

TxVSN (Texas Virtual School Network)

Glossary of Terms

Acceleration	A reason Student takes an online course. It is to enable a student to complete a course in less than usual time.
Advanced Placement	A reason Student takes an online course. This is a course taught at the college level that enables a student to prepare for taking an Advanced Placement exam to earn college credit.
Alternative School Program	A reason Student takes an online course. A program designed to offer help for students who are struggling in a regular high school setting.
Course Management System	A Learning Management System used by the Course Provider.
Course Review	All accepted courses from all Providers will be assigned to review teams for review. Review teams will consist of three trained and approved reviewers for each course. Reviewers will independently review courses thoroughly using a TEKS Alignment Instrument and a National Standards Instrument to determine if each course meets the establish requirements for inclusion in the TxVSN. To help potential provider districts understand the criteria their courses will be reviewed against, they may download the following documents as a guide: National Standards of Quality for Online Courses , National Standards Supplemental Document detailing the standards, and a sample TEKS Alignment Document .
Credit Recovery	A reason Student takes an online course. To retake a course in which he/she previously was not academically successful in earning credit towards graduation.
Dual Credit	A reason Student takes an online course. A course that is taken by a high school student that counts toward both high school credit and college credit.
Education Code Chapter 30A.	Education Code Chapter 30A. State Virtual School Network Subchapter A. General Provisions.
Electronic Course	See Online Course.
Embedded Credit	An embedded credit course incorporates TEKS from one subject into another (host) subject and allowing students to earn credit for both.
Home Bound	A reason Student takes an online course. A student who cannot attend school due to illness or injury. This service is initiated by a medical doctor's

note certifying the reason and expected length of absence.

LEA	Local Education Agency
LMS	Learning Management System. A Course Management System or learning management software package which is used for asynchronous courses delivery and/or for supporting the synchronous classes.
Memorandum of Agreement	The agreements describe the roles and responsibilities of the Provide/Receiver organizations and must be signed by an authorized representative of the each organization.
NCAA Approved	Course meets core curriculum requirements established by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. For more information see: https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/hs/wf1_core_course_requir.html
NACOL	North American Council for Online Learning is a K-12 non-profit organization representing the interests of administrators, practitioners, and students involved in online learning.
Not enrolled in public school	A reason Student takes an online course. A student who attends a private school or is home schooled.
Online Course	A course in which instruction and content are delivered primarily over the Internet and a student and teacher are in different locations for a majority of the student's instructional period.
Professional Development	Electronic professional development courses or programs which provide professional development for teachers who are teaching electronic courses through the network.
Provider LEA	The Provider LEA is defined under the terms of the legislation and education code as academically acceptable school districts, a recognized or higher open-enrollment charter school, public or private institutions of higher education, and education service centers.
Receiver	The Receiver is defined as a school district or other user of TxVSN delivered content.
<u>SB 1788</u>	Senate Bill 1788. Legislation relating to the creation and operation of a Texas state virtual school network
Site Coordinator	An on-site coordinator who is assigned by the school to act as a liaison between the student/teacher and provider/receiver organizations. The Site Coordinator is the designated point of contact for the course instructor, student, and TxVSN. The Site Coordinator is responsible for making regular contacts with the student and is to be aware of student progress in

completing the TxVSN course.

**TEC Chapter
30A**

Texas Education Code Chapter 30A. State Virtual School Network General Provisions.

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Texas Virtual School Network. The Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN) was established by the 80th Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 1788 and codified in TEC Chapter 30A to establish and administer a state virtual school network to provide education to students through electronic means.