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Public Hearings Set On Curriculum Recommendations

Vocational educators will have the opportunity to review and comment on the new curriculum recommendations for vocational education at public hearings scheduled during July.

The 67th Legislature instructed the State Board of Education to revise the state's public school curriculum. All previous laws requiring courses or subjects were repealed and 12 subject areas were established to constitute a well-balanced curriculum for each school district that offers kindergarten through Grade 12. The subject areas are: (1) English language arts; (2) other languages, to the extent possible; (3) mathematics; (4) science; (5) health; (6) physical education; (7) fine arts; (8) social studies; (9) economics, with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits; (10) business education; (11) vocational education; and (12) Texas and United States history as individual subjects and in reading courses.

The State Board of Education was charged to designate the essential elements of each subject and to require each school district to provide instruction in those elements appropriate to grade levels. In order to be accredited, a district must provide instruction in the above-listed 12 essential elements.

Educators (including vocational) from across the state were invited to participate in developing initial proposals for essential elements in each subject area. Those proposals have provided the basis for the various documents that are submitted for public review and comment. Two special committees, Public School Boards of Trustees and Public School Professional Personnel, have also participated in an advisory capacity to the SBOE.

The curriculum documents have been widely disseminated to educational entities across the state. They may be obtained from, or reviewed at, any of the regional education service centers or the Texas Education Agency after June 10.

The schedule of the public hearings is on the next page of this newsletter. Persons wanting to testify are requested to pre-register with the contact person listed. Please state preference of time -- afternoon, evening or morning. Persons who do not pre-register will be allowed to register

at the session. There will be a time limit for individual oral presentations.

Written testimony is encouraged. Forms have been drawn up and no testimony will be accepted in any other format than on these specific forms. The forms may be obtained from the TEA or service centers. The deadline for the receipt of written testimony by the TEA is Monday, August 8.

Both written and oral comments must be specific to the proposals contained in the draft materials.

It is the full intent of the State Board of Education to consider all comments. Board members will attend the public hearings. The TEA staff is charged with responsibility for collecting all comments and providing them to the SBOE in a meaningful format.

For further information, contact the education service center contact person listed on the schedule or Dr. Ira Nell Turman at (512) 475-2581.

(The foregoing is excerpted from a letter/memo sent to "all interested persons" by Commissioner Raymon Bynum, dated May 20, 1983.)

Curriculum Recommendations

Proposed for grade levels K-3:

- A. English language arts and mathematics must receive no less than 50% of time on a daily basis.
- B. Physical education must be taught on a daily basis.
- C. Essential elements for other subjects must be taught on a weekly basis, according to local written plan.
- D. Textbooks for English language arts and mathematics should be adopted.
- E. Systems or teacher's manuals for other subject areas should be provided. Textbooks should be provided for social studies and science starting in grade 3.
- F. Some essential elements of subjects other than English language arts and mathematics are to be covered in supplemental reading. Special attention should be given to science and social studies in supplemental reading.

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Proposed for Grades 4-6:

- A. English language arts (No less than 90 minutes per day*)
- B. Mathematics (No less than 45 minutes per day*)
- C. Social studies (No less than 30 minutes per day*)
- D. Physical education (No less than 30 minutes per day*)
- E. Science (No less than 30 minutes per day*)
- F. Health (Must teach essential elements; local option for time)
- G. Fine Arts (Must teach essential elements; local option for time)
- H. Textbooks for English language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science should be adopted.
- I. If the district offers other languages, a textbook must be provided.
- J. Appropriate materials should be provided in other subject areas.

*Time allotments should be flexible to allow for concentrated instructional activities.

Proposed for Grades 7-8:

- A. English language arts, 260 clock hours
- B. Reading, 0, 130, or 260 clock hours
NOTE: Students reading below grade level, as determined by local policy, shall be assigned to a course in reading in place of an elective
- C. Mathematics, 260 clock hours
- D. Social studies
 - Texas History and Geography, 130 clock hours
 - United States Geography, 65 clock hours
 - Citizenship, 65 clock hours
- E. Science (laboratory oriented), 130 clock hours (does not count toward graduation requirements)

- F. Physical education, 130 clock hours
- G. Health, 7th grade, 65 clock hours
- H. Electives, 390 to 130 clock hours from the following:
 - Other languages
 - Art
 - Music
 - General homemaking
 - Occupational training
 - Speech
 - Theatre arts
 - Business education
 - Industrial arts
 - Science
 - Physical education
 - Reading

