

The State Board of Education (SBOE) adopts the repeal of §§126.5-126.7 and 126.13-126.16, concerning Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for technology applications. The repeals are adopted without changes to the proposed text as published in the May 17, 2024 issue of the *Texas Register* (49 TexReg 3473) and will not be republished. The repeals remove the TEKS for Kindergarten-Grade 8 technology applications and related implementation language that will be superseded by 19 TAC §§126.1-126.3, 126.8-126.10, and 126.17-126.19 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.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. Technology applications is part of the required curriculum for Kindergarten-Grade 8 only. In 2020, the SBOE approved the consolidation of the high school technology applications courses into the career and technical education TEKS. New elementary and middle school TEKS for technology applications were approved for second reading and final adoption at the June 2022 SBOE meeting and became effective August 7, 2022.

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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will remove the TEKS for Kindergarten-Grade 8 technology applications and related implementation language that will be superseded by 19 TAC §§126.1-126.3, 126.8-126.10, and 126.17-126.19 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.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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§126.5. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Elementary, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.

§126.6. Technology Applications, Kindergarten-Grade 2, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.

§126.7. Technology Applications, Grades 3-5, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.

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§126.13. Implementation of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Technology Applications, Middle School, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.

§126.14. Technology Applications, Grade 6, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.

§126.15. Technology Applications, Grade 7, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.

§126.16. Technology Applications, Grade 8, Beginning with School Year 2012-2013.