

A young boy with short dark hair, wearing a plaid shirt, is sitting at a desk and smiling as he looks at a laptop. His right hand is on the keyboard. To the right of the laptop is a white coffee cup on a saucer. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor setting with a window and a chair.

Texas Home Learning 3.0

July 2020

Agenda

1 Background

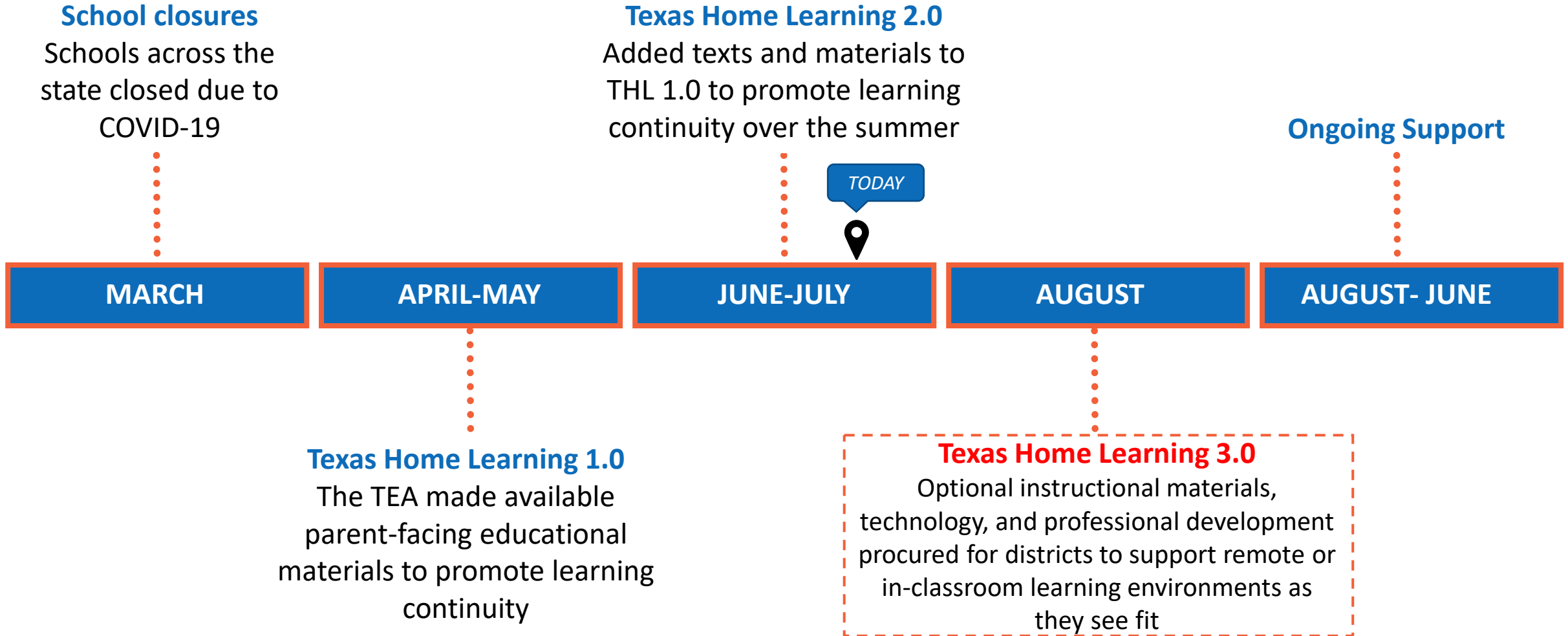
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Texas Home Learning Phases



What is different about THL 3.0?

	THL 1.0 and 2.0	THL 3.0
What is it?	A crisis response of online resources and pdf packets.	A crisis response of tools including an LMS and year-long instructional materials.
Who is it for?	Designed as family and student-facing resources for guiding students outside of classroom without support of a full-time teacher.	Designed for teachers and districts to implement and, like any instructional materials, requires a skilled educator to be successful.
How do I access it?	TexasHomeLearning.org linked to online resources and customizable pdf packets.	However works best for your system. You can access a buffet of options that are designed to seamlessly integrate with a wide variety of scenarios and models.
Do I have to use it?	No, Texas Home Learning is completely optional and can be used in part or in whole.	



What we've heard from educators about the coming year

"Admin in 2020: please be prepared to teach online, in person, both simultaneously, on a moving train, while juggling, in a burning building, under the sea, during a wrestling match with a T-Rex, as a hologram, and riding a unicorn. Also, be safe and we value you."

