

# House Bill 5

Updates for counselors

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# Why be cautious of media reports on House Bill 5?

- TEA has not officially released what diploma plans look like.
- This information is expected sometime this week.



# Clearly communicated information

- ESC Region 12 will communicate with counselors via newsletter and on the HB5 link on our homepage.



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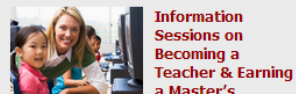
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### ESC Region 12 Closed on Friday, Dec. 6

Posted on 12/05/2013

Due to impending inclement weather, ESC Region 12 will be closed tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 6. The center will reopen Monday, Dec. 9. [READ MORE...](#)



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## Featured Events

**DEC 23** Winter Break  
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**JAN 20** MLK Day Holiday  
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**FEB 06** 17th Annual Statewide Evaluation Conference (SWEP)  
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House Bill 5, enacted in July 2013, has had a huge impact upon Texas schools and high schools in particular. The Education Service Center Region 12 is dedicated to helping support our schools in this time of transition. With so many areas being affected, multiple offices at the Center are working collaboratively to compile and share information coming from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). We will utilize our List Servs and this page to post any information received that is a product of HB5. Feel free to contact us if you have specific questions.

## Upcoming Sessions

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## HB 5 Webinar Support Series

Our HB 5 Webinar Support Series will continue in December with a review of the proposals by the SBOE for a HB5 diploma program. Those who registered in November, check your email for a link to the recording. All webinars will be held 9 to 10 a.m. Each month questions will be answered directly in the webinars. Any questions you wish to have addressed need to be emailed to Denise Bell at [dbell@esc12.net](mailto:dbell@esc12.net) or Stephanie Kucera at [skucera@esc12.net](mailto:skucera@esc12.net) at least 48 hours in advance since we may have to research the answers.

**November 21 - Contact Denise Bell if you would like to register for the recording.**

**December 19 - Session #41531 (Prerecorded) [Register now.](#)**

**January 23 - Session #41532 [Register now.](#)**

**February 20 - Session #41533 [Register now.](#)**

**March 20 - Session #41534 [Register now.](#)**

**April 17 - Session #41535 [Register now.](#)**

**May 15 - Session #41536 [Register now.](#)**

<http://tinyurl.com/esc12hb5>



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# The structure and intent of HB5

- Accountability, Assessment and Graduation Plans
- The goals:
  - the development of a more diverse workforce
  - sending students to the postsecondary level more prepared
- The understanding is that each student's path to the workforce is unique

# Two areas of consideration

## Assessment

- Only 5 End of Course exams
- Combined English exams for English I and II
- Other exams can replace the EOC requirements – i.e. SAT and ACT
- Algebra II and English III to be “postsecondary readiness assessment instruments” – starting spring 2016
- EOC scores *may* be used as one of the entrance criteria for higher education

## Accountability

- Student scores
- Student improvement
- Closing the achievement gaps specific to each district
- Graduation rate and **diploma type**
- Self-evaluation by districts on other areas

# Diploma program

- Foundation requirements (22 credits)
- Endorsements
  - **STEM**
  - **Business and Industry**
  - **Public services**
  - **Arts and Humanities**
  - **Multidisciplinary**
- Distinguished (4 Math, 4 Science and Endorsement)
- Performance Acknowledgements



# Key things to know

- HB5 diplomas begin to be required of “all” students starting with Class of 2018 (next year’s freshmen)
- 2014 students can be offered Foundation only as an alternative to MHSP, RHSP, or DAP
- 2015-2017 students will have the *option* of HB3 (MHSP, RHSP, or DAP) or a HB5 diploma (with Endorsements)

# The challenges

## For high schools

- Being able to offer more than one Endorsement (cost, staffing, certification)
- Counseling students (with their parents) every year and adjusting graduation plans
- Maintaining a plan for the unique needs of every child
- Creating the developmental courses
- Remaining versed on higher educational offerings

## For higher education

- Balancing the variety of diplomas with all the possibilities within Endorsements
- Helping high schools build the developmental courses
- Creating entrance requirements that balance two types of diplomas for next four years



# Other instructional pieces in HB5

- Partnerships on Math and ELA/R college prep courses with higher ed that students take while still in high school
- Accelerated instruction = remediation when students do not pass EOCs
- More CTE courses to apply to 4<sup>th</sup> Math
- Personal Graduation Plans for incoming freshmen if they fail STAAR in middle school

# Counselors “to do” list for 2014

- Get with administration when Endorsements are published to determine possibilities
- Coordinate with middle school counselor to schedule next year’s freshmen correctly
- Be involved in ARDC for next year’s freshmen, especially with LOTE decisions
- Meet with your students from class of 2015-2017 to determine who would like to switch and what they’ll need
- Be involved in Master Schedule building
- Learn testing options for STAAR EOCs

# Questions?

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