

CONTINUING ED. CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 2020



WELCOME BACK!

We want to wish everyone a wonderful 2020-2021 school year. Thank you for everything you are doing to support GISD students, parents, and staff!

This year has already and will continue to require a great deal of new learning. Please remember, we are here to help and support you in any way we can.

TACKLING THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19

Region 10 is offering an excellent upcoming opportunity:

COVID-19 Series for Early Childhood Educators: *Trauma-Responsive and Resilience Building Approaches to Early Learning in the Context of COVID*: Research-based information to support children in times of uncertainty and stress.

- Participants will learn about the importance of adults' self-awareness and management of stress when working with young children in this context of COVID-19, especially the re-opening of programs and services.
- Participants will also learn about the factors that support coping and resilience for children and adults.
- Specific topics addressed include building attuned and responsive relationships, managing physical distancing without doing harm, arranging the environment and learning how play can support stress reduction and healing.

Register Here: https://txr10.escworks.net/catalog/session.aspx?session_id=2634268

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Region 10 has excellent online sessions that are FREE of charge to GISD teachers? This month, we would like to spotlight their English Learner Support classes. These courses are available online, provide useful resources and knowledge, and count for CPE credits. Check out the [Region 10 website](#) for more information and to register.



ESL TExES Prep--Test#154

This 12-hour course is designed to prepare certified teachers to take the ESL TExES #154 for ESL certification and to develop a core set of competencies needed to teach ELLs. The following topics will be covered: language concepts and second language acquisition, ESL instruction and assessment, cultural awareness and family and community involvement.

Course Contact Name: Sonia Garcia

CPE CREDIT: 12

Free



What are the ELPS?

Join us for 4 one-hour web-based, presentations via the Region 10 Online Learning Center. Each of the presentations will focus on a separate part of the English Language Proficiency Standards. These self paced professional development sessions will take participants through each component as well as obtain hands-on ideas that can be implemented into the classroom.

Course Contact Name: Sonia Garcia

CPE CREDIT: 4

Free



Academic Vocabulary Toolbox K-6

This workshop covers language development, which is an essential component when teaching students, especially English learners. In this web-based workshop, participants will explore research-based vocabulary development activities and strategies that will provide teachers with a set of useful tools for their classrooms instruction. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will earn 1 credit hours. Course Contact Name: Sonia Garcia
CPE CREDIT: 1.5

Free



ELPS Focus on Building Background

The stronger the background knowledge, the more effectively a student will engage in new learning. Participants will explore ways to infuse the English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) into content instruction while building their background knowledge through linguistically accommodated learning activities. Such best practices help scaffold learning experiences that build the foundation for higher order thinking skills in students' first and second language. Course Contact Name: Sonia Garcia
CPE CREDIT: 1.5

Free

CONTINUING ED. REMINDERS:

SAFESCHOOLS

We have had some questions about SafeSchools compliance courses, so are a few quick reminders:

- **SafeSchools courses were required for every district employee. The list of courses can be found here:**
<https://www.greenvilleisd.com/Page/2477>
- **If you did not complete your SafeSchools courses, you still need to do so.** The deadline has already passed, but these courses are required in order for us to meet state and federal guidelines.
<https://greenvilleisd-tx.safeschools.com/login>
- **Do you need to submit my SafeSchools courses in Strive?** No, this step is not required since we are no longer in need of Exchange Days. If you want to receive CPE credits and have record of the courses in your Strive portfolio, you should still enter these trainings in Strive as Outside Credit Requests, but if not, you do not have to do anything beyond completing the trainings.
- **How will we know you've completed your SafeSchools trainings?** The Continuing



- If you run into any issues, detailed instructions can be found on our website:
<https://www.greenvilleisd.com/Page/2477>

COVID-19 TRAINING

This year all employees are also required to complete the TEA recommended COVID-19 training: "Special Considerations for Infection Control During COVID-19"

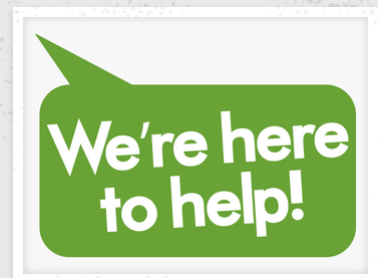


- The deadline for this training was September, 1. We are still missing many completions for the district, though. If you have not completed this training, you need to do so ASAP!
- The course is free through Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
<https://agrilifelearn.tamu.edu/product?catalog=COFS-256>
- **IMPORTANT- CERTIFICATE REQUIRED:** At the end of the course, a certificate is provided. You must download and save a copy of your certificate to submit via Strive in order to receive credit for the completion of this mandatory course. This course will not count toward exchange day credit.
- **Directions for uploading certificates to Strive can be located here:**
<https://eduphoria.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360050716094-Request-Outside-PL-Credit>

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE?

Did you know that the Continuing Education website has links and tools? You can find:

- Training Information & Instructions
- Newsletters
- Virtual Learning Resources
- Training Materials
- Important Links
- Professional Development FAQs



THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the grace and patience everyone extended to me and our department when I was out on maternity leave! My family and I greatly appreciated it.



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