

Too Few English Language Learners in Advanced Academics

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TEA TEA Strategic Plan

Every child, prepared for success in college, a career or the military.

Strategic priorities



Recruit, support and retain teachers and principals



Build a foundation of reading and math



Connect high school to career and college



Improve low-performing schools

Enablers



Increase transparency, fairness and rigor in district and campus academic and financial performance



Ensure compliance, effectively implement legislation and inform policymakers



Strengthen organizational foundations (resource efficiency, culture, capabilities, partnerships)



TEM Session Objectives for English Learners (EL)

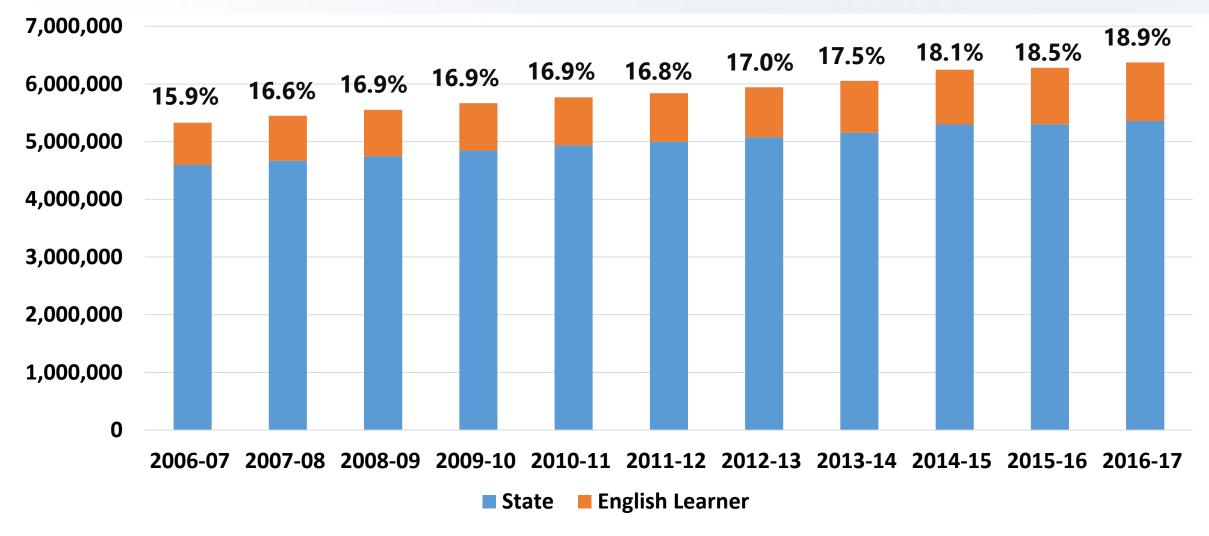
- **Examine Data for English Learners (EL)**
 - **Dive into Advanced Academics Definitions**

Pursue EL students for Advanced Academics

Launch Supports for EL Students in Advanced Academics



Ten-Year Increase in the Number of Texas Student Enrollment and Number of English Learners



Source: Texas Education Agency. (2017). Enrollment in Texas public schools, 2016-2017 (Document No. GE17 601 12)



Languages Spoken in Texas Homes

Language	Number of Speakers
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Spanish 6,983,380

