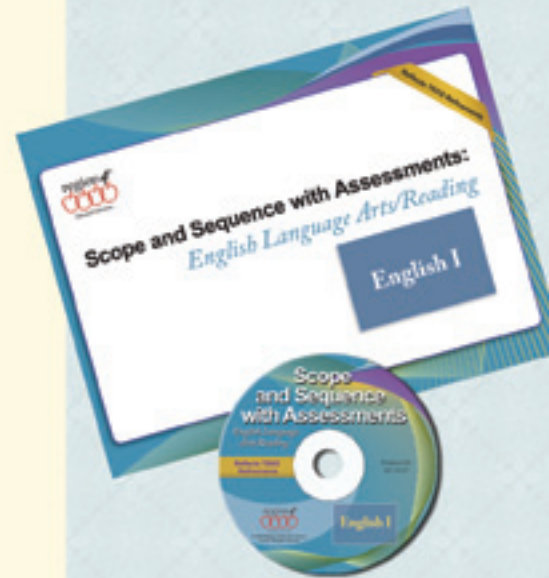
Curriculum/Assessment and Intervention

Scope and Sequence with Assessments: *English Language Arts/Reading*

The English Language Arts/Reading Scope and Sequence is a comprehensive, conceptual framework aligned to the recently revised TEKS standards. Each grade-level document contains the following:

- 6 flexible and adaptable units of study accompanied by assessments aligned to state assessment objectives, College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS), and the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS)
- Comprehensive K–English IV vertical alignment document
- CD of all materials included

Price: \$1,000. For details on customized professional development, contact reading@esc4.net.



Biology End-of-Course Assessment Simulation

STAAR's 12 EOC assessments at the high school level will fully incorporate assessments for college readiness and advanced-course readiness in all the core subject areas, and Region 4 is developing EOC simulated tests and other preparation materials to assure student achievement in these newly mandated readiness standards. Educator professional development will accompany all student preparation materials. 460-1576/\$150/science@esc4.net



TAKS Preparation—Exit Series

Utilizing the research-based gradual release lesson model, these classroom-ready instructional materials develop critical-thinking skills that help improve student learning and performance on TAKS.

Teacher Edition: \$25 Student Workbooks: \$199 set of 30/solutions@esc4.net

Available in—

- Mathematics
- Reading/Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies

Academic Support

Curriculum/Assessment and Intervention



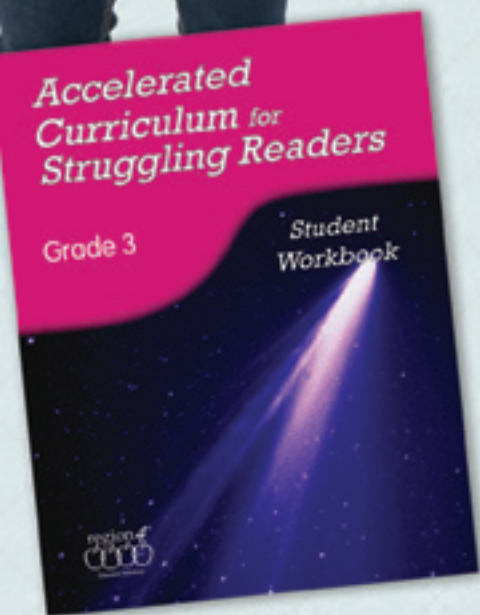
Closing the Distance **Best Seller**

The *Closing the Distance* intervention program provides a targeted approach to addressing specific concepts in standardized testing, designed to narrow the academic gaps through lessons and assessments specifically focused on concepts that pose obstacles. The *Closing the Distance* intervention program is designed for all students, including English language learners, students at risk of failing, and high-achieving students seeking commended performance.

