

The State Board of Education (SBOE) adopts the repeal of §§112.10-112.16, 112.17-112.20, and 112.31-112.39, concerning Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for science. The repeals are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the May 17, 2024 issue of the *Texas Register* (49 TexReg 3472) and will not be republished. The repeals remove the TEKS for Kindergarten-Grade 12 science and related implementation language that will be superseded by 19 TAC §§112.1-112.7, 112.25-112.28, and 112.41-112.51 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

REASONED JUSTIFICATION: In accordance with statutory requirements that the SBOE identify by rule the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum, the SBOE follows a board-approved cycle to review and revise the essential knowledge and skills for each subject. In late 2019, the SBOE began the process to review and revise the TEKS for Kindergarten-Grade 12 science. At the recommendation of Work Group A, the SBOE directed the work groups to follow a backward-by-design approach to the revisions to the Kindergarten-Grade 12 science TEKS. Consequently, work groups started first with recommendations for revisions to the high school science TEKS. In November 2020, the SBOE approved for second reading and final adoption revised TEKS for four high school science courses: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Integrated Physics and Chemistry. At the June 2021 SBOE meeting, the board approved for second reading and final adoption new TEKS for Specialized Topics in Science and revised standards for Aquatic Science, Astronomy, Earth Science Systems (formerly titled Earth and Space Science), and Environmental Systems. At the November 2021 SBOE meeting, the board approved for second reading and final adoption new science TEKS for Kindergarten-Grade 8 with an implementation date of the 2024-2025 school year. At the November 2022 SBOE meeting, the board approved for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to §112.41 to ensure implementation language for all science courses was consistent.

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The SBOE approved the repeals for first reading and filing authorization at its April 12, 2024 meeting and for second reading and final adoption at its June 28, 2024 meeting.

In accordance with Texas Education Code, §7.102(f), the SBOE approved the repeals for adoption by a vote of two-thirds of its members to specify an effective date earlier than the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. The earlier effective date will remove the TEKS for Kindergarten-Grade 12 science and related implementation language that will be superseded by 19 TAC §§112.1-112.7, 112.25-112.28, and 112.41-112.51 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. The effective date is August 1, 2024.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND RESPONSES: The public comment period on the proposal began May 17, 2024, and ended at 5:00 p.m. on June 17, 2024. The SBOE also provided an opportunity for registered oral and written comments at its June 2024 meeting in accordance with the SBOE board operating policies and procedures. No public comments were received.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeals are adopted under Texas Education Code (TEC), §7.102(c)(4), which requires the State Board of Education (SBOE) to establish curriculum and graduation requirements; TEC, §28.002(a), which identifies the subjects of the required curriculum; and TEC, §28.002(c), which requires the SBOE to identify by rule the essential knowledge and skills of each subject in the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating instructional materials and addressed on the state assessment instruments.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code, §7.102(c)(4) and §28.002(a) and (c).

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§112.10. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Elementary, Adopted 2017.
§112.11. Science, Kindergarten, Adopted 2017.
§112.12. Science, Grade 1, Adopted 2017.

§112.13. Science, Grade 2, Adopted 2017.
§112.14. Science, Grade 3, Adopted 2017.
§112.15. Science, Grade 4, Adopted 2017.
§112.16. Science, Grade 5, Adopted 2017.
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§112.17. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, Middle School, Adopted 2017.

§112.18. Science, Grade 6, Adopted 2017.

§112.19. Science, Grade 7, Adopted 2017.

§112.20. Science, Grade 8, Adopted 2017.

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- §112.31. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Science, High School.
- §112.32. Aquatic Science, Beginning with School Year 2010-2011 (One Credit).
- §112.33. Astronomy, Beginning with School Year 2010-2011 (One Credit).
- §112.34. Biology (One Credit), Adopted 2017.
- §112.35. Chemistry (One Credit), Adopted 2017.
- §112.36. Earth and Space Science, Beginning with School Year 2010-2011 (One Credit).
- §112.37. Environmental Systems, Beginning with School Year 2010-2011 (One Credit).
- §112.38. Integrated Physics and Chemistry (One Credit), Adopted 2017.
- §112.39. Physics (One Credit), Adopted 2017.