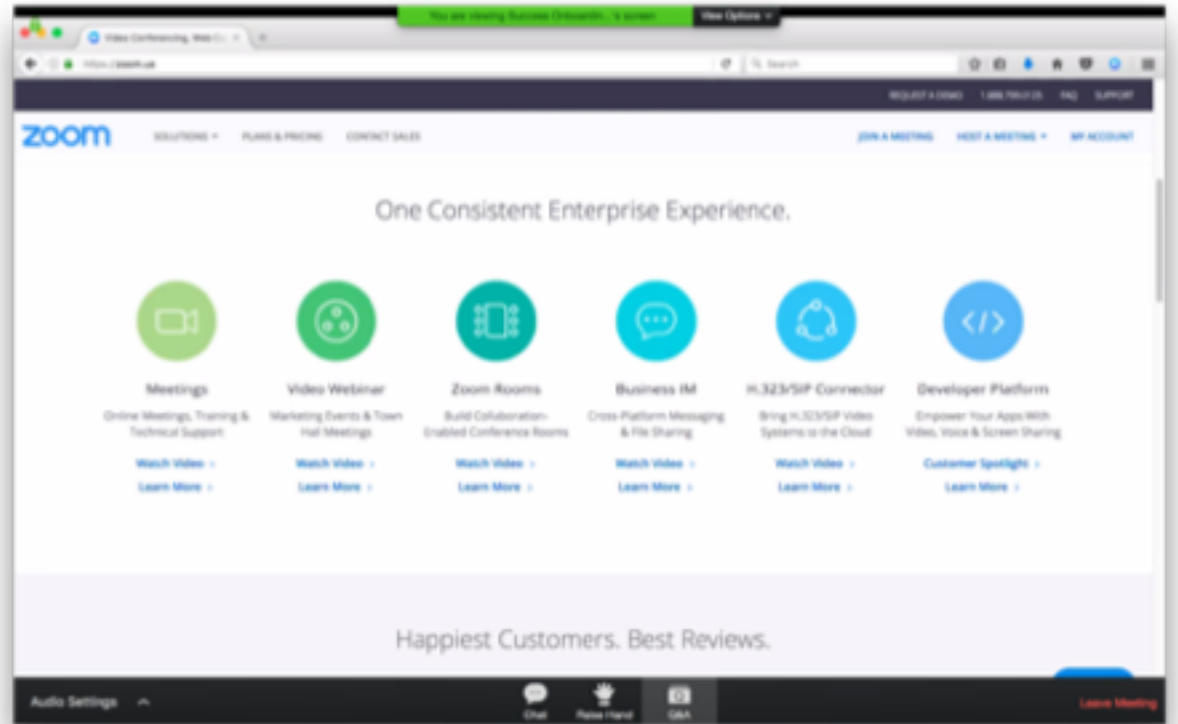


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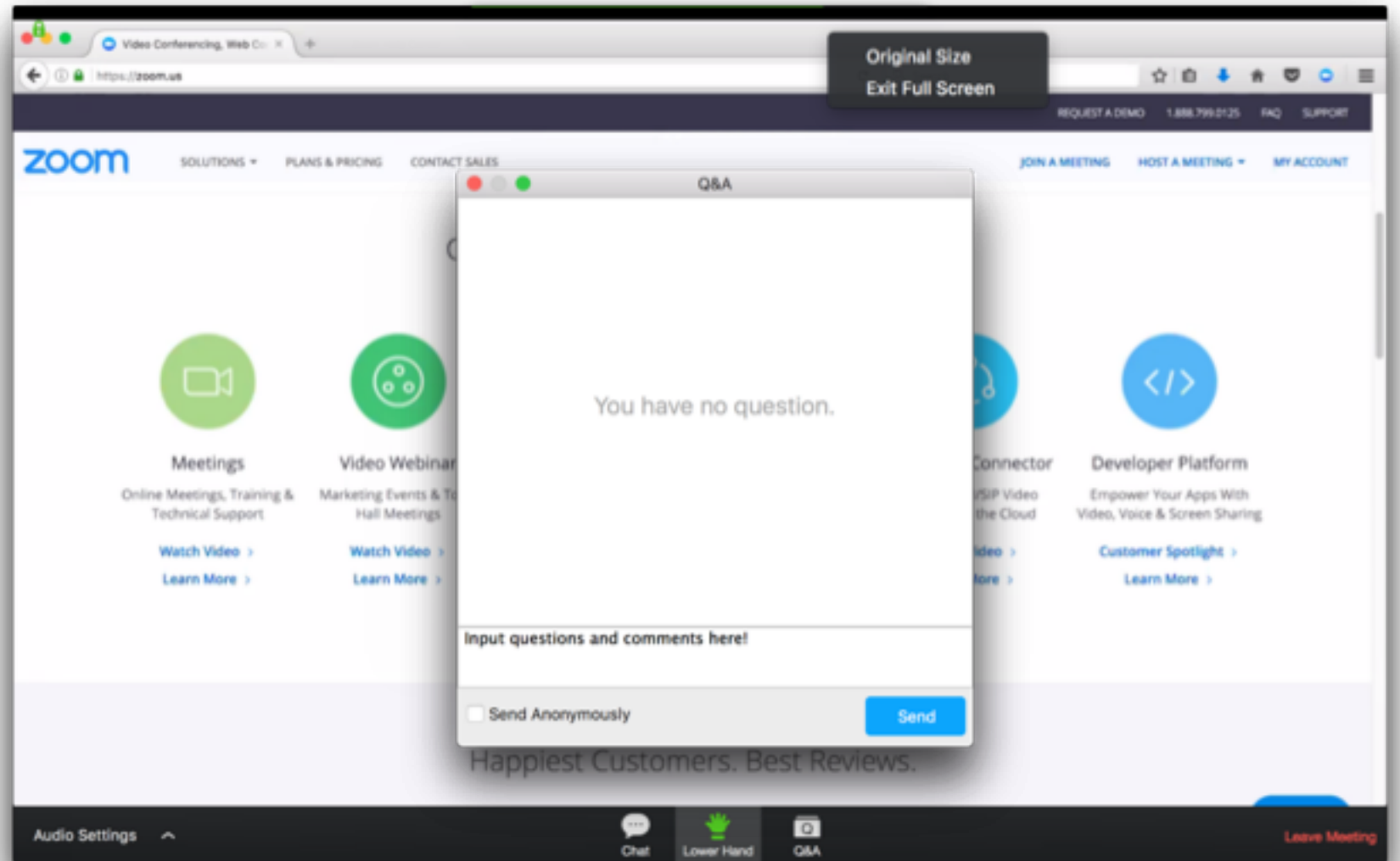
While we wait for everyone to get started...

- Use the chat box to say hello and introduce yourself. Thanks for joining!
- **Next: What is the best professional development you've ever been involved in? Tell us in the chat box.**

We will start at 10:00 a.m.!



