



REGION XIII

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

Region XIII is now accepting applications for participation in the 2011-2012 Texas Regional Collaboratives (TRC) Science Grant!!

TRC requirements have changed for 2011-2012 providing schools with a comprehensive full grade-level approach to professional development and a focus on secondary campuses. Limited participation by elementary campuses is allowed. Special consideration will be given to districts/campuses serving a high percentage of low SES and underserved students.

Advantages and Requirements

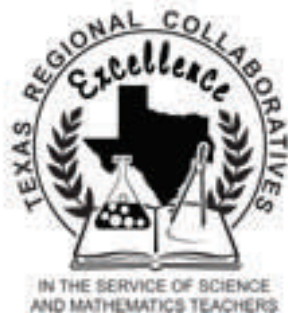
- Teachers receive targeted professional development in biology to prepare students for STAAR.
- Teacher Mentors receive free instructional materials to support implementation of new learning.
- Required professional development sessions are chosen based on the needs of central Texas science teachers.
- Campuses may create a professional development plan that meets the campus needs for additional hours.
- All teachers at a grade level may participate as either Teacher Mentors or Cadre Members.
- Some substitute costs will be reimbursed for Teacher Mentors.
- Teacher Mentors may earn stipends during summer professional development to complete most required training hours.

Applications are due on November 23 by 12:00 noon.

Information & District Planning Meeting during Science Director's Meeting:

1:00 November 18

e-campus registration FA1018066



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Teacher Mentor Advantages and Requirements

Advantages for Teacher Mentors:

- Free professional development in the topics you're interested in and need to teach today's students-technology, STAAR, science literacy strategies, etc.
- Stipends for Summer Institute attendance
- Attendance at CAST math conference in October 2012
- Free instructional materials
- Some substitute reimbursement
- Advance notice to register for workshops ensuring a spot in workshops that fill up quickly

Process and requirements for Teacher Mentors:

First, secure principal support and fill out application.

Once application has been accepted,

- Take online Teacher Content Knowledge Pre-test and Needs Assessment (May 2011).
- Attend 105 hours of professional development from May 2011-July 2012 (15 months to complete hours); 40 hrs focus on biology. Most can be done in summer and online.
Required dates will be furnished in January. Other hours are campus and personal choice.
- Mentor other teachers on campus (called Cadre Members) during school year & turn in accompanying paperwork.
- Take Online Teacher content knowledge Post-test (May 2012).
- Provide % passing, commended, failing on TAKS for 2011-2012 students at end of school year.
- Respond to email requests promptly.

Cadre Members receive 24 hours of free professional development, including both workshops and campus-based professional development/mentoring by their Teacher Mentors.