

OnTRACK for College Readiness

Student preparedness for STAAR™ End-of-Course assessments, STAAR™ middle school assessments, and college and career readiness are the focus of the OnTRACK project, which is funded by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Customized online



resources are being developed to support student success in math, science, social studies, and English. OnTRACK materials are aligned to the [Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills \(TEKS\)](#), [State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness \(STARR™\)](#), or the [College and Career Readiness Standards and Cross Disciplinary Standards](#). Close to 600 lessons have been developed for Algebra I and II, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, U.S. History, World History, World Geography, and English III. Additional lessons are under development for middle school students in mathematics, science, social studies, English I, English II and ELAR grades 7 and 8. Materials are available in Project Share, and additional resources will be made available as they are developed.

Overview

Project Goals

In partnership with TEA, the Institute for Public School Initiatives seeks to achieve three primary goals through the OnTRACK project.

- Provide middle school students with the tools needed to become algebra ready.
 - Help high school students exceed the minimum score required on each End-of-Course assessment in order to meet graduation requirements.
 - Prepare all students to meet the performance indicator for post-secondary on the STAAR™ End-of-Course assessment for Algebra II and English III.
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Project Background

State legislation requires the phase-out of high school TAKS assessments and replaces them with twelve End-of-Course (EOC) assessments. New EOC exams were created beginning in 2009, with the last to be implemented in 2012. College and Career Readiness Standards have been incorporated into the TEKS for math, science, social studies, and English language arts. "College readiness" is the level of preparation a student must attain in English language arts and mathematics courses to enroll and succeed, without remediation, in an entry-level general education course for credit in

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that same content area for a baccalaureate degree or associate degree program (House Bill 3, Section 39.024a).

OnTRACK Courses and Lessons

OnTRACK materials for high school are organized into ten courses, one for each subject area (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, U.S. History, World History, World Geography, and English I, II, and III). OnTRACK materials for middle school will be organized by grade level, beginning with Grade 8 Mathematics, Science, ELAR, and Social Studies, followed by Grade 7 Mathematics, Science, ELAR, and Social Studies. Within each course are dozens of lessons that align with the STAAR™ requirements. Each lesson includes content written by Texas classroom teachers, opportunities for interactive learning, assessments with meaningful feedback for students, and additional resources.

OnTRACK courses have also been developed for use in the [Texas Virtual School Network](#). [Region 10 ESC](#) will serve as the online course provider for OnTRACK Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

OnTRACK lessons are written by Texas classroom teachers. Curriculum experts who are former Texas teachers are working to closely align the lessons with State standards, assure the quality of the content and assessment items, and organize the learning materials for online delivery.

Project Share

OnTRACK materials are available to teachers and students through Project Share, the Texas Education Agency's online learning community, where educators collaborate and share resources. While logged into your Project Share account, search for "OnTRACK" to find available materials. For more information on Project Share, and to gain access to OnTRACK and other materials, contact your Texas Education Service Center (ESC) or email Project Share.



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