Participation and Interaction

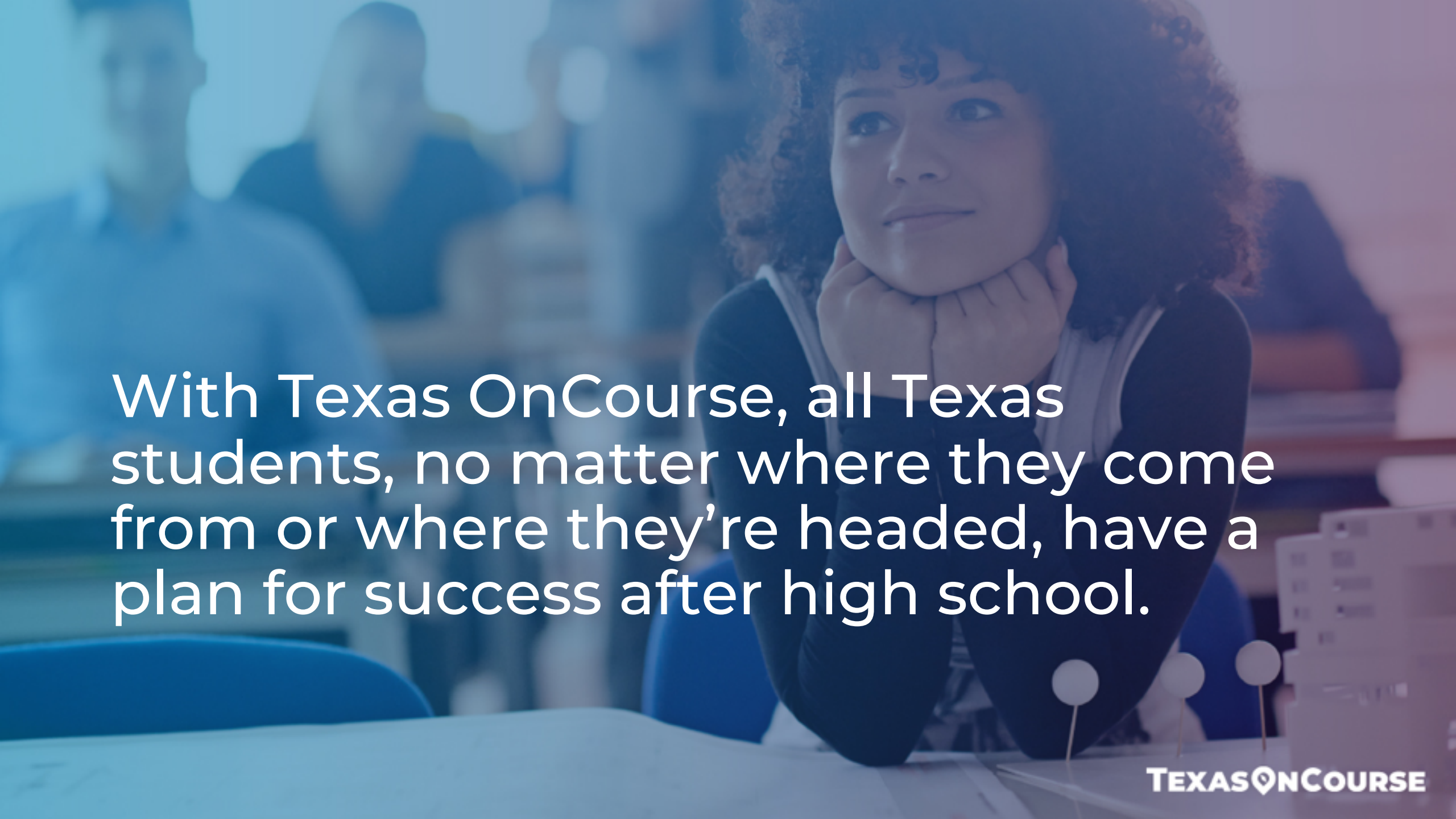




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New College and Career Curriculum for 2021–2022



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Agenda

- Welcome
- Texas OnCourse Resources Spotlight
 - Samantha Gonzalez, Content and Resources
- Pilot Findings
 - Lisa Shaw, Program Implementation
- District Perspectives from Keller ISD
 - Marsha Cummins, College and Career Readiness Counselor
 - Paul Higgins, CCMR Coach, Fossil Ridge High School
- Questions and Discussion

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Where do you find resources for supporting middle school students with college and career planning?

Let us know your responses in the chat box.



Resource Spotlight

Texas OnCourse College and Career Readiness Curriculum

GRAD REQUIREMENTS | JOBS AND CAREER

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by Texas OnCourse

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Meet TEKS requirements.

We know that for middle school teachers, fulfilling TEKS requirements for college and career readiness is important. But without guidance, it can be a difficult addition to an already packed curriculum.

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS CURRICULUM

Edition 3.0 (Updated July 2020)

Meet Legislative Requirements

- College and career readiness TEKS
- HB 5 and 18
- HB 1026: Positive character traits
- Texas Model student competencies

Curriculum Highlights

- Active engagement through:
 - Work-based learning opportunities
 - Project-based learning
- Growth mindset
- Gearing up students early to meet the high school CCRM accountability items

Out With the Old, In With the New

Current Units vs. Updated Units

Current	New
Unit 1: Envisioning Success	Unit 1: Who Am I: Self-Discovery and Mindset
Unit 2: College and Other Postsecondary Options	Unit 2: Planning for My Future: Career Exploration
Unit 3: Career Clusters and High School Endorsements	Unit 3: Life after High School: Postsecondary Training
Unit 4: Community	Unit 4: How Do I Get There: Planning for High School
Unit 5: Finances	Unit 5: Finding My Fit: Job Search
Unit 6: Job Search	

Inside Look: Unit 1

Knowledge: Students will know...

the definitions of and relationships between strengths, values, personality traits, and interests.

a growth mindset means that they can grow their abilities and knowledge over time.

