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CHANGES FROM SBOE

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

At the recent SBOE meeting, the Board approved on 2nd/final reading revisions to the list of secondary courses that school districts are required to offer, changes that were mostly made to accompany the Board's decisions in January on HB5 graduation plans and other requirements.

CPR mandate—approved on 2nd/final reading a rule requiring students to receive CPR instruction at least one time in any grade from 7 to 12, beginning with students who entered seventh grade in School Year 2010-11 (next year's 11th graders).

TEKS—directs TEKS review committees to consider whether the applicable TEKS can be covered within the time typically allotted for the course before the end of the school year or before a state end-of-course.

In addition, the following are changes cleared by SBOC

Revised the list of topics covered in continuing professional education (CPE) credit hours specific for teachers, principals and counselors, and providing an option for all educators to earn CPE credit hours for participating in a "mental health first-aid training program."

Expanded the list of courses the holder of Technology Applications Certificate can teach.

Allow the no-longer issued Vocational Counselor and Special Education certificates to be used for assignments of Special Education Counseling Services and School Counselor.

Clarifying the types of professions that require state-issued professional licensure (instead of educator certification).

Discussed dyslexia—a draft update and revisions in Dyslexia Handbook.



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SELECTED TEXAS SUPERINTENDENT SALARIES 2013-2014

\$348,458—Cypress-Fairbanks ISD
\$346,010—Ft. Worth ISD
\$332,665—Spring Branch ISD
\$315,838—PSJA ISD
\$306,000—Dallas ISD
\$300,000—Houston ISD
\$298,494—Katy ISD
\$283,412—Austin ISD
\$283,001—San Antonio ISD
\$278,100—Northside (San Antonio)

PLANNING SUMMER VACATIONS

Here are some benefits you might want to use.

- Six Flags, San Antonio: tickets are **\$24 off per person** through our AFT Advantage online shopping, accessible through Travel and Entertainment on either the AFT or UP website.
- Universal Studios has a special from **May 9-22** Buy a **two-day ticket and get a third day free**; and the price is **discounted \$45** below the normal cost of each ticket.
- Disney World (FL) is famously high-priced, but members can save of **\$8 per adult and \$11 per child** on the three-day Magic Your Way tickets; other packages have different discounts.
- Disneyland (CA) tickets are discounted **\$9 per adult and \$7 per child**. Remember to check exactly what the fine print says about limitations, parking, expiration dates and so on. These factors change with the seasons.

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