The lessons in each *Closing the Distance* subject area are specifically designed to be used during the final weeks leading up to state assessments. However, each lesson can stand alone, providing flexibility for use in student-centered instruction for whole groups or pullouts, cooperative learning settings, and teacher-directed instruction. \$50 each/solutions@esc4.net

Available in—

- Mathematics: Grades 3–11
- Reading/Language Arts: Grades 3, 5, and 8
- Science: Grades 5 and 8



Accelerated Curriculum **Best Seller**

Providing the extra support needed for struggling students as well as increasing retention for all learners, the *Accelerated Curriculum* intervention program is designed to accelerate learning for students who demonstrate gaps in learning. Each lesson includes detailed notes, facilitation questions to guide in-class discussion, performance assessments, and selected-response items. Student comprehension is measured with unit assessments and 2 curriculum-based assessments that simulate state assessments.

Price varies by subject and grade. Contact solutions@esc4.net for more information.

Available in—

- Mathematics: Grades 10 and 11 Exit
- Reading/Language Arts:
 - Grades 3, 5, and 8
 - Middle School, Volumes I–III
- Science: Grade 11 Exit
- Social Studies: Grade 11 Exit

Academic Support

Bilingual/ESL/ELL Resources

Impact the academic success of ELL students, including STAAR considerations

Finding the Writer in Your Secondary English Language Learners

Effectively measure the writing progress of secondary English language learners. This resource provides instruction and strategies for developing English writing skills so that student writing moves along the continuum from Beginner to Advanced-level English language learner. 501-1261/\$25/ bilingual@esc4.net

Teaching Your Secondary English Language Learners the Academic Language of Tests

Move secondary English language learner (ELL) students to the next level of success with research-based strategies created to help students acquire the academic English skills necessary for achievement on tests. This highly effective resource addresses academic English vocabulary and common academic English structures found on tests, including academic word lists for each grade level. \$25/bilingual@esc4.net

- English Language Arts: 501-1259
- Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies: 501-1109

Vocabulary Instruction for Intermediate English Language Learners: Teaching Students in English, ESOL, and ESL Classrooms

This teacher resource offers lesson plans that address both implicit and explicit learning strategies, vocabulary instruction management, and ideas for providing repeated exposure to vocabulary, with practical techniques for vocabulary instruction. 501-1110/\$20/bilingual@esc4.net

Making Math Accessible for English Language Learners: Practical Tips and Suggestions

Linguistic tools, including vocabulary organizers, concept definition mapping, and more, provide educators with resources for building math vocabulary. TEKS-based, 5E instructional model lessons provide strategies specific to the ELL student. \$50/math@esc4.net

- K–2: 407-1142
- Grades 3–5: 407-1144
- Grades 6–8: 407-1146
- Grades 9–12: 407-1148



Program Evaluations & Curriculum Reviews

The purpose of the program evaluation is to review the current program design, structure, and implementation and to identify the optimum method(s) of serving the district's students in the program being evaluated. Curriculum review is focused on identifying strengths and areas that need increased attention within a district's scope and sequence in one or more content areas.

“*Thank you so much for the advice and support provided to us during and after the program evaluation conducted for our Special Services department . . . The program evaluation document itself was very well organized and well presented to our Board. The charts have been particularly helpful to us in analyzing longitudinal data and in planning personnel allocation and staff development. I especially appreciate your willingness to provide additional guidance even after the evaluation was completed. The advice and data provided were extremely valuable when developing an action plan for Special Services.*”
—Director of Special Services,
midsize metropolitan district

Instructional Coaching

Region 4's instructional coaching model provides a framework for collaboration between the classroom teacher and our dedicated education specialists. This model delivers highly qualified coaches and includes campus and/or district administrators in determining and implementing a customized instructional coaching framework.

“*. . . you provided me with outstanding training and coaching during my year . . . I really appreciate your assistance and guidance, and know that it has made me a better teacher. In addition, your training and guidance with ESL helped me to work with bilingual students last year who were struggling with reading in English. Also, all of my ESL students have passed every state test last year and this year.*”
—Teacher, large metropolitan district



Special Education

For more information on these products and services, visit www.region4store.com or e-mail specialeducation@esc4.net.

Assistive Technology

- **Making It Work: Technology Tips for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments** **Best Seller**

This desktop guide will help you to learn proper use of hardware, quickly locate commands and execute tasks, avoid common technology mistakes, and improve access for students with visual impairments.