Enduring understanding: Students will understand that...

strengths, values, personality, and interests are foundational in choosing a meaningful career.

Transfer: Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

create goals for the future rooted in their ongoing discovery and analysis of aptitudes, values, and interests.

Inside Look: Unit 2

Knowledge: Students will know...

the 14 career clusters.

the definition and role each plays in making career decisions: employability skills, labor market information (LMI), living expenses.

Enduring understanding: Students will understand that...

considering their interests, values, personality, and strengths alongside LMI can help to make informed career decisions.

Transfer: Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

demonstrate their ability to use LMI and articulate how their individual interests align with an array of careers in career clusters.

Inside Look: Unit 3

Knowledge: Students will know...

broad categories of postsecondary education.

the cost of postsecondary training and types of financial aid available.

Enduring understanding: Students will understand that...

postsecondary options vary widely in a career field.

Transfer: Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

analyze how postsecondary education can let them develop their career over time.

Inside Look: Unit 4

Knowledge: Students will know...

the graduation requirements that lead to an endorsement.

the components of CTE, including programs of study and work-based learning, that lead to an industry-recognized certification.

Enduring understandings: Students will understand that...

a high school plan should be informed by long-term goals and is affected by what's available.

high school education combines academic, extracurricular, and cocurricular experiences.

Transfer: Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

explain the relationship between near-term academic opportunities and long-term career goals.

Inside Look: Unit 5

Knowledge: Students will know...

that a resume is an overview of the academic and professional experiences.

the common components of a job application.

Enduring understandings: Students will understand that...

extracurricular and cocurricular activities help to build and demonstrate skills and knowledge related to their goals.

an employer's first impression can include a resume, cover letter, interview, and social media presence.

Transfer: Students will be able to independently use their learning to...

articulate how their goals, skills, and experience align with available professional, educational, and volunteer opportunities



Pilot Findings

**Texas OnCourse College and Career Readiness Curriculum
Pilot Participation from the 2020–2021 School Year**

Growing with Texas OnCourse

Middle School Curriculum Pilot

- 2020–2021 participation
 - 18 districts
 - 28 middle schools
 - 13 of 20 Texas ESC regions
 - 27% urban, 27% rural, 45% suburban
- Goals for 2021–2022
 - 25+ districts
 - 40+ middle schools
 - 20 of 20 ESC regions
 - Representative growth in urban and rural areas

