

**Social Studies TETN Notes**  
**November 28, 2011**

*(These are not official minutes of this meeting, only notes about the meeting.)*

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Julie Brelsford, Social Studies Contact at the TEA, welcomed participants to the TETN, which started at 1:00 p.m. Also in attendance was Susie Coultriss, TEA Director of Bilingual/ESL/Title 3/Migrant Education, and Roberto Manzo from the same office; Kelly Callaway, TEA Foundation for Curriculum.

**Agenda:**

- Update on Bilingual Education: Susie Coultriss and Robert Manzo
- State Board of Education (SBOE) Update: Kelly Callaway
- Questions from the Field and Announcements

**Update on Bilingual Education: Susie Coultriss and Robert Manzo**

1. ELL statistics:
  - a. Number of ELLs identified students increased 15,000 over last school year.
  - b. Fall 2010-Spring 2011: 831,904 student
  - c. 469,723 in bilingual program, predominantly Spanish
  - d. 312,406 needed ESL services (at least one student in a district spoke a language other than English)
  - e. 64,000 LEP and needing Special Education services as well (only area where there was a decrease in numbers)
  - f. Parent denials: 614 increase from last year; not always a program issue, sometimes it is due to student transportation issues.
2. ELL Program information:
  - a. Services are required to be provided by districts who have more than 20 students
  - b. If problems with personnel, must submit an exception or waiver to the state.
3. Committees of state-wide stake holders meet to determine inclusion of approved assessments.
4. Other areas of work: Migrant and Title 3 Education
5. ELL Portal: <http://www.elltx.org/>: constant revisions to portal as needed. There are three "buckets" or areas on the portal.
  - a. Assessment, Compliance and Accountability, and Teacher Certification
    - i. Bilingual/ESL Programs in Texas:  
[http://www.elltx.org/bilingual\\_esl.html](http://www.elltx.org/bilingual_esl.html)-includes population statistics as well as the following:
      1. Join listserv: <http://miller.tea.state.tx.us/list/>
      2. FAQ: <http://www.elltx.org/faq.html>
      3. Glossary of Terms: <http://www.elltx.org/docs/glossary.pdf>
    - ii. LPAC (Limited-English Proficiency Assessment Committee):  
<http://www.elltx.org/lpac.html>
      1. Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) Framework:  
<http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/biles/LPACFramework>

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2. LPAC Training Flowchart: English-  
<http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/biles/LPACFramework/Files/LPACflowchart.html>, Spanish-  
<http://portal.esc20.net/portal/page/portal/esc20public/biles/LPACFramework/Files/LPACflowchartSP.html> (accurate translation)
3. LPAC-LEP Training Flowchart, Printing Version: English-  
[http://www.elltx.org/docs/LPAC\\_LEP\\_Training-Flowchart\\_Eng.pdf](http://www.elltx.org/docs/LPAC_LEP_Training-Flowchart_Eng.pdf)
- iii. Proficiency Level Descriptors (PLDs):  
[http://www.elltx.org/proficiency\\_level\\_descriptors.html](http://www.elltx.org/proficiency_level_descriptors.html)
- iv. Cross-curricular second language acquisition essential knowledge and skills: [http://www.elltx.org/cross\\_curricular.html](http://www.elltx.org/cross_curricular.html)
- b. Professional Development: <http://www.elltx.org/resources.html>
  - i. Online courses in Project Share: Social Studies will roll out on Wednesday, November 30: TELLIT Course. (Find groups in Project Share under Collaboration: Recent change in Project Epsilon.)
  - ii. Presentations
  - iii. Websites – Language Support
  - iv. Websites – State and Federal Support
  - v. iTunes U
- c. Contact information:
  - i. Susie: [susie.coultress@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:susie.coultress@tea.state.tx.us), 512.463.9581
  - ii. Roberto: [roberto.manzo@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:roberto.manzo@tea.state.tx.us), 512.475.2974

**State Board of Education (SBOE) Update: Kelly Callaway**

1. Julie was unable to attend the SBOE meeting as she was working with assessment committees; Kelly is reporting for her. The SBOE web page is located here: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=1156>.
  - a. Areas of interest for social studies include the following. (See entire agenda here-<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3785>) These proposals were based on recent legislation.
  - b. Work sessions various topics concerning adoption of Instructional Materials and cycle of TEKS revisions. SBOE is limited on adopting Instructional Materials during a biennium in more than one of the foundation areas.
  - c. Proposed: 2014 school year will be the first opportunity to have a social studies call for materials to be implemented in SY 2015. Vote will likely take place at the January meeting for an adoption schedule for all foundation areas.
  - d. Economics TEKS revisions: further revisions proposed-  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147504231>. Section 21 is the new section concerning Personal Financial Literacy.
  - e. Required curriculum changes:  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2147504232>. Adjustments to title of U.S. History course and moving of Economics course from enrichment to foundation curriculum.

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- f. Changes in graduation requirements:  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/graduation.aspx>. This is not the exact language voted on and finalized; there was some changes in math and science sequencing and is not yet posted. All proposed changes will be posted to the Texas Register for public comment in the new few weeks. Areas of changes include:
  - i. Prerequisites (Section K and L)
  - ii. Math and science
  - iii. Social studies items include the two changes mentioned above in letter e.
  - iv. Students on the minimum program cannot combine half-credits of courses to receive whole credit for courses that are assessed on End-of-Course.
  - v. Section F addition to PE requirements
  - vi. Tech-Apps courses
- g. (Response to question from a TETN attendee): Course credit awards based on grades earned under 70% was discussed but no action taken.
- h. Texas Registry access:
  - i. Website: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>
  - ii. Right side of page, find Points of Interest>Registry. It is updated every Friday. It is available in HTML (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/sos/index.html>) and PDF formats (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/currview/index.shtml>).
  - iii. Previous issues are available in the same place directly under the Current Issue.
  - iv. Proposed Rules direct link:  
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/currview/1125prop.pdf>
  - v. To send in a comment on proposed rules, email [rules@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:rules@tea.state.tx.us).
- i. Other helpful areas of the SBOE web site:
  - i. Summary of Actions:  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=5161>.
  - ii. To listen to and/or view SBOE meetings, go here:  
<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=3876>.

**Questions from the Field:**

- 1. None

**Announcements:**

- 1. Julie would like contact information updates from all ESC Social Studies Specialists.
- 2. TETN schedule: email sent and available on Project Share. The following dates and event numbers are for the 2012 Social Studies TETNs. The time scheduled for all TETNs is from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
  - a. 1/31/2012: #11443
  - b. 4/25/2012: #11444
  - c. 7/25/2012: #11445
  - d. 11/20/2012: #11446

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3. If you have any other questions or need assistance, contact Julie and she will be glad to help.