741-1277/\$40

- **Exploring Core Vocabulary of High Tech AAC Systems**

741-1294/\$24



Behavior

- **Manifestation Investigation**

741-1492/\$20

- **Tune-Up Behavior and Discipline: Tools for the Teacher's Desk**

741-1286/\$50

Braille

Meet ADA requirements while making a difference in the lives of students who use braille.

Region 4 Braille/Accessibility Services is one of the largest and most technologically advanced braille production operations in the US. A nonprofit, fully automated, turn-key braille facility producing more than 2 million pages of braille each year, Braille/Accessibility Services has been producing textbooks and testing materials since 1976. Textbooks are currently transcribed for 50 states and testing materials for 33 states; Washington, DC; and Puerto Rico.

Services include:

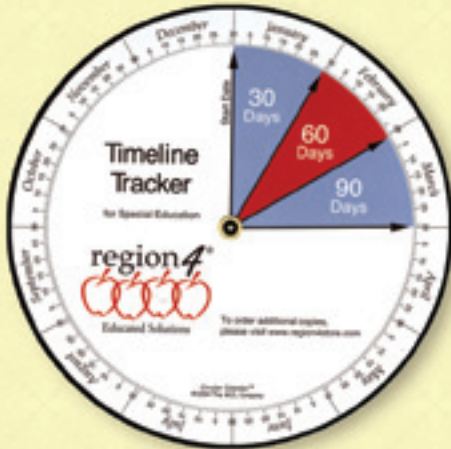
- Converting print to braille
- Back translation—braille to print
- Braille reproduction
- Proofreading braille
- Braille signage proofreading/certification
- Large print
- DAISY3.0 Digital Talking Books
- Digitally recorded audio files: DAISY3.0 Digital

For more information, contact Braille@esc4.net.



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Evaluation

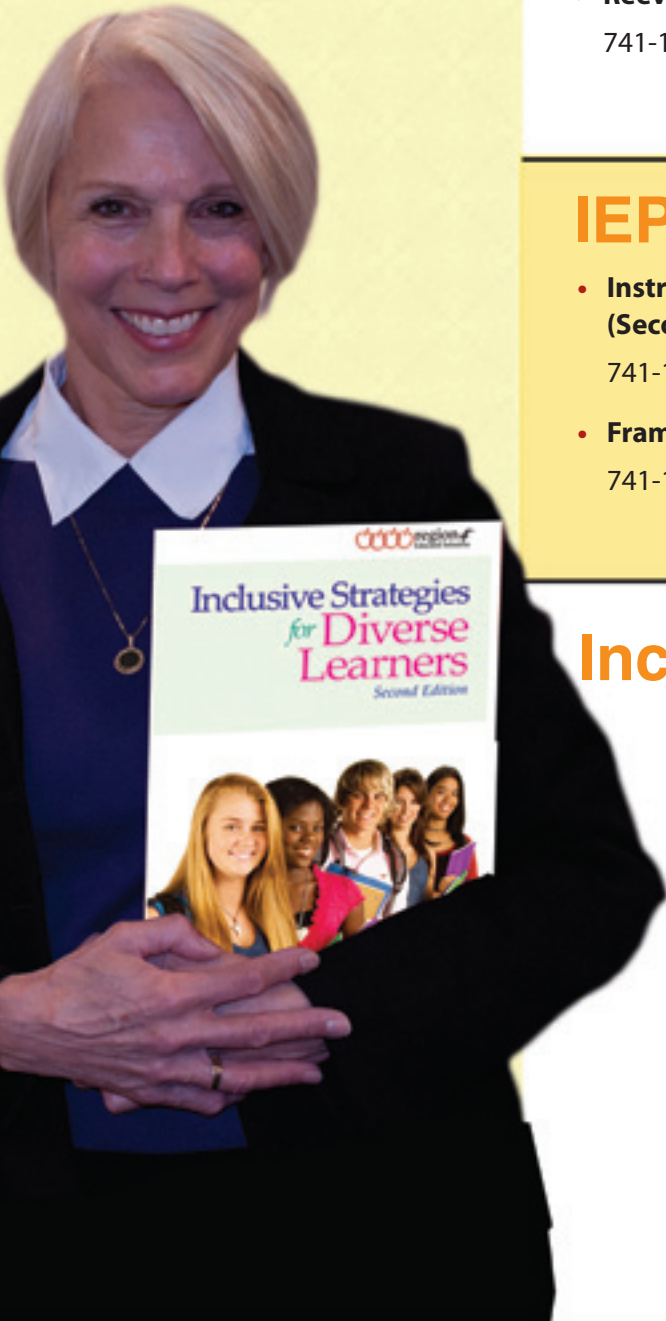
- **Timeline Tracker Best Seller**
This handy, color-coded circular calendar highlights 30-, 60-, and 90-day timelines to reduce the occurrence of calculating errors. Perfect for IEP meetings and meeting state performance plan timelines.
 - 741-1644/\$25 set of 5
 - 741-1642/\$110 set of 25
 - 741-1643/\$400 set of 100
- **Functional Educational Evaluation: Look at All We Can Do!**
741-1297/\$85
- **Reevaluation Flowchart**
741-1424/\$18 set of 3