Urban Middle School Participants by ESC Region

27% Urban

Dallas ISD – Region 10

- District wide adoption

Region 4

- Houston ISD – one middle school
- Aldine ISD – one middle school

San Antonio ISD – Region 20

- One middle school

Goals for 2021–2021

Urban growth

- Region 13 Austin area
- Region 4 Houston area
- Region 20 San Antonio area

Rural Middle School Participants by ESC Region

Region 2

- Mathis ISD
- Sinton ISD

Region 6

- Montgomery ISD

Region 14

- Merkel ISD
- Denton ISD

Region 16

- Dimmit ISD

Region 18

- Culberson County Allamore ISD

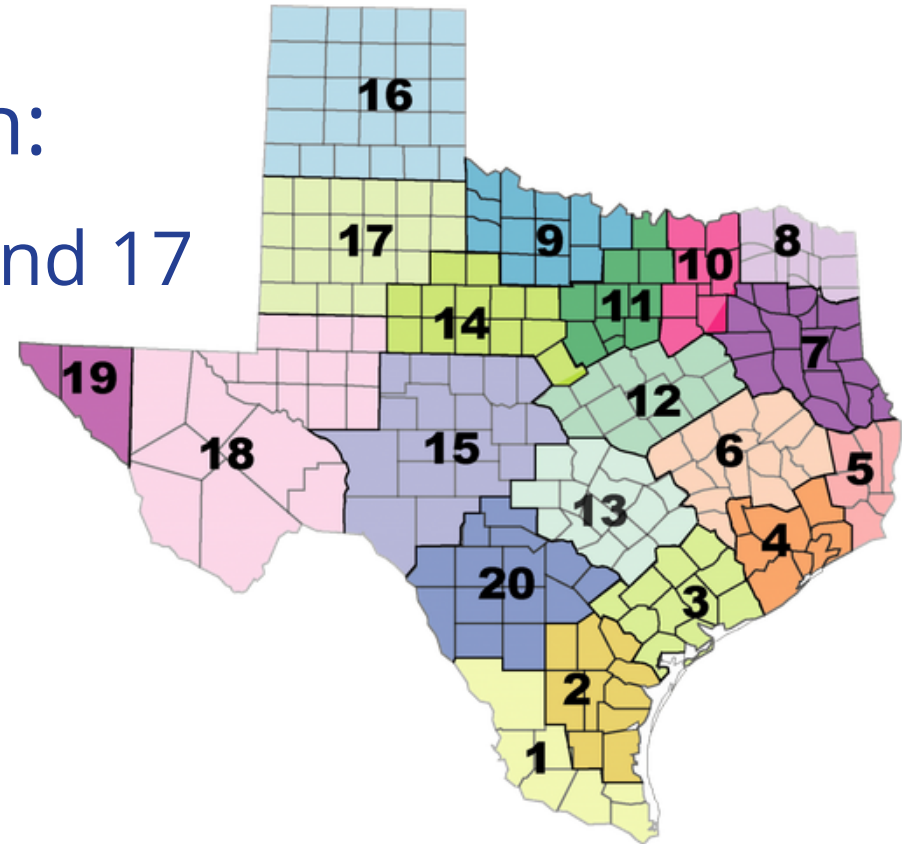
Region 19

- San Elizario ISD

Middle School Rural Regions

Goals 2021–2022

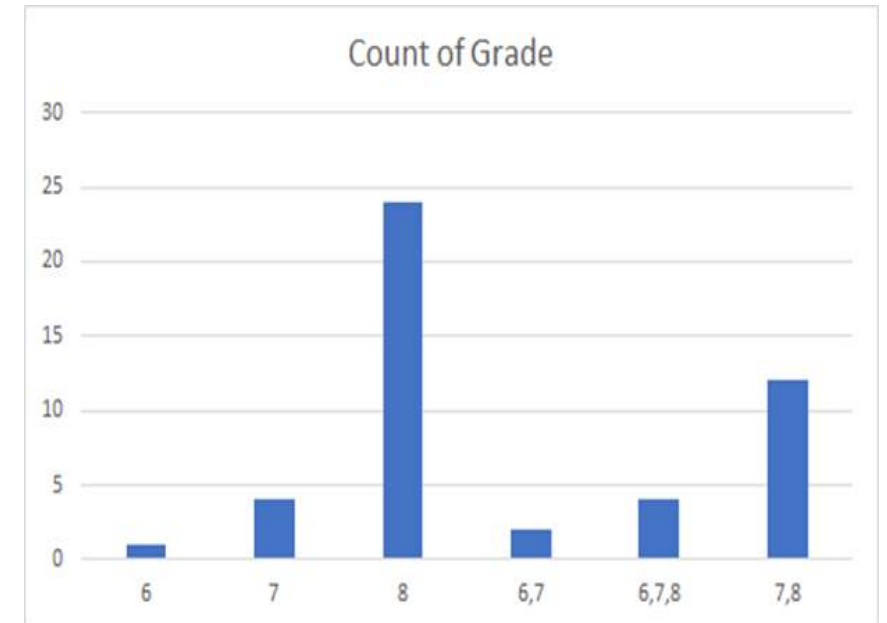
- Rural areas of focused growth:
 - Texas Panhandle: Regions 16 and 17
 - East Texas: Regions 5, 7, and 8



Grade-Level Implementation

Current 2020–2021 Participants

- Majority of respondents are delivering the curriculum to either eighth graders only or both seventh and eighth graders.
 - 36 (77%) eighth only or seventh and eighth graders
 - 7 (15%) are teaching the curriculum to sixth graders