Vietnamese 193,408

Chinese 140,971

Tagalog 72,248

German 69,140

French 60,730

Hindi 59,602

Urdu 57,662

Korean 55,794

Arabic 55,304

Top 10 Languages

Other Than English

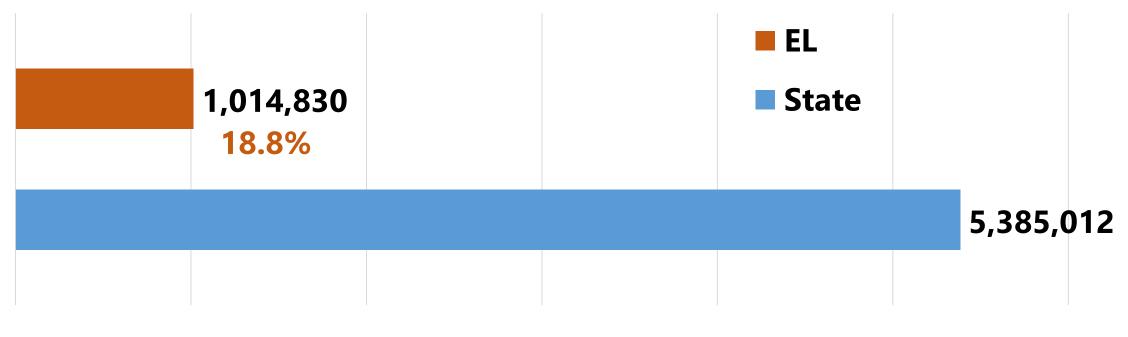
Spoken in Texas

Households

Source: The Texas Tribune, Nov. 26, 2015; From: 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Credit: Jolie McCullough



TEA 2017-2018 EL Student Enrollment and Percent



1,000,000 2,000,000 3,000,000 4,000,000 5,000,000 6,000,000



If approximately 19 % of enrolled students are English Learners:

Talk with an Elbow Partner

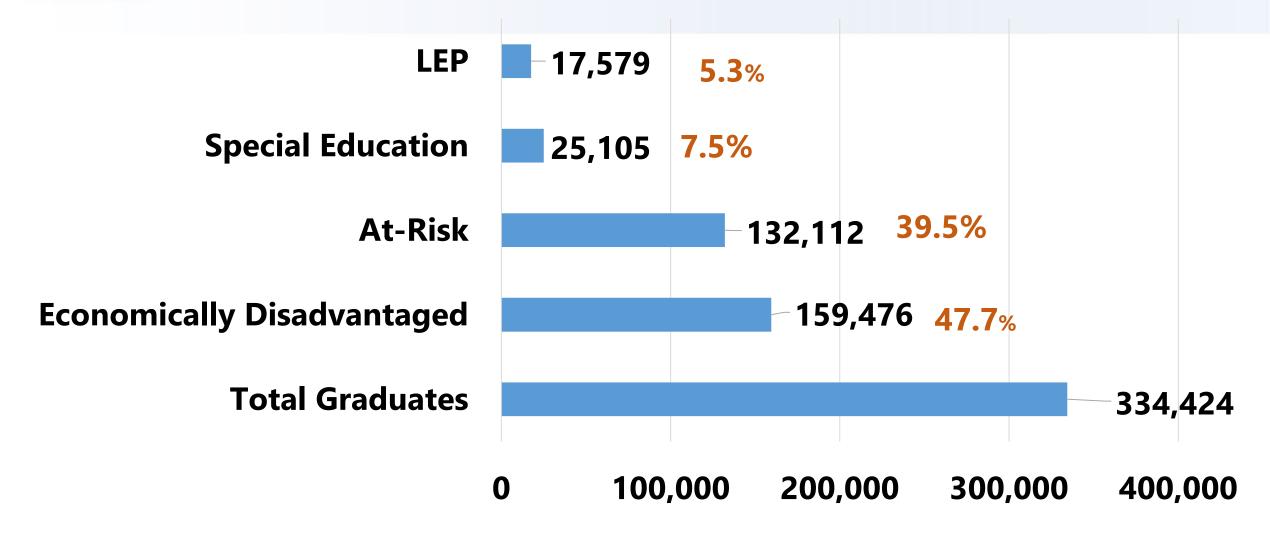
1) What percent of graduates do you think were EL students?



2) What percent of EL graduates do you think were college ready?



