

Professional Development Academies – Rider 42

General Description:

The professional development initiative, launched in spring 2010, provides funding to Education Service Centers (ESCs) to provide Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) professional development training to all eligible teachers, teacher leaders, and administrators. Training is provided in both face-to-face and online formats. Training is provided at no cost to participants.

Authority:

General Appropriations Act (GAA), Article III, Rider 42, 81st Texas Legislature, 2009

Goals/Objectives/Requirements:

ESCs are required to meet the following goals:

- Provide training to as many eligible participants – teachers, teacher leaders, and administrators - as possible. (Teacher leaders are individuals who may not work directly with students but who work primarily with content area teachers as mentors, coaches, strategists, coordinators, etc.) Training will be provided at no cost to participants.
- Expand participants’ knowledge of TEKS specific to teaching/supervisory assignments.
- Expand participants’ knowledge of English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) and the College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS), how those standards interconnect with content area TEKS, and how those standards relate to classroom instruction.
- Expand participants’ knowledge of the Response to Intervention (RtI) model and how that model can be implemented across K-12 education.
- Impact instructional/supervisory practices of participants in order to ensure effective classroom instruction for all students.

PD Academies Attendance Data as of August 31, 2010

MSTAR 5/6	2792
MSTAR 7/8	2491
Alg I EOCS	2138
Science TEKS K-12	6219
Science 5-8	4896
Biology EOCS	1405
Eng I&II EOCS	2438
ELPS ELA	5256
ELPS Math	3796
ELPS Science	3247
ELPS Social Studies	2492
CTE	5883
Other TEKS	2124
Total	45,177

ESCs are required to provide training, face-to-face and online, in the following content areas:

• MSTAR Academies grades 5/6 and 7/8	• Geometry EOCS
• Algebra I End-of-Course Success (EOCS)	• Algebra II EOCS
• New Science TEKS grades K-12	• Chemistry EOCS
• Science Academies grades 5-8	• Physics EOCS
• Biology EOCS	• English III EOCS
• English I&II EOCS	• New Social Studies TEKS grades K-12
• ELPS – ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies	• Social Studies Academy grade 8
• Other TEKS (e.g., CTE, Fine Arts, etc.)	• US History EOCS
	• World History EOCS
	• World Geography EOCS

Funding:

Source: General Appropriations Act, Article III, Rider 42, 81st Texas Legislature 2009

Fiscal Year	Amount
FY 2010	\$16,600,000
FY 2011	\$15,300,000
Total	\$31,900,000

Evaluation:

The Professional Development Academies are being evaluated by the Rider 42 Study Group. An interim report will be available January 31, 2011.