Semester vs. Yearlong Implementation

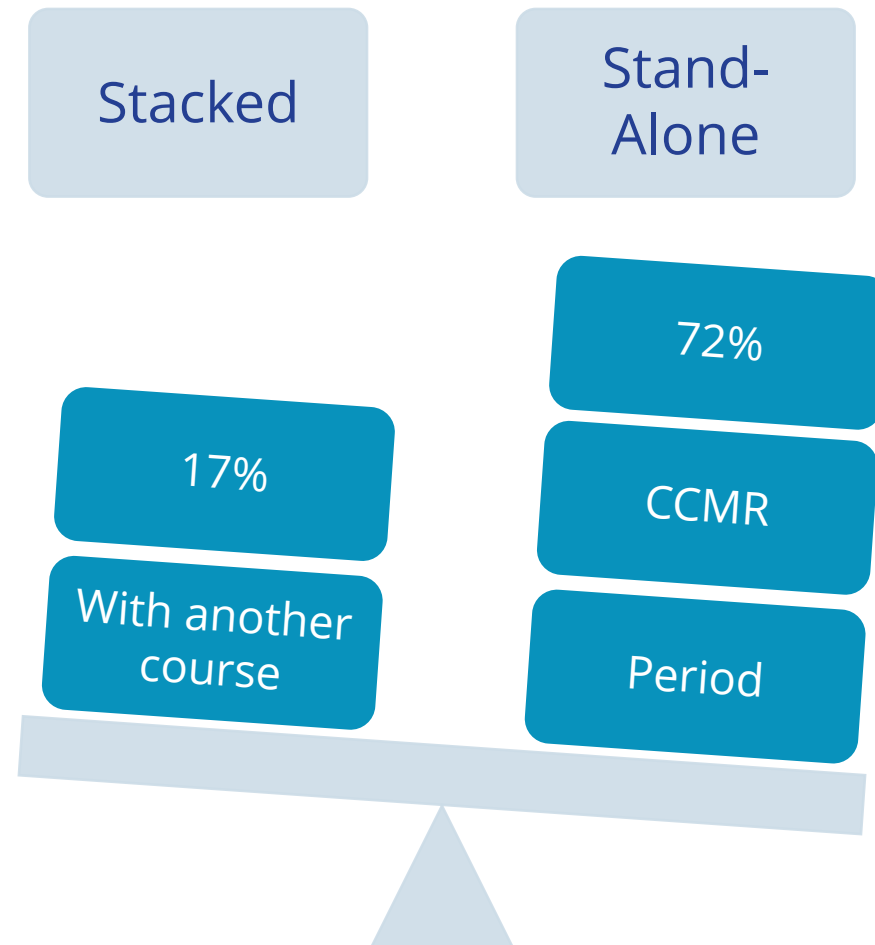
Current 2020–2021 Participants

A slight majority of respondents are delivering the curriculum within a semester-long model, but implementation varies widely by both grade level and timing.

- (17%) teaching only one semester, fall or spring
- 17 (36%) teaching both semesters
- 16 (34%) teaching full year
- 6 (13%) teaching combination (one or both semesters for some grades, all year for others)

Stand-Alone or Stacked Implementation

Current 2020–2021 Participants

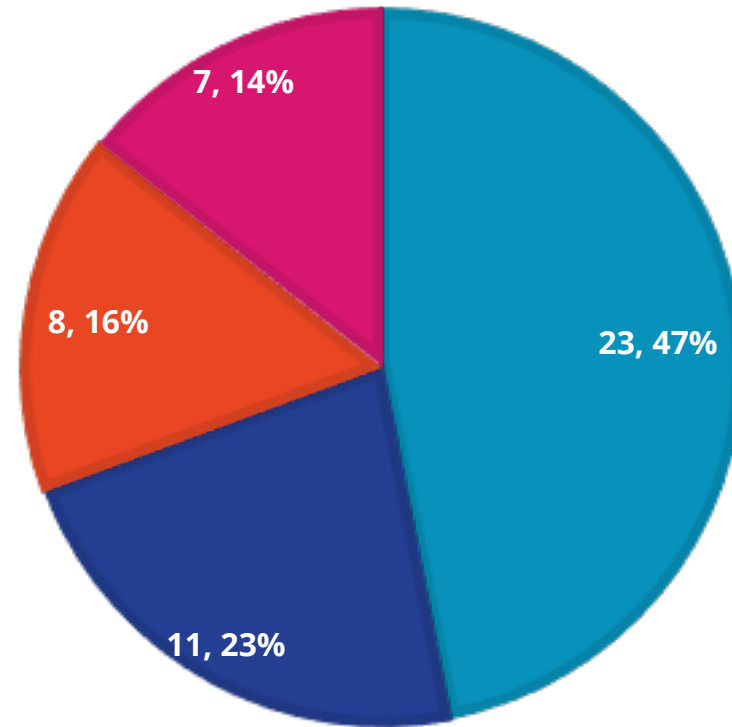


Who is teaching Texas OnCourse?