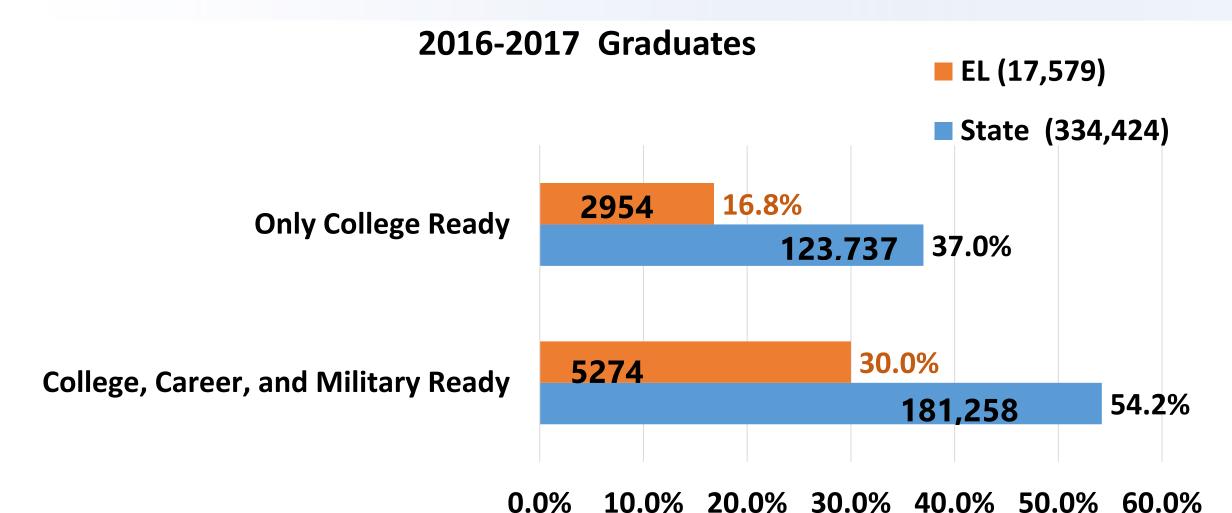
TEA 2017 Texas Graduates



Source: TEA, Texas Academic Performance Report, 2017-18 State Graduation Profile



TEM College, Career, and Military Ready Graduates



Source: TEA, Texas Academic Performance Report, 2017-18 State Graduation Profile



Student engagement with Advanced Academics will help students become College Ready, What do you think is included in Advanced Academics?

Talk with an Elbow Partner



- 1) Write your thought down, then
- 2) Share with your partner.



What is Advanced Academics?



Advanced Academics Defined

Advanced Academics includes courses, programs, assessments, services and supports that provide opportunities for students to demonstrate college and career readiness and earn postsecondary credit.



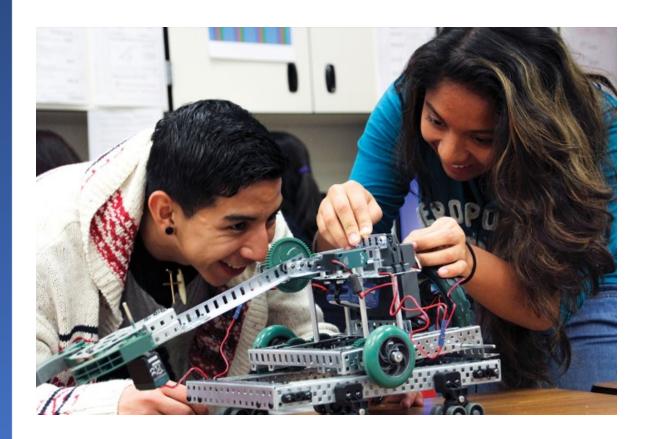
Advanced Academics Courses



TEA Advanced Academics Courses

Advanced Academics courses include, but are not limited to:

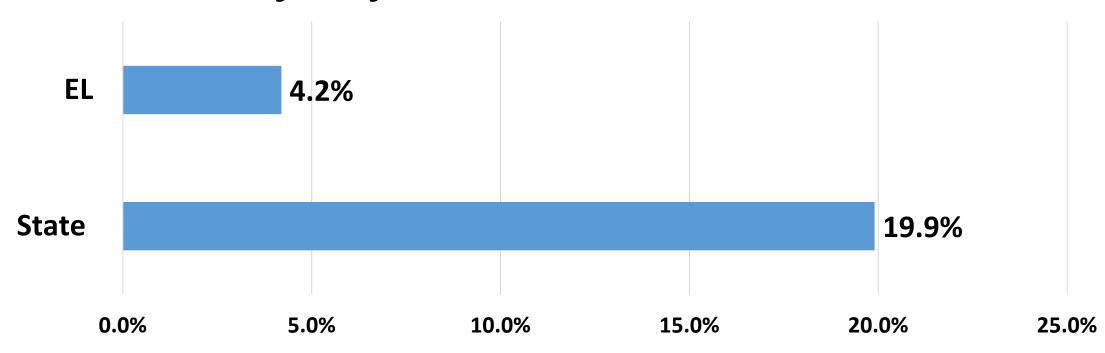
- **Dual Credit**
- PSAT/SAT/ACT Prep **Courses**
- **Advanced Placement** courses





EL Student Dual Credit Performance

Completion of Either 9 or More Dual Credit Hours Any Subject or 3 or More of ELA or Math



Source: TEA, Texas Academic Performance Report, 2017-18 State Graduation Profile



- What is keeping your EL students from enrolling in dual credit courses?
- What are their barriers to earning college credit?

Talk with a Colleague

I want to know! I want to help!

Email your thoughts to me:

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Advanced Academics Programs



TEA. Advanced Academics Programs

Advanced Academics Programs include, but are not limited to:

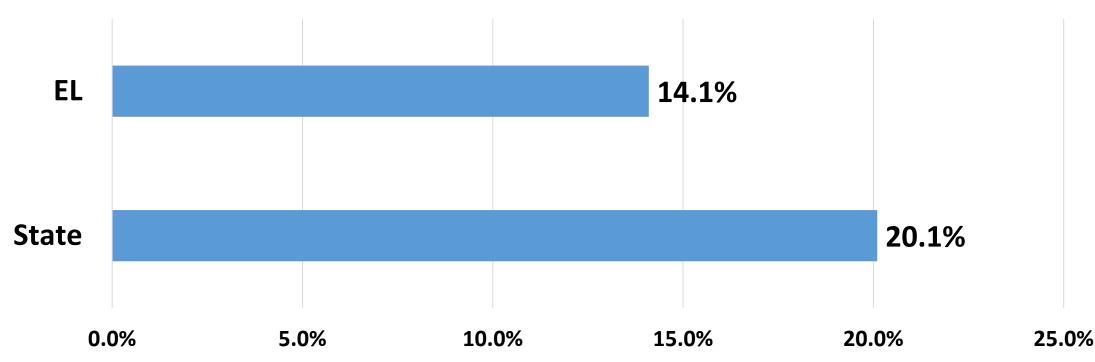
- AVID
- Advanced Placement
- International **Baccalaureate**





EL 2017 Graduate Students Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate (AP/IB) Performance





Source: TEA, Texas Academic Performance Report, 2017-18 State Graduation Profile



Talk with your partner for one minute each, how well do your EL students perform with these courses and programs?