IEP Process

- **Instructional Accommodations and Modifications Modules: Training Kit (Second Edition)**
741-1295/\$150
- **Framework for Accommodation Considerations Training Kit**
741-1296/\$100

Inclusion

- **Inclusive Strategies for Diverse Learners (Second Edition)**
741-1524/\$20 set of 3
- **Identifying Special Education Interventions: An Educator's Decision-Making Guide**
741-1292/\$15



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Paraprofessional

- **Para-Chute: Tools for the Paraprofessional**
741-1398/\$25
- **Paraprofessional Orientation: Training Kit**
741-0488/\$100

Preschool

- **"I Can Take Care of Me!": Rules for Success in the Preschool Classroom**
741-1403/\$60



Speech-Language Pathology

- **Identification of Bilingual Phenomena during Response to Intervention: A Tutorial for Early Intervening Services**
Learn the 15 characteristics of normal bilingual communication in order to accurately interpret the data that is collected on bilingual students during the response to intervention (RtI) process and to knowledgeably justify speech therapy referral/placement.
741-1311/\$50 per kit
- **Bilingual Phenomena: Determining a Communication Difference vs. a Communication Disorder**
741-0493/\$25
- **Evaluating Bilingual Students for Eligibility as Speech/Language Impaired: A Handbook for Evidence-Based Decision Making**
741-1318/\$15
- **Quick Reference Card: The 15 Bilingual Phenomena**
741-1312/\$20 set of 15
- **Bilingual Issues and the Speech-Language Pathologist Trainer Kit**
741-1426/\$600



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Supports

- **Special Education Quick Reference Guide**

Based on IDEA 2004 and State Board of Education and Commissioner's Rules, this 3-hole-punched guide contains critical "need to know" information about autism, IEP, ARD, LRE, transition, eligibility, and more—in one convenient location. Perfect for IEP meetings, for parents, or for staff development.

741-1609/\$50 set of 10

- **Co-Teaching Modules Training Kit (Second Edition)**

741-1526/\$100

- **Section 504 in Schools: A Training-of-Trainers Manual**

741-1518/\$150

- **Special Education Quick Reference Guide for Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing**

741-1679/\$50

- **Building the Bridge to Independent Living Transition Tracker: Parents Supplement**

741-1402/\$20

- **Directory of Agencies Serving Individuals with Disabilities**

741-1499/\$20

- **TIPS for Student Success Series**

Information tear-off sheets covering 15 special education topics including autism, RtI, assistive technology, transition, and more. Perfect for informing staff, parents, and other stakeholders on important issues surrounding special education.