Secondary School Graduation Requirements:

- A. English, 4 units*
- B. World History Studies or World Geography Studies, 1 unit
United States History, 1 unit
United States Government, 1/2 unit
- C. Economics with emphasis on the Free Enterprise System, 1/2 unit
- D. Mathematics, 3 units
- E. Science, 2 units
- F. Physical education, 1 1/2 units (Waivers only for drill team, cheer leading, marching band, ROTC and athletics.)
- G. Health education, 1/2 unit
- H. Electives from "List of Approved Subjects and Courses," 6 units
- I. Total units required—20

*The following courses may be substituted for the 4th unit of English:
Concurrent enrollment in a college course
Business Communication
Research/Technical Writing
Creative/Imaginative Writing
Practical Writing Skills
Literary Genres
Correlated Language Arts IV

Public Hearing Schedule

Education Service Center	Date	Session Times	ESC Contact Person
I Edinburg	Wednesday, July 20	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	Jim Cherry 512/383-5611
		6:30—10:00 p.m.	
II Corpus Christi	Thursday, July 21	8:30—11:30 a.m.	Janice Catchings 512/883-9288
		1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
III Victoria	Monday, July 18	6:30—10:00 p.m.	Bill Powell 512/573-0731
		8:30—11:30 a.m.	
IV Houston	Tuesday, July 19	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	Lynn Hale 713/462-7708
		6:30—10:00 p.m.	
V Beaumont	Wednesday, July 20	8:30—11:30 a.m.	Don Morrow 713/835-5212
		1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
VI Huntsville	Thursday, July 21	6:30—10:00 p.m.	Carol Griffith 713/295-9161
		8:30—11:30 a.m.	
VII Kilgore	Wednesday, July 13	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	Donna Nicholson 214/984-3071
		6:30—10:00 p.m.	

VIII Mt. Pleasant	Monday, July 11	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	Leroy Hendricks 214/572-6676
		6:30—10:00 p.m.	
IX Wichita Falls	Tuesday, July 12	8:30—11:30 a.m.	Dean Miller 817/322-6928
		1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
X Richardson	Wednesday, July 13	6:30—10:00 p.m.	Gwyn Brownlee 214/231-6301
		8:30—11:30 a.m.	
XI Fort Worth	Thursday, July 14	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	Frank Buell 817/625-5311
		6:30—10:00 p.m.	
XII Waco	Monday, July 11	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	Bob Coleman 817/756-7494
		6:30—10:00 p.m.	
XIII Austin	Tuesday, July 12	8:30—11:30 a.m.	Donroy Hafner 512/458-9131
		1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
XIV Abilene	Wednesday, July 6	6:30—10:00 p.m.	Tom Lawrence 915/676-8201
		8:30—11:30 a.m.	

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	Monday, July 18	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
XV		6:30—10:00 p.m.	David Smith
San Angelo	Tuesday, July 19	8:30—11:30 a.m.	915/658-6571
	Wednesday, July 27	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
XVI		6:30—10:00 p.m.	David Cole
Amarillo	Thursday, July 28	8:30—11:30 a.m.	806/376-5521
	Monday, July 25	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
XVII		6:30—10:00 p.m.	Woodie Coleman
Lubbock	Tuesday, July 26	8:30—11:30 a.m.	806/792-4000

	Wednesday, July 27	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
XVIII		6:30—10:00 p.m.	Vernon Stokes
Midland	Thursday, July 28	8:30—11:30 a.m.	915/563-2380
	Monday, July 25	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
XIX		6:30—10:00 p.m.	Roy Buckmaster
El Paso	Tuesday, July 26	8:30—11:30 a.m.	915/779-3737
	Tuesday, July 5	1:30— 5:00 p.m.	
XX		6:30—10:00 p.m.	Judy Castleberry
San Antonio	Wednesday, July 6	8:30—11:30 a.m.	512/271-7611

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Vocational Education and the 68th Legislative Session

Much visibility was given the salary increases for teachers, but little money to date. A Special Session of the Legislature is anticipated for this summer.