Talk with your Elbow Partner





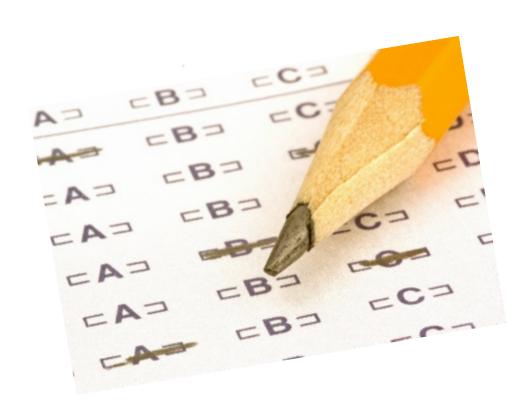
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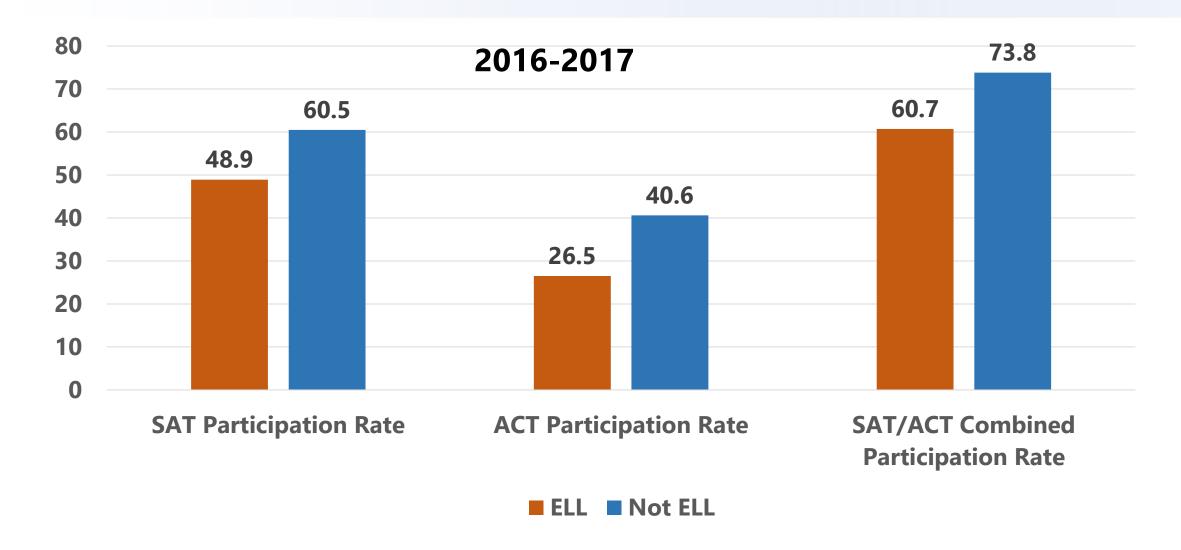
Advanced Academics assessments include, but are not limited to:

- ACT/Pre-ACT/Aspire
- SAT/PSAT –NMSQT/PSAT 8/9/10
- TSIA
- CLEP
- AP Exams
- IB Exams