Visual Impairments

- **InFocus with Low Vision Teacher Guide Kit**

This unique resource assists teachers in training young children with visual impairments to use magnifiers and monoculars. The materials and story line act as a bridge between children with normally developing sight and children with low vision. The corresponding activity books and charts provide additional opportunities for students to use low vision devices. The kit includes 2 story books, 3 activity books, 1 set of near- and distance-training charts, and a teacher's guide. 741-1394/\$180

- **Assessment of Braille Literacy Skills (ABLS)**

741-0810/\$15

- **Program in Low Vision Therapy**

741-0805/\$100

- **Psychoeducational Assessment of Students Who Are Visually Impaired or Blind: Infancy through High School (Third Edition)**

741-1422/\$50

- **Making It Work: Technology Tips for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments**

741-1277/\$40



Region 4 Conferences

Stay up to date on the latest trends and practices.

Staff development can be a great expense for districts and campuses—not to mention the quality instructional time lost when educators step away from the classroom. Region 4’s annual conferences provide districts and campuses with a budget-friendly and local option for participation in educational conferences.

Region 4 brings to the education community recognized experts in the field, creating a forum for illuminating emerging knowledge and skills in a diverse selection of topics. Held in the state-of-the-art McKinney Conference Center, Region 4’s annual conference series addresses all areas of education, whether the focus is on curriculum and instruction, school operations, or administrator support.



Conferences in 2012

- **Institute for Advanced Issues in Educating Students with Disabilities—Section 504/ADA, IDEA, and NCLB**
June 4–5, 2012
- **Summer Evaluation Institute**
June 5–7, 2012
- **Texas Behavior Support State Conference**
June 26–27, 2012
- **Access to the General Curriculum Institute**
July 10–12, 2012
- **Texas Assistive Technology Network (TATN) Conference**
June 12–14, 2012
- **Preschool Summer Institute**
July 17–19, 2012



Professional Development

Face-to-Face Training Sessions

Looking for the latest in professional development from Region 4? Visit www.esc4.net/PD to see our latest calendar of events, and reserve your spot by registering at any time of day.

Online Trainings

Small Cost, Big Reward

- **Coaching Student Teachers**
Assists the cooperative teachers in understanding the role and responsibilities of being a mentor to ensure student teachers are fully prepared.
- **Mentor Experience**
This program equips mentors with the tools needed to support beginning teachers.
- **Online Substitute Training**
Our cost-effective, interactive Online Substitute Training gives substitutes the tools they need to prepare them for the classroom.
- **Texas Educator Code of Ethics**
Texas Educator Code of Ethics cuts through the intricacies of the state standards. Students work through practical application scenarios so that they are prepared for the brief assessment delivered at the end of training.

Stay up to date on the latest offerings at www.esc4.net/train.

Growth Opportunities

- **TEXES Preparation Sessions and Content-Area Practice Exams**
Region 4 offers year-round preparation sessions and content-area practice exams for those getting ready to take a TEXES certification exam. Preparation sessions can be accessed and completed anytime through our online training site. View the latest sessions at www.esc4.net/PD.
- **The Successful Classroom: Training Teachers to Succeed**
When teachers need help effectively managing the classroom, *The Successful Classroom* can be used as a guide to help the teacher get the classroom back on track. 923-1631/\$50

On-site training available for an additional fee. Visit www.esc4.net/tsc for details.

- **Guide on the Side: Teacher Leadership Network**
Designed to develop teacher-leaders' capacity to initiate change and promote exemplary practices. Course topics include team building, problem solving, peer motivation, and instructional coaching. E-mail leadership@esc4.net to inquire about upcoming courses.



