

Your Local P-16 Council

The Region 9 P-16 (**Preschool through College**) Council was formed to increase admittance rates and successful participation for North Texas higher education. The council will harness collaboration into creative, sustainable efforts that support and develop career and college opportunities for area youth. The council consists of representatives from school districts, colleges and universities, ESC Region IX, area businesses, community, and nonprofit organizations.

Services of the Region 9 P-16 Council include:

- A database of scholarships available for area students posted on the P-16 website www.region9p16.org
- Funding various events that assist students with exploring careers and the education beyond high school
- Professional development opportunities for teachers and counselors regarding CCRS (College and Career Readiness Standards)
- Promoting awareness of the College and Career Readiness Standards throughout Region 9
- Enhancing community involvement to address educational and economic needs for North Texas



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Region 9 P-16 Council supports students going beyond high school into programs for certification, licensure, associate's, and bachelor's degrees. These efforts not only provide a better quality of life, but also reinforce our regional workforce for a competitive economic advantage.

*College & Career
Readiness Standards*

College & Career Readiness Standards (CCRS) for the State of Texas

According to research, over 80% of the jobs in the 21st century require some education beyond high school. Recognizing the importance of a world class education, the 79th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1, seeking to increase the number of students who are college ready when they graduate from high school. The legislation required the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to develop collaborative teams throughout Texas to develop and encourage the adoption of CCRS in the areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. These standards specify what students must know and be able to do to succeed in entry level courses at post -secondary institutions.

The CCRS will:

- Add rigor to senior year in the 4 by 4 curriculum (4 each of English, math, science, & social studies) and senior seminars;
- Be the basis for the new End of Course exams replacing TAKS in high school;
- Require curriculum alignment from Pre-kindergarten through college;
- Help standardize dual credit offerings in high school;
- Create more continuity in entry level college coursework.

The Benefit for Local Businesses!

The R9P16 Council is a regional collaboration of the local business community, four-year universities, two-year colleges, technical preparation, school districts, community agencies, and parents providing civic guidance to prepare young people to become career and college ready. Our primary focus is a community response to the overall economic development of North Texas.



Workplace readiness benefits include:

- Increase graduation rates
- Bridge high school graduates to workplace requirements
- Increase educational enrollment past high school
- Reduce “on-boarding” orientation for businesses
- Reinforce workplace soft-skills
- Encourage succession planning through lifetime learning

Local R9 P16 Council

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