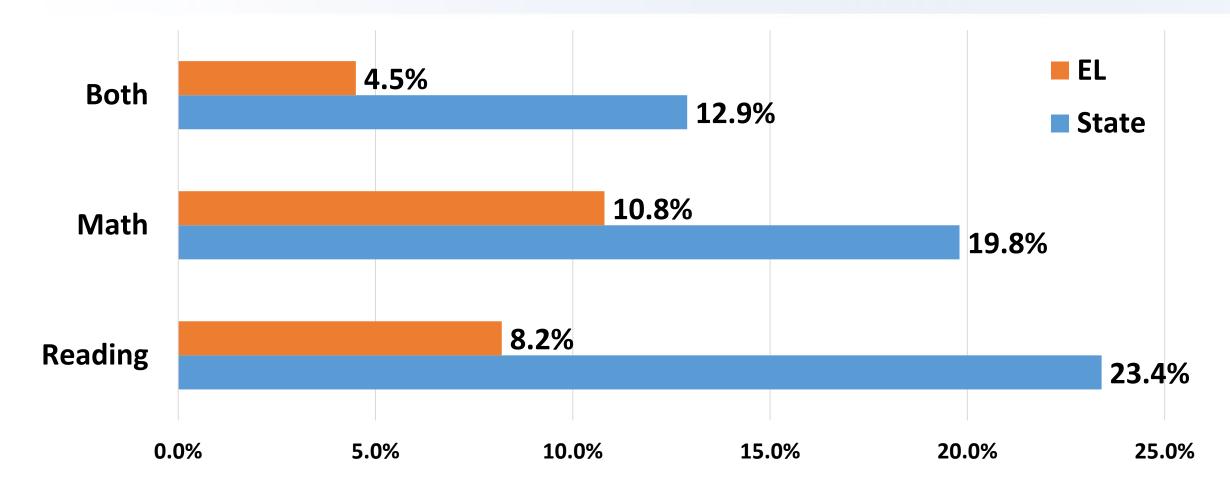


TEA SAT/ACT Participation Rates





TSIA Performance Rates – Class of 2017 Met College Ready Indicator



Source: TEA, Texas Academic Performance Report, 2017-18 State Graduation

Profile



Advanced Academics Services



TEA Advanced Academics Services

Advanced Academics services include, but are not limited to:

- **Professional learning**
- **Published resources**
- **Parent nights**
- **Public Service Announcements**
- School Day SAT/PSAT
- Saturday ACT/SAT
- **Transportation to test site**





TEM Array of Services Essential for EL Students

- 1. Set a vision for high expectations
- 2. Promote the belief that all students can learn
- 3. Make families feel welcome
- 4. Ensure English language development instruction in addition to grade-level English reading and writing instruction
- 5. Provide focused professional development for content teachers
- 6. Monitor student achievement in the content areas and their development of English
- 7. Provide time for content teachers to collaborate with ESL specialists



Advanced Academics Support



TEA Advanced Academics Supports

Advanced Academics Support Systems include but are not limited to:

- **Academic advising**
- Mentoring
- **Financial scholarships**
- Structured tutorials based on data
- **Differentiated classroom** curriculum and instruction





TEA Support for College Preparation Assessments

- Extended time, not to exceed time and a half
- Approved word-to-word bilingual dictionary (no definitions)
- Test directions in the native language
- Testing in a familiar environment/small group

SAT **PSAT 8/9 and 10 School Day SAT ACT** Aspire 10 **TSIA**



Support for English Learners with Classroom Environment

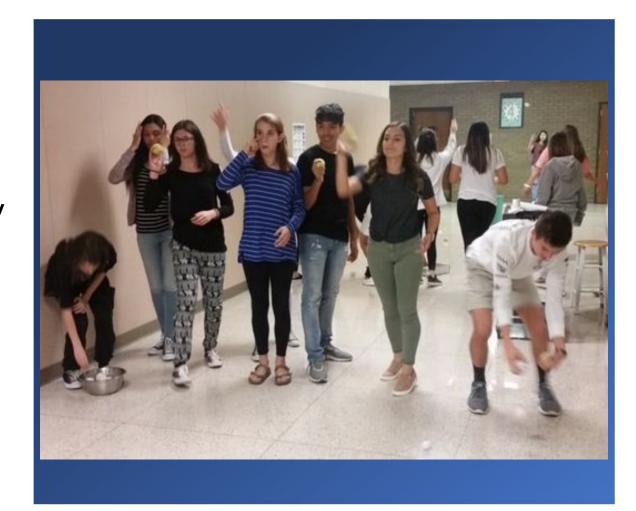


- 1. Honor the "silent period"
- 2. Cultivate relationships
- 3. Build in more group work and collaboration
- 4. Understand that one student is not a representative of his/her "culture"
- 5. Speak slowly and increase your wait time



Support for English Learners when planning Curriculum

- 6. Use the five senses
- 7. Use real-world experiences
- 8. Teach process along side content
- 9. Ensure the curriculum is culturally responsive
- 10. Allow use of multilingual videos and other online resources
- 11. Use classroom assessments that allow for diverse expressions of understanding





Support for English Learners with Classroom Instruction

- 12. Pre-teach
- 13. Extend time to learn
- 14. Use sentence frames
- 15. Chunk texts
- 16. Differentiate with multiple modalities
- 17. Use technology
- 18. Check for comprehension frequently

Identifying the main idea:

- 1. I believe that the main idea of this paragraph is ...
- 2. I have come to this conclusion because...
- 3. ...is a specific detail that supports the idea of ...
- 4. In this paragraph, the author is focusing on...



