Texas TSA Board of Directors Meeting
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Inn of the Hills Resort & Conference Center
Kerrville, TX 78028

TEA Report

The revisions of the new Career and Technical Education (CTE) Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) was completed in the spring of 2009 and adopted by the State Board of Education (SBOE) in the summer of 2009. Before the implementation of the new TEKS the commissioner of education wanted all CTE teachers to attend professional development on the new standards. The TEA staff developed training material on the new TEKS and trained teachers to be Trainers of Trainers (TOT). Theses teacher then trained teachers in each cluster content area on the new CTE TEKS. CTE TEKS training are scheduled between January – August 2010 at various region service centers and professional association conferences. The second phase of the training will be delivered through a new online platform call "Project Share".

TSA was well represented at the New CTE Teacher conference & New CTE Directors Conference

New graduation requirements were approved in January 2010.

The following CTE courses were added as options for students to satisfy the fourth mathematics credit requirement on the RHSP:
• Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources if successfully completed prior to Algebra II
• Engineering Mathematics
• Statistics and Risk Management

The following CTE courses were added as options for students to satisfy the fourth mathematics credit requirement after successful completion of Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II on the DAP:
• Engineering Mathematics
• Statistics and Risk Management

The following CTE courses were added as options for students to satisfy the fourth science credit requirement on the RHSP and the DAP:
• Engineering Design and Problem Solving
• Advanced Animal Science
• Advanced Biotechnology
• Advanced Plant and Soil Science
• Food Science
• Forensic Science

The CTE Professional Communications course was added as an option for students to satisfy the speech requirement on all three graduation programs.

The CTE Principles and Elements of Floral Design course was added as an option for students to satisfy the fine arts requirement on all three graduation programs.