



TEXAS LESSON STUDY

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Educator Newsletter

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TXLS Mission

Texas Lesson Study is committed to supporting student mastery, building the professionalism of teaching, and developing cultures of learning and improvement through transformative professional development processes.

TXLS Vision

Teachers across Texas will embrace Lesson Study as part of their ongoing professional growth, improving instructional practices and knowledge of content-specific pedagogy to drive significant student learning gains.

Letter from the Editors:

Dear Educators,

We cannot wait to start working with you again; in fact, some of our ESC partners already have! Whether you spent time outdoors, revisiting your favorite hobbies, or resting, we hope this summer has provided you with some much needed "you time."

This year more than ever, we are looking forward to the ways that Texas Lesson Study can support the student outcome and professional learning goals you have for yourself or the staff with whom you work.

Hoping to ensure that students have a smooth transition from virtual to in-person learning? TXLS can support you with the most up-to-date research-based practices. Wanting to collaborate with others as you implement new PD learning? TXLS has processes that make this collaboration seamless. Whatever goals you have going into this year, reach out to your ESC specialist to see how they can support you for a successful 2021–2022 school year.

On your team and in your corner,

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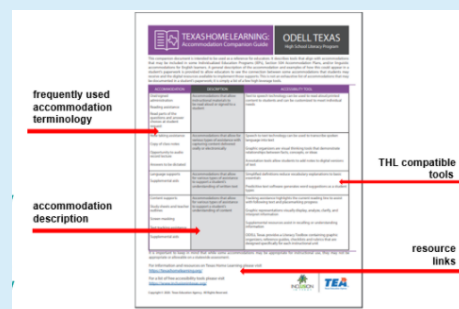
Texas Home Learning (THL) Accommodation Companion Guides

Accessibility Resources and Tools to Easily Integrate with THL Materials

Did you know that Texas Home Learning is offering an optional, aligned suite of resources that educators can use in full and part? Did you also know that Inclusion in Texas has also developed Accommodation Companion Guides to bridge existing student accommodations and assistive technology (AT) options that enable access and greater student progress within THL materials?

Maybe you're a general education teacher devising ways to provide supports to students struggling to access the curriculum. Maybe you're a special education teacher working to guarantee your students in special education the accommodations they're entitled to. Whatever the case may be, let this range of resources from Inclusion in Texas and Texas Home Learning support you and your students.

Learn more by clicking the link here!



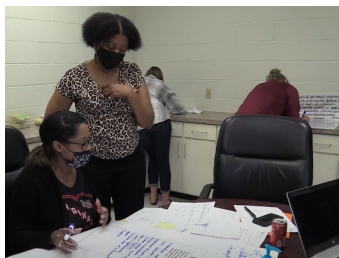


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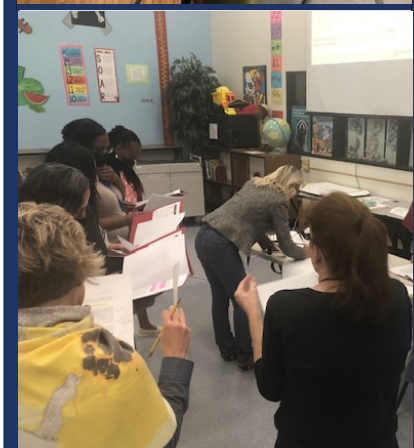
Each issue will highlight strong examples of research and professional development.

Kirbyville Teachers Know It and Show It!

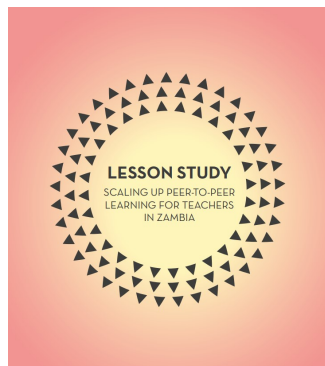


Every day, teachers are tasked with evaluating student mastery. For some of the most challenging standards, knowing what to look for in student work is difficult and takes time. However, teachers at Kirbyville JH have had the opportunity through Texas Lesson Study to unpack their standards using practices that align with Texas Instructional Leadership (TIL).

Savanna Cates, Sara Davis, Timberly Foster, and Ledah Kelley, teachers representing all content areas at Kirbyville, teamed up with