TEM Support for English Learners with **Classroom Strategies**



- 19. Teach metacognitive thinking skills
- 20. Look out for culturally unique vocabulary
- 21. Provide opportunities for selfdirected learning (choice)
- 22. Allow use of multilingual videos and other online resources
- 23. Use classroom assessments that allow for diverse expressions of understanding
- 24. Scaffold with their native language whenever possible



Consider the courses, programs, assessments, services and supports your campus currently offers for your EL Students;

Share with your Elbow Partner



- 1. Name the strongest support for your campus.
- 2. Name one support that needs to be strengthened or launched on your campus?



Strategies For Pursuing EL Students



Encourage All EL Students to Participate in Advanced Academics; Intentionally Pursue Those Who:

- 1. Acquire English faster than the average student
- 2. Indicate an aptitude for negotiating between cultures
- 3. Score well on non-verbal assessments
- 4. Display leadership qualities
- 5. Read beyond grade level in their first language
- 6. Show maturity by assuming adult responsibilities
- 7. Demonstrate a rapid integration into American culture
- 8. Problem-solve in creative, nonconforming ways
- 9. Exhibit grit
- 10. Demonstrate a growth mindset



TEA Funding Streams for Advanced Academics

Priority #3 Funding Programs

- State & Local
- Title 1: A,C,D, and 1003 (a)
- Title 2, A&B
- Title 3, A
- Title 4, A&B



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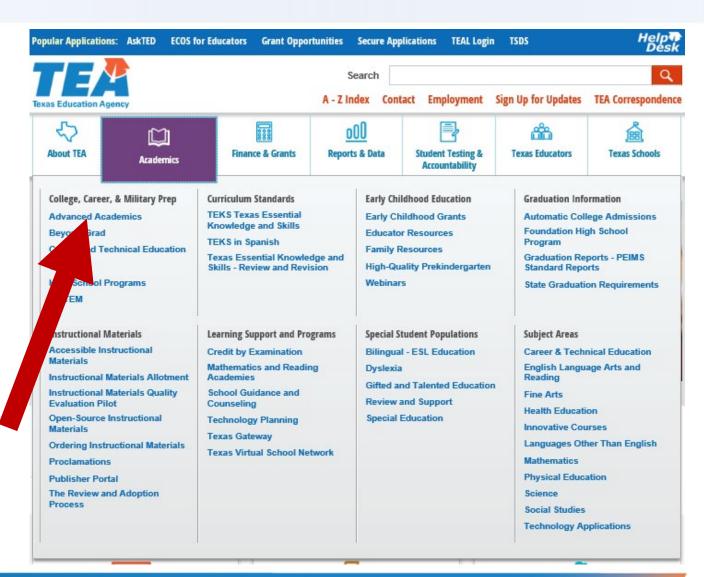
TEA Stay Connected

- TEA Website
- **Academics**
- **Advanced Academics**

Advanced Placement International Baccalaureate **Dual Credit**

ACT SAT **TSIA**

Sign up for Updates





Write a Plan for Next Steps

Outline a 3-step plan to enhance student access to Advanced Academics using one or more of the activities, programs, or strategies presented during this symposium.

- 1. What will you do in the next 30 days?
- 2. What will you recommend to implement 2019-2020?
- 3. What do you want to learn more about for implementation 2020-2021?
- 4. Share your plan with your elbow partner.



QUESTIONS?

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