In the September 1982 issue of the ACTIVE News there was a recap of TEA legislative proposals relating to funding of vocational education. The following is what happened:

1. Provision was made in appropriations for 500 new vocational education units each year of the 1984-85 biennium, as requested by TEA.
2. The increase in foundation school program funds from \$215.7 million in FY 1983 to \$282.5 million in FY 1985 was trimmed back to \$246.4 million. This would be increased when a teacher salary increase is passed.
3. The increase from \$5 million to \$10 million for secondary vocational equipment was not granted, but \$5 million is available for the FY 1984-85 biennium. The request for a similar amount for postsecondary was not granted.
4. The increase from \$3.2 million in general revenue funds in support of local vocational programs was not granted, but remain at the FY 1983 level of \$3.2 million. The similar request for postsecondary was not granted.
5. The request for an increase from \$1.5 million to \$3 million for community education was not granted. It remains at \$1.5 million.
6. The increase for Adult Basic/Adult Vocational Education from \$7.2 million to \$10 million was trimmed back to an increase to \$7.4 and \$7.5 million for FY 1984 and 1985.
7. The request for an increase from \$1.78 million to \$2.8 million for industrial start-up training was not granted, and funding remains at \$1.78 million for the FY 1984-85 biennium.
8. The postsecondary vocational programs received some funding increases, but certainly were not in keeping with needs. The specific levels of funding for each institution are not available

at this time, but will be as soon as the appropriations act is printed.

Senate Bill 112, by Senator Sarpalius to reauthorize the Advisory Council, was passed and sent to the Governor. The bill was managed in the House by Representative Jerry Clark of Buna. Several changes were made in the Council's statute, but retains 24 members for the Council. The funding of the Council for FY 1984-85 remains at about the FY 1983 level, but withdrawal of certain Support Services reduces the effective funding level of the Council and it will be necessary to reduce the Council staff from five to four.

HB 788 by Representative Charles Evans of Hurst was passed and sent to the Governor. The bill would allow vocational teachers to purchase up to 5 years of TRS Retirement credit beginning September 1 for non-public school work experience which is eligible for salary enrichment under Sec. 16.056(b) Texas Education Code. Each year of credit would cost the member 15.15% of the member's highest rate of annual compensation as of the date of purchase, plus a fee of 8% compounded annually from the date of first eligibility to date of deposit.

HB 54 by Representative Bill Blanton of Farmer's Branch was passed and sent to the Governor. This bill would get on statute provisions relating to Career Education. Funding for the measure was deleted in the legislative process, but does declare legislative intent in the field of Career Education.

Studies of Education and Vocational Education will continue during the interim between now and January 1985. Several provisions have been made for studies. It is not clear at this time just how the review of the Statewide Study on Vocational Education (RTI Study) will be handled. We will report on this when information is available.

AROUND THE CORNER



The ACTIVE will meet June 28 and 29 to elect officers, review the past year's work and develop the new program of work, and discuss

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personnel matters. The group will meet at the Quality Inn South in Austin.

The Council also has a full agenda of presentations, including a report on the action of the 68th Legislature by Commissioner Raymon Bynum and an update on equity in vocational education by Dr. Christine Smart. These presentations and Council business will be from 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday. The Wednesday session begins at 8:30 a.m. with an overview of Georgia's GOAL program for recognition of outstanding vocational education students by Ms. Royce Ann Martin. "Implementing the Job Training and Partnership Act (JTPA)" will be addressed by Dr. Ray Marshall, chair of the State Job Training Coordinating Council, and Robert McPherson, special assistant to the Governor. Will Davis, State Board of Education member, will discuss the Governor's Task Force on Employment and Economic Development and State Representative Jerry Clark will present the legislative aspect of implementing the statewide study of vocational education. At 10:15 a.m., Dr. Paul Lindsey will give a report from the Department of Occupational Education and Technology, with the group adjourning at 12:30 p.m.

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The Commission on Standards for the Teaching Profession will hold a workshop to study professional certificates and special ser-

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vice positions. The meeting will be July 12-14 at the University of Houston College of Education. Seventy persons have been invited to participate, including representatives from vocational education. The group will develop recommendations describing job role expectations for the certificate areas. This is not a hearing, but a workshop for the 70 representatives and Commission and TFA members and staff. The Commission will then meet on the 15th in the same location.

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Seven workshops will be held this summer on "Microcomputers: The Voc Ed Connection" at Indiana University in Bloomington. The workshops, which run two days each, are scheduled at intervals from May 30 through August 19. The fee for the workshop is \$95.00 pre-paid. For more information or to register, write or call Computer Workshop, Vocational Education Services, 840 State Road 46 Bypass, Room 111, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405, 812/335-6711.

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