-Teacher

"...75 percent of staff said students were not at all, slightly, or somewhat engaged in remote learning and 70 percent of staff said that almost no students, a few students, or about half of students participated in distance learning in the past week at the end of the year."

-Superintendent

"We will almost have to hire an additional staff member to take care of the remote instruction kids... Connectivity and the cost of purchasing technology for lower grades... both of these put a huge strain on our finances."

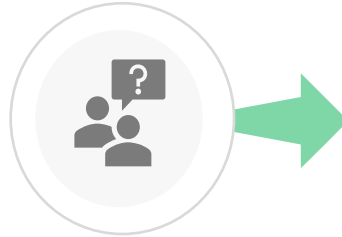
-Superintendent

Texas Home Learning 3.0 can help provide some of the needed supports for educators this school year

Texas Home Learning 3.0 can help address the “COVID-19 slide” and provides solutions to three primary challenges

Educator capacity

Educators have a lot to take on in a new educational environment

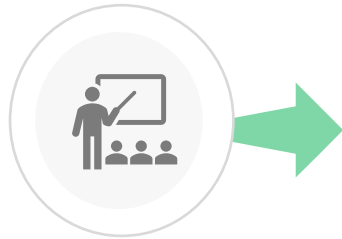


Texas Home Learning 3.0...

Provides **support** to educators through **instructional materials, technology solutions, and professional development** to help lighten the load

Materials for hybrid and remote settings

Traditional materials are more often designed for a brick-and-mortar classroom



Texas Home Learning 3.0...

Will give **free access** to PreK-12 standards-aligned materials, customized to Texas, that are **designed for** continuity between **remote and in-classroom** environments

Limited resources

The budget is tight



Texas Home Learning 3.0...

Is **freely accessible** to all public schools in Texas and provides budget flexibility to address local priorities

What We've Heard Preparing for Phase 3

- **Keep the plug and play** nature of THL allowing for customization of use.
- **Keep the no cost and simple access** to high quality instructional materials.
- **Provide platforms and access** by allowing content modules to exist in a Learning Management System so districts can import to their own platform and/or access through single sign on.
- **Provide a detailed list of instructional materials.** Knowing what's included makes it easier for districts to customize and leverage for local contexts, including easy transition between face to face, online and blended settings.
- **Include better progress monitoring** by including shorter and more formative assessment options.
- **Create parent supports** that help to familiarize with the resources, such as short video clips
- **Create additional student supports** that provide considerations for making content accessible to English learners and students with disabilities

THL 3.0 is a freely accessible, optional, aligned suite of resources that educators can use fully or in-part to support the new learning environment

Texas Home Learning 3.0

CURRICULUM



PreK-12 digitized, standards-aligned curricular content customized for Texas and the current learning environment

TECHNOLOGY



Suite of technology tools including a learning management system to support student engagement and instructional collaboration

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Content and technology focused professional development to support educators with implementation both in classroom and remote settings

Districts may optionally adopt none, part, or all of any of the three components above

THL 3.0 offers free access to TEKS-aligned, digitized resources to be facilitated by teachers that are customized for Texas



Districts/schools can choose to adopt any portion or subset of the materials as they see fit

Subject	Grades Offered
Math	PreK through 12 th grade
English Language Arts and Reading*	PreK through 12 th grade
Spanish Language Arts and Reading	PreK through 5 th grade
Science	PreK through 5 th grade
Social Studies	PreK through 5 th grade

Works with required asynchronous plans for remote teaching

Each grade level and subject resource is customized to Texas and includes:

Unit plans and daily lesson plans aligned to Texas standards

Formative & summative unit assessments

Built in progress monitoring

Teacher, student, and family supports

Digital format with printing capability

Accessibility supports for all learners

*Includes foundational skills and phonics in K-2

THL 3.0 offers accessibility supports for all students to help with remote learning



THL 3.0 materials include **embedded** accessibility supports for **special populations** including English Learners, students with disabilities, and students who are Gifted and Talented.