Campus Leadership

Principal Resources

Leadership and Communication at the Secondary Level: A Collection of Ideas for What to Say and When to Say It

Are you looking for administrator-tested insight when speaking at school events or communicating in writing? The sample memos and speeches contained in this resource will take you from opening week to graduation and help build your credibility and success as a school leader. A CD with templates is included. 410-1351/\$40



Time on Task . . . Time on Learning: Management Templates for Instructional Leaders

Stay in the lead throughout the school year with e-templates of agendas, certificates, checklists, letters, and timelines for administrative planning, staff responsibilities, student scheduling, parent notifications, and more. Microsoft® Word or Excel formats. 410-1116/\$30 Now \$24.99

Time on Task . . . Time on Learning 2: Management Templates for Instructional Leaders

This companion to *Time on Task* contains templates to help you streamline tasks. Includes teacher plans for day 1, staff-development programs, testing checklists, and more. 410-1251/\$30 Now \$24.99



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Principal Resources

Spanish for School Leaders

Region 4 Global Education Solutions has designed an online course for educators who want to acquire basic Spanish vocabulary to communicate in a school setting. No prior knowledge of Spanish is required.

The language used in this interactive course can be immediately applied when working with Spanish-speaking students and parents. Emphasis is placed on applying Spanish language skills that are applicable and relevant to administrators, with terminology that is used daily when interacting with Spanish speakers in an educational setting. To register or for more information about this course, visit www.region4acp.net/spanish.

Hallways and Blackboards: A Practical Response to Intervention (RtI)

Gain a practical approach for implementing a campus- or district-based RtI model. Tools such as a 3-tiered intervention process flowchart and a step-by-step implementation plan assist educators in identifying and allocating appropriate resources and in developing a multiyear plan for continuous improvement. 741-1380/\$100/specialeducation@esc4.net

Navigating the Course Series: The Principal's Role in Inclusion

Do you need to implement placement options that meet least restrictive environment (LRE) requirements and promote inclusive practices? This presentation kit includes a detailed training script, participant handout masters, activity materials, and a PowerPoint® presentation. 410-1231/\$175/leadership@esc4.net

Customized Leadership Services

For more information about these services, e-mail leadership@esc4.net or visit www.esc4.net/leadership.

- Executive Coaching for Educational Leaders
- New Principal Online Academy
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- Principal Induction Program for First-Year Assistant Principals
- Aspiring Superintendents and Educational Leaders Academy
- "Guide on the Side" Teacher-Leader Cohort



Campus Leadership

Accountability and Compliance

Title I, Part A Documentation Folders for Campuses

Improve regulatory compliance with this unique set of preprinted folders that identify federal requirements for Title I, Part A, funds. These folders will help to ensure that proper documentation is collected and organized throughout the school year. 601-1368/\$75/federalprograms@esc4.net

Tools for Success . . . An Administrator's Guide to Bilingual/ESL

This user-friendly spiral handbook contains easy-to-find information about Title III program management and implementation, including NCLB, McREL, and ISLA (Institute for Second Language Acquisition from Texas A&M, Corpus Christi). 601-1540/\$25/federalprograms@esc4.net

Planning and Decision-Making Assessment Tool (PDAT)

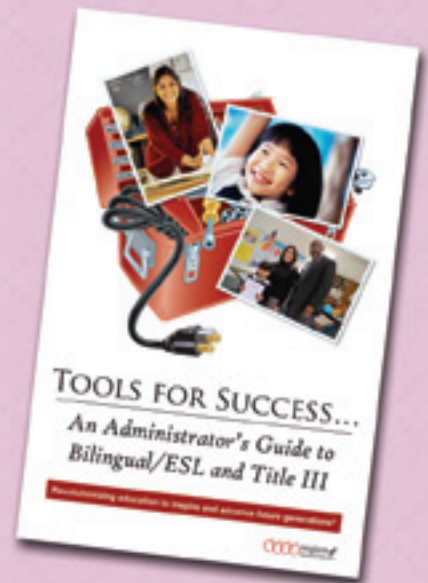
Use this tool to aid in the assessment of the site-based decision-making process at any level of the district. This tool examines compliance with state statutes for planning and decision making, level of implementation of the planning and decision-making process, and quality and effectiveness. Organizations can use results to identify strengths and areas in need of improvement to develop aligned district and comprehensive improvement plans. 601-1509/\$75/federalprograms@esc4.net

Comprehensive District/Campus Planning Checklist/CD

Requirements addressed in this must-have checklist include: TEC-district/campus plans, TAC-gifted/talented programs, state compensatory education, and special education, as well as many federal title programs. 601-1511/\$100/federalprograms@esc4.net

