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Texas College and Career Readiness Network Standards

By Amy Williams

The Texas College and Career Standards (CCRS) can be easily accessed and viewed at



The screenshot shows the website for Texas College and Career Standards. On the left is a navigation menu with categories: About, Standards (selected), English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Cross Disciplinary, K-12 Resources, Higher-Ed Resources, Initiatives & Resources, Newsroom, and Contact Us. The main content area features a header image of a student studying in a library, followed by the heading 'Standards' and a list of subjects: English/Language Arts | Mathematics | Science | Social Studies | Cross-Disciplinary. Below this is the section 'About the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards' with a brief description: 'Recognizing the importance of a world class education, the 79th Texas Legislature, Third Called Special Session, passed House Bill'. To the right of the main content is a 'Related Links' section with four links: Texas College and Career Ready Program, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas Education Agency, and Texas Higher Education Data.

www.txccrn.uh.edu/standards.

The Texas College and Career Readiness Network website displays the CCRS so that educators can find what they need effortlessly.

View the CCRS by content area:

- [English/Language Arts](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- [Science](#)
- [Social Studies](#)
- [Cross-Disciplinary](#)

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New ApplyTexas Tool to Increase Financial Aid Applications

By Amy Williams

[The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#) (THECB) has announced a new tool that is designed to help high school counselors in Texas increase the number of seniors applying for financial aid. The tool, made available through the ApplyTexas [High School Counselor Reporting Suite](#), allows counselors and administrators to view student's [FASFA](#) and alert students of form sections that need to be changed or completed.

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SHEEO Releases Report:

[The Economic Benefit of Postsecondary Degrees](#)

By Amy Williams

[The State Higher Education Executive Officers Association](#) (SHEEO) has partnered with the [Lumina Foundation](#) and announced a new state policy resource report:

Economic Benefit of Postsecondary Degrees: A State and National Analysis Report.

This report details the scope of wage earnings in correspondence with state, degree level and degree discipline.

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Texas College and Career Resources Site

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[The Texas College and Career website](#)

is focused on furthering the Texas vision that "all Texas high school

students graduate ready for college and career success," by providing high school students, parents and teachers with the tools necessary to ensure a peaceful transition from secondary to postsecondary education. [*\(continue reading\)*](#)



Professional Development Calendar

Region 4

February 5

[Instructional TEKS – Based Coaching and Professional Development \(ELA\) – Designing Effective Instruction – from TEKS to Targeted Small Group Instruction](#)

Grades 3 – 6

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

February 27

[Exploring the World History End-of-Course \(EOC\) Assessment](#)

Region 5

February 6

[CSCOPE: High School Science Planning Lessons with Alignment and Networking 6 weeks](#)

Grade 5

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

February 25

[CSPOPE Plan for Math and Science 6 Weeks](#)

Region 6

February 4

[CSCOPE Science Six Weeks Content Exploration](#)

Grades 9 – 12

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

February 20

[CSPOPE Social Studies Content Training](#)

Grades 6 – 12
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Grades K – 5
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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