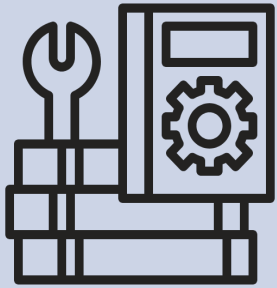
- Linguistic supports for English learners
- Progress monitoring tools for academic, social, and linguistic progress
- 508 accessibility (e.g. accessible design, multiple navigation options, close captioning, screen reader capability)
- A variety of developmentally appropriate, multimodal instructional strategies, multiple types of practices, and guidance on flexible grouping
- Enrichment activities for all levels of learners
- Lesson extensions for students who have mastered the content
- Guidance, scaffolds, and academic supports for students who have not yet mastered the content

The Texas Home Learning 3.0 content customization process involves a number of stakeholders and steps



All instructional materials will go through an extensive set of reviews that include feedback from Texas teachers and parents

Pre-Launch Reviews



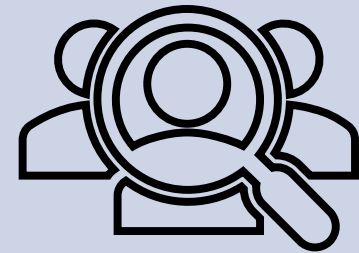
A series of internal and external reviews that occur **before materials are launched for classroom use**. Feedback from these reviews will be used to drive edits for the published product.

Continuous Improvement Reviews



A series of external reviews **based on classroom use of the materials**. Feedback from these reviews will be used to drive edits to upcoming units and content, as well as to future iterations.

Quality Review

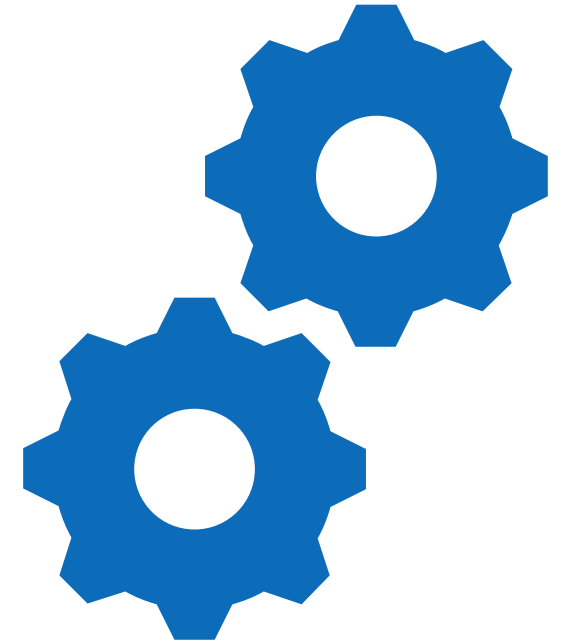


An independent quality review of the revised materials **after all previous reviews**. Feedback from this review will be used to drive a 2nd edition of the Texas Home Learning 3.0 materials.

Materials will be transparently accessible for educators, students, and parents



- Materials are being built quickly with a focus on both speed and quality.
- Texas Home Learning 3.0 materials will be widely available – parents, teachers, and Texans will all be able to see materials.
- THL will including a mechanism to gather feedback, continuously, from all stakeholders.
- Realtime feedback will be acted on in real time to make any adjustments & improvements to the materials that are necessary.



The TEA is offering three types of freely accessible technology solutions based on district need



Solutions can be used independently or in combination together where needed

#1 - Storage & Single Sign-On System

Simplest solution to host content digitally

- Organizes content
- Allows for single point of access for material
- Examples- **Clever, ClassLink**

#2 – Classroom Management System

Middle solution that manages classroom tasks

- Allows collaboration / group editing
- Can assign and collect student work
- Examples- **Google Classroom, Edmodo**

#3 - Learning Management System

High-end solution that monitors student progress

- Includes student progress monitoring and engagement tools
- Gradebook and attendance integration with Student Information System (SIS)
- Example – **Schoology, Canvas**

Low

Number of features

High



As the highest-end option, the freely available learning management system capabilities will include:



- Native or integrated text reading and verbal output options
- Assessment management including importing and sharing
- Grading and feedback tools
- Student Information System (SIS) integration
- Learning object repository and ability to migrate curricula into platform
- Native or integration-based video quiz capability
- Google and G-suite integration to manage document workflow and collaboration
- Support for District-Based Login Authentication (SSO)
- Course management and calendars
- Analytics and student progress tracking against TEKS standards
- Assessment item bank imports
- Gamification tools
- Access for parents and district staff
- 508 accessibility features

District steps to learning management system adoption



- Free license available for 2 years
- LMS expected to be available for adoption **beginning this summer**



LMS adoption process:

- 1 LEA indicates interest to receive free LMS
- 2 LMS implementation specialist assigned to LEA to support successful implementation
- 3 LMS provider will work with each LEA to include any customized branding and domain customization. LEA will receive LMS login with onboarding information
- 4 LMS provider will work with LEA to complete data population, authentication, and any other technical consultation
- 5 LEA has full access to materials for communication rollout and professional development resources

THL 3.0 works in concert with Operation Connectivity



- Operation connectivity is a **playbook** for LEA use in **consideration** as they continue to solve the immediate connectivity needs of their students
- Texas Home Learning 3.0 provides **technology solutions** that support the organization and delivery of instructional content, allows for collaboration between educators, students, and families, and helps with student engagement.
- The two initiatives **complement** each other
- THL 3.0 does **not** directly provide devices or internet access. Both of these are elements that are required to take full advantage of the freely accessible technology solutions

Texas Home Learning 3.0 aligns to several asynchronous plan requirements



Asynchronous Plan Requirement	Texas Home Learning 3.0 Feature
District has adopted a full, TEKS-aligned curriculum that can be executed in an asynchronous remote learning environment.	✓
Instructional materials include specifically designed resources to support students with disabilities and English Learners in an asynchronous environment	✓
Daily student engagement is defined, trackable, and includes expectations for daily student engagement that is consistent with progress that would occur in an on-campus environment	✓
There is a system for tracking student academic progress to inform instruction and providing regular feedback to students on their progress	✓

Districts and teachers will have access to ongoing professional development throughout the 2020-2021 school year



Remote Learning and School Models

PD offered to districts to optimize remote or hybrid learning. PD comes in the form of:

- ESC support
- Webinars
- Office hours
- Targeted support

Instructional Materials

PD offered to from vendors and ESCs.
PD comes in the form of:

- Live webinars
- On-demand tutorial videos
- “Train the trainer” sessions
- Customized training for purchase



Storage, Classroom, and Learning Management System

PD offered to districts to give training on system use and implementation.

PD comes in the form of:

- ESC support
- 3-hour district on-boarding course for the LMS
- Interactive online trainings
- Self-paced learning courses

ESCs will fully support district implementation and training for THL 3.0

Instructional Materials and Technology Release Schedule

Materials available:

- ✓ LMS and other technology materials
- ✓ **Unit 1** instructional materials and lesson plans in most subjects
- ✓ Instructional materials and technology professional development

Once made available, districts can adopt materials at any time throughout the year

Materials available:

- ✓ **Unit 3** instructional materials and lesson plans
- ✓ Instructional materials and technology professional development

Materials available:

- ✓ **Unit 5** instructional materials and lesson plans
- ✓ Instructional materials and technology professional development

AUG

SEP

OCT

NOV

DEC

Materials available:

- ✓ **Unit 2** instructional materials and lesson plans in most subjects
- ✓ Instructional materials and technology professional development

Materials available:

- ✓ **Unit 4** instructional materials and lesson plans
- ✓ Instructional materials and technology professional development

THL 3.0 use cases will vary, and districts have full flexibility

- Districts can optionally choose to adopt a **portion, all, or none** of the Texas Home Learning 3.0 resources
- Examples:
 - ✓ District A only needs middle school math instructional materials and only adopts the resources for math 6-8
 - ✓ District B has robust instructional materials, but would like to take advantage of the free learning management system and adopts the LMS with Google Classroom integrated for greater functionality
 - ✓ District C adopts the LMS and only the PreK instructional materials
 - ✓ District D adopts the full suite of Texas Home Learning 3.0

Recall: What is Texas Home Learning 3.0?

Texas Home Learning 3.0 provides school districts with optional hybrid or home learning resources that provide continued instruction for students.

Texas Home Learning IS:

- Completely free and optional to use
- Designed to engage students in meaningful content and mitigate gap in student learning
- Resources for guiding students inside and outside of the classroom, designed to be supported by district staff
- Customizable for districts to adapt and integrate into any learning plans
- Support for districts and teachers for difficulties caused by COVID-19

Texas Home Learning IS NOT:

- A requirement of the state
- A continuation of any particular district's annual scope and sequence or a bridge to the next grade level
- An endorsement or recommendation of any particular text
- A full-time virtual school run by TEA or a replacement for teachers

Questions and Further Information



Check back in at the TEA's [COVID-19 site](#) for updates on instructional materials, the statewide LMS, and professional development