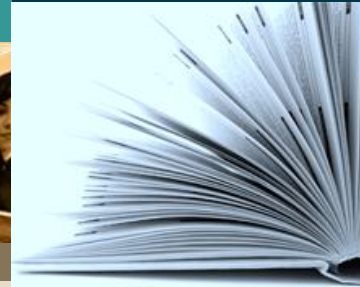


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Texas CCRS Network

Currently, the University of Houston and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are working together to create the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards Network, which is slated to replace the Gulf Coast CCRS website, Dec. 1, 2012.

We are thrilled for this initiative to be in its final stages. Once completed, the site will be a resource for Texas educators, with searchable tangibles like CCRS- and TEKS-aligned lesson plans, and subject-specific classroom materials that support readiness in Texas. Of course, none of these would exist without our regional partners in CCRS and the hard work they do to support student success.

We excitedly invite all of our regional partners in readiness to contribute to making this resource as comprehensive as possible. If your institution has an ongoing or past initiative, deliverables from a completed initiative or event, or information on an upcoming event that supports readiness in Texas, please contact Texas CCRS Network Senior Communications Officer Alicia Wilson.

All readiness-promoting resources are welcome! For more details, please use the following as optional guidelines for submissions:

- Examples of readiness-promoting resources can be found on our following pages: [Shared Resources](#), [Presentations](#), [K-12 Classroom Resources](#) or [Gulf Coast Initiatives](#).
- If possible, include a contact person for the resource(s).
- Email all resources to Alicia Wilson: adwilson4@uh.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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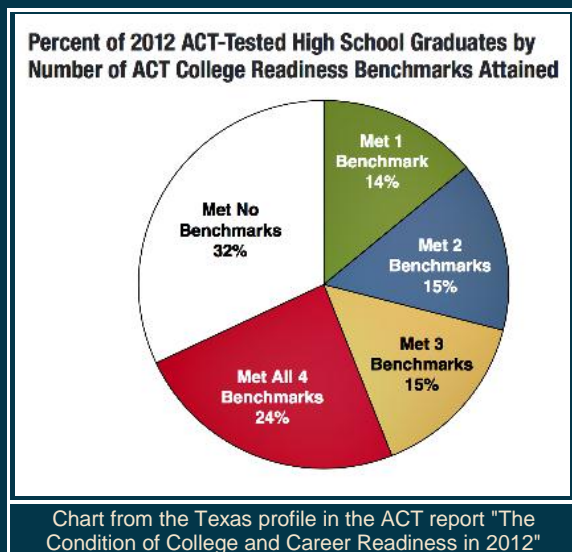
Please note: The workshops listed below are selections from regional calendars. To view the entire calendar and all workshops available, click the corresponding region at the end of this section. These events require prior registration (follow the instructions after clicking the link).

feedback of our readers. To share your institution's CCRS initiatives, simply visit the [Gulf Coast CCRS](#) website [Contact Us](#) page and send us an email with your information. We look forward to hearing from you!

The State of College and Career Readiness in 2012

The annual report from ACT, [The State of College and Career Readiness](#), provides a picture of college readiness on the national and state level. It uses the ACT College Readiness Benchmarks and ACT® test scores from graduating seniors who took the ACT in high school. (Read more [about the report](#).)

According to ACT, nearly a quarter (24 percent) of Texas 2012 ACT-tested high school graduates met all four college readiness benchmarks; 15 percent met three benchmarks; 15 percent met two benchmarks; 14 percent met one benchmark and 32 percent met none.



The report also "shows that younger students who take a rigorous curricula are more prepared to graduate from high school ready for college or career." (See the breakdown of college readiness [benchmarks achieved by level of high school preparation](#).) Of the Texas 2011-2120 PLAN-tested 10th graders, 15 percent met all four college readiness benchmarks; 12 percent of the 2011-2012 EXPLORE-tested 8th graders did the same. (To see how these benchmarks vary between grades, see page 3 of the [Texas report](#) [PDF, 2.6MB].)

Read the [Texas Readiness Report](#) (PDF, 2.6MB) and [Texas ACT Profile Report](#) (PDF, 130KB).

This report also can be viewed [by subject](#).

Explore and learn more about the national and state report at

October 1
[CSCOPE Social Studies Content \(2nd Six Weeks\)](#)
Grades K - 5
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
@ Region 6 ESC

October 3
[Supporting STAAR Achievement in Math](#)
Grade 4
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
@ Region 4 ESC

October 9
[STAAR Alternate Online Training Modules](#)
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
@ Region 5 ESC

October 10
[Supporting STAAR Achievement in Mathematics](#)
Grade 6
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
@ Region 4 ESC

October 16
[CSCOPE & Differentiation: The Connection](#)
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
@ Region 5 ESC

October 18
[CSCOPE ELAR \(3rd and 4th Six Weeks\)](#)
Grades 6 - 12
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
@ Region 6 ESC

ACT.org.

Developmental Mathematics

Workshop Oct. 10-12 at Texas State University

In operation since 2008, the Fundamentals of Conceptual Understanding and Success (FOCUS) program enrolls developmental mathematics students directly in a credit-bearing course (college algebra, college algebra and statistics, or contemporary mathematics) while providing just-in-time remediation in content (developmental mathematics), content-specific support (learning support) and academic support (college going and success). Learn more about [CCA-FOCUS Workshop](#) or view the [event flier](#).

This workshop offers the opportunity to:

- * Delve into the theoretical framework of FOCUS
- * Explore the underpinnings of the FOCUS curriculum for all three bands: College Algebra, College Algebra & Statistics and Contemporary Math
- * Observe the realization of the theoretical model in an established classroom

FOCUS Schedule

Oct. 10 (Wed.)	Afternoon Conference
Oct. 11 (Thurs.)	Morning Observation of Credit-Bearing Course Afternoon Conference
Oct. 12 (Fri.)	Morning Observation of Developmental Math and Learning Support

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Register and learn more today at <http://tca.math.txstate.edu/cca>.

October 23

[CSCOPE Social Studies and Technology](#)

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

@ Region 5 ESC

[CSCOPE Science Content Exploration Make and Take \(3rd Six Weeks\)](#)

Grades K - 5

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

@ Region 6 ESC

October 25

[TETN: STAAR Alternate Implementation](#)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

@ Region 5 ESC

October 31

[CSCOPE: Science Planning Lessons with Networking and Alignment \(3rd Six Weeks\)](#)

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

@ Region 5 ESC

November 5

[College and Career Readiness Symposium](#)

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

@ Region 4 ESC

See the complete ESC event calendars:

[Region 4](#)

[Region 5](#)

[Region 6](#)

For other resources:
[Gulf Coast CCRS News](#)

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Online Resources

Readiness in the News

Keep up with the press on readiness in Texas and around the nation by visiting [CCRS in the News](#). We regularly update this page with articles and reports on readiness, as well as with information on upcoming events that promote readiness in Texas.



Content from many of *Empowered's* most recent articles can be found on this page, including selections from the August and September issues, like details on the upcoming [New Futuro College Prep Fair](#) (PDF) taking place Oct. 6. We also archive the reports we feature in the newsletter on this page, such as the ACT report featured above, or the report from the US Bureau of Labor and Statistics, featured in our May issue: [College Enrollment and Work Activity of High School Graduates](#).

We are working diligently to bring you the Texas CCRS Network website by Dec. 1, while keeping the Gulf Coast website as up-to-date as possible. Don't forget to visit and send us your feedback.

If you have feedback or suggestions, please email
Empowered for Success Editor [Alicia Wilson](#).
Be sure to stop by the [Gulf Coast CCRS](#) website
for more information and updates.

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