

TEXAS VIRTUAL SCHOOL NETWORK AND ONLINE DUAL CREDIT COURSES

The Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) has been established as one method of distance learning. A student has the option, with certain limitations, to enroll in a course offered through the TxVSN to earn course credit for graduation.

TxVSN high school courses are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as well as the National Standards of Quality for Online Courses (iNACOL). All courses offered through the TxVSN are provided by public school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, institutions of higher education, or education service centers. All high school courses are taught by an instructor that is Texas-certified in the course subject area and grade level. In addition, instructors have completed a TxVSN-approved professional development on effective online instruction.

For successful performance in an online learning environment, a student must have:

- A strong academic record and the need to advance into course work to meet the requirements of the Texas Foundation Graduation Plan with Endorsement.
- Demonstrated mastery of the any prerequisite Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for the desired TxVSN course.
- Demonstrated readiness for the online environment and ready access to a computer, the internet, and Gmail.

BISD students will not be allowed to enroll in a TxVSN course if the school:

- offers a substantially similar course;
- determines that the course does not meet state standards or district standards that are of equivalent rigor for the same course provided in a traditional classroom setting;
- anticipates the course is expected to negatively affect the student's performance on a statewide assessment; decides that the course is inconsistent with the student's high school graduation plan; or
- receives a request to enroll at a time that is not consistent with the established registration period.

Additional BISD TxVSN local policy parameters are as follows:

- The student must take the applicable STAAR/STAAR EOC assessment for the corresponding TxVSN course.
- The student will be subject to "no pass, no play" UIL rules depending on the enrolled TxVSN course.
- The student is responsible for TxVSN course fees if the school:
 - offers a substantially similar course;
 - determines the course exceeds the traditional seven-period instructional load; and
 - receives a request for summer TxVSN enrollment.
- The student is also responsible for a non-refundable registration fee of \$25/semester. If a student enrolls in a full-year course, such as French I A & B, the non-refundable registration fee is \$50.

If a student wishes to enroll in a correspondence course or a distance learning course that is not provided through the TxVSN in order to earn credit in a course or subject, the student must receive permission from the principal prior to enrolling in the course or subject. If the student does not receive prior approval, the district may not recognize and apply the course or subject toward graduation requirements or subject mastery.

If you have questions or wish to make a request that your child be enrolled in a TxVSN or other online course, please contact the school counselor. Students interested in learning more about online course offerings through TxVSN should visit the following web site prior to contacting the school counselor: www.txvsn.org.