Parental Involvement Survey

Survey parents, staff members, and stakeholders about parental involvement in your LEA or on your campus. This user-friendly survey can be completed in a computer lab or via e-mail. The survey data entered is sent back to Region 4, where it is compiled into easy-to-read visual charts. Available in English and Spanish. 601-1605/\$150/federalprograms@esc4.net



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Accountability and Compliance



Career and Technical Education (CTE) Survey

This is a fast, easy, and efficient way to gather important data from 10 to 1,000 program participants and to document annual evaluations at the same time to help you to make informed decisions.

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Customized Accountability and Compliance Services

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- **SAS Application Support for Federal Funding**
Design systems to track implementation of required program activities such as establishing formative and summative review of activities, aligning and tracking activities and program compliance, and ensuring that required activities are linked to campus plans and program compliance reports.
- **State and Federal Program Evaluations**
These comprehensive evaluations ensure a district is receiving maximum funding, is in compliance with federal and state requirements, and is offering effective programs and services to students.

Campus Leadership

Ancillary Resources

Child Nutrition Services

Region 4 provides a comprehensive range of services designed to assist in meeting federal, state, and local program requirements of the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program. For more information, please e-mail childnutrition@esc4.net.

FastTrack to PEIMS:

This manual provides an overview of Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) that emphasizes accountability and funding and includes information on the processes of PEIMS, the data submitted, and the most important uses of PEIMS. This manual is written for both school districts and charter schools. Unless otherwise noted, references to school districts also refer to charter schools. 826-1545/\$35/BOS@esc4.net

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Texas Virtual™ School

Need course options for students? Texas Virtual™ School ESC Collaborative offers over 40 web-based courses taught by Texas certified teachers. Coursework includes foreign language, advanced placement, core instruction, and electives. To learn how we can partner with your school today, visit www.texasvirtualschool.org.



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Campus Leadership

Staffing/Personnel



Educator Certification and Leadership

Developing Leaders in Texas Education

Region 4 Alternative Certification Program (ACP) is recognized by school district administrators as the premier alternative certification program in the state of Texas. Region 4 ACP continues to focus on preparing highly qualified candidates for schools across the state of Texas.

“ I think Region 4 Alternative Certification Program has it together. I would encourage anyone to participate in the program. —Superintendent Program Graduate, current Texas superintendent ”

Superintendent Certification Program

Available entirely online, the Superintendent ACP includes content and topics such as district planning and decision making, community and board relations, legal issues, school finance, and specific preparation for the Superintendent TExES Exam. A blended program with face-to-face sessions held at Region 4 is also available. Visit www.region4acp.net for details.

Principal Certification Program

The Region 4 Principal ACP is designed to prepare candidates to meet requirements to hold a standard principal certificate in the state of Texas. Go to www.region4acp.net for information.

Teacher Alternative Certification Program

In as little as one year, individuals can become fully certified to teach in Texas through Region 4's Teacher ACP. Designed for college graduates, Region 4 ACP is considered an alternative route because it accomplishes teacher certification outside the traditional university setting. For more information, contact ACP@esc4.net or 713.744.6323.



Campus Leadership

Staffing/Personnel

Counselor Certification Program

Region 4 ACP introduces a counselor certification program that combines quality instruction with a flexible online learning environment. Applicants who possess an advanced degree and are interested in obtaining a counseling certificate can visit www.region4acp.net for more details.

Aspiring Superintendents and Educational Leaders Academy

Consisting of 6 full-day sessions, this program is designed to prepare educators who are interested in either superintendency or senior-level administration. The academy focuses on key issues instrumental to a superintendent's success and features distinguished speakers with statewide recognition, discussion panels with prominent practicing superintendents, and opportunities for networking. For more information, e-mail leadership@esc4.net.

International Alternative Certification Program

Breaking ground into new territory, the Region 4 International ACP in Latin America has provided districts with the opportunity to employ bilingual alternative certification interns from several countries for the last 18 years. Candidates are eligible to teach in the areas of EC-6 Bilingual Education, 4-8 Bilingual Education, and EC-12 Spanish. Visit www.region4acp.net for more details.