Current 2020–2021 Participants

- CCMR or advisory instructors are majority
- Subject area was any core subject
- Counselors
- Other (instructional coaches, school leaders, etc.)

■ CCMR/Advisory ■ Subject Area ■ Counselors ■ Other



So, what are they saying?

93% agreed or strongly agreed that overall, they felt prepared to teach the lessons they have delivered so far.

79% agreed or strongly agreed that overall, the Academy modules have been valuable in supporting CCMR curriculum.

A group of students are sitting on blue bleachers in a school setting. They are holding laptops and looking at them, suggesting a collaborative learning or work environment. The image has a blue and purple color overlay.

District Perspectives

Keller ISD Fellowship Team

Marsha Cummins and Paul Higgins

Keller ISD

Middle School College and Career Curriculum

- Where we started:
 - College and career information
- Where we needed to be:
 - HB5 education regarding endorsements and pathways
 - Complete four-year plans
- What we did:
 - Started all over!

Keller ISD

Middle School College and Career Curriculum

- Writing Curriculum
 - Texas OnCourse Middle School course guide – **update this every summer**
 - Lesson plans, additional resources listed, and extension activities
 - Two 45-minute lessons per week
 - Powtoon videos
- We put together seven to eight weeks of lessons for our eighth graders. We start with the very basics and build: understanding college and career readiness, interest profiles, graduation requirements, Distinguished Level of Achievement, our KISD endorsements, and pathways.
- We use **Eduthings** for interest profiles, four-year planning, and registration.
- For the last two years we've given the College and Career Knowledge Assessment before and after teaching.

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Middle School College and Career Curriculum

- HB5 curriculum delivered in seven or eight modules through eighth grade advisory classes fall semester
 - Train advisory teachers on HB5 curriculum
 - Tour of Keller Center for Advanced Learning (KCAL)
 - High school showcase events (four campuses)
 - CTE Expo
- End product: ninth grade registration and complete four-year plan for every eighth grader by the end of January
- **This year:** We gave the CCKA for educators to all district counselors and CTE, advisory, and AVID teachers. We added all high school CTE and AVID students to the CCKA for students.

8th Grade HB5 Timeline

1st Semester

Module 1 10/19	What is College and Career Ready? 2- 45 minute class periods
Module 2 10/26	Building your Human Capital Technology required 2-45 minute class periods
Module 3 11/2	Exploring Career Clusters Technology required 2- 45 minute class periods
Module 4 11/9	Understanding Endorsements 2-45 minute class periods
Module 5 11/16	Distinguished Level of Achievement 2-45 minute class periods
Module 6 11/30	Understanding KISD Pathways and Choosing your Endorsement 2-45 minute class periods
Module 7 12/7	Creating your 4 Year Plan Counselor led

2nd Semester

1/19-29/21	High School Registration for 9 th grade
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What have we learned?

- Four-year plan completion has drastically improved
- Parent involvement has increased
 - Weekly emails (sent from district level)
 - Showcase nights
- Increased staff knowledge of CCMR due to Texas OnCourse Academy
- Buy-in and accountability from campus administrators
- Use a specific CCMR class if possible (we use advisory)
- Challenges
 - COVID
 - New SIS

Keller ISD

Middle School and High School College and Career Curriculum

Plans for next year:

- Back to in-person learning!
- This summer – update HB5 curriculum for both seventh and eighth grade and possibly extend beyond the seven or eight weeks
- Create virtual version of HB5 curriculum for potential virtual academy
- Use the new CCMR coaches at each high school campus on middle school campuses to help with HB5 and CCMR education
- Continue to encourage educators to complete Texas OnCourse Academy modules
- Letting CCKA for educators drive professional development plans



What are some of your best practices for helping middle school students prepare for high school and beyond?

Please share in the chat box.



Calhoun County ISD

Melissa Veach, Texas OnCourse Fellow
College and Career Readiness Teacher, Eighth Grade
Travis Middle School, Port Lavaca

College and Career Readiness Course

- Class goals
- Using the curriculum
- Curriculum favorites
- Supplemental Projects
 - College posters
 - College letter writing projects

We will provide a supplemental recording via email

Additional Questions

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Thank You

**Stay tuned for our email follow-up with all of this information.
Take care and stay healthy and safe!**