Campus Leadership

Staffing/Personnel



International Master's Degree

Region 4 ACP, in conjunction with Universidad Regiomontana, now offers a master's degree in education administration, with courses offered entirely online. Region 4 ACP participants can receive up to a 50% discount on each university course.

International Bachelor's Degree

In conjunction with Universidad Regiomontana, Region 4 ACP now offers an international bachelor of business administration degree, at the forefront of new global demands, and prepares professionals to manage companies in local and international markets.

Accelerated English Courses

These intensive English courses are tailored to different levels of English proficiency, at both the beginner and advanced levels. Go to www.region4acp.net/english for more information.

For more information about these and other services, e-mail GES@esc4.net.

International Bilingual Teacher Job Fairs

Do you need bilingual or Spanish teachers? Region 4 Global Education Solutions hosts 3 annual events to help you recruit bilingual and Spanish teachers from all over the world.

- **Virtual Job Fair, July 15–August 31, 2012**



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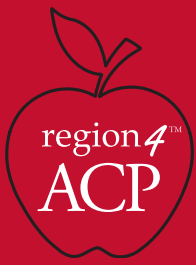
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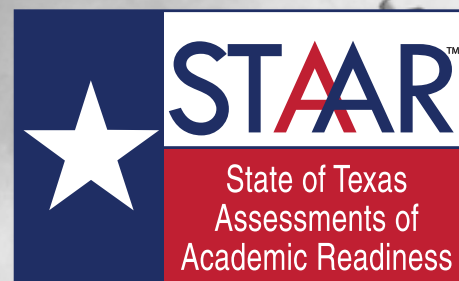
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In anticipation of campus needs for STAAR™-related resources and preparation materials, Region 4 is developing products aligned to the readiness and supporting standards. We have new products as well as professional development and contracted services available to campuses statewide—all designed to support educator efforts for student achievement. Visit www.esc4.net/STAAR for more information.



Gateways to Science, STAAR™ Edition

Revised to meet STAAR™ requirements, designed to increase achievement

The *Gateways to Science* instructional program uses the research-proven 5E instructional model—Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate—in which students actively participate in learning science and integrate that knowledge into real-world understanding. The program creates an interactive environment for students through engaging experiences and provides detailed instructions to guide teachers through the 5E lesson model, annotated answers to questions and activities, strategies for helping students organize information, materials lists, and reproducible masters. Available for Grades K–8 and Biology.

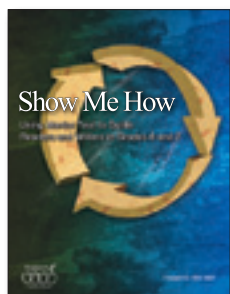
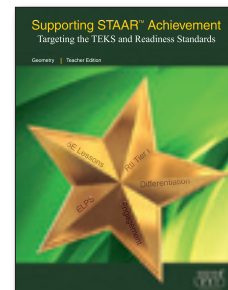
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Supporting STAAR™ Achievement in Mathematics

Campus-wide student success starts with readiness

Designed to give educators a set of tools to prepare students for the rigor of STAAR™, Region 4's *Supporting STAAR™ Achievement in Mathematics* is the resource to help your students succeed. Focusing on the readiness standards, this resource provides classroom-ready lessons utilizing the research-based 5E instructional model. The materials include differentiated activities, ELPS supports, and selected-response assessments.

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Reading and writing enrichment for critical testing years

Show Me How is a series of instructional units containing sequential lessons that connect the interrelated roles of reading and writing across multiple genres and modes. The lessons follow the gradual release of responsibility framework in the context of a reading and writing workshop environment. Lessons are divided into units by genre that teachers can use as a starting point or a complete unit of study. Available for Elementary (Grades 3–5) and Middle School (Grades 6–7).

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For questions or more information about Region 4's STAAR™-related products and services, please contact STAAR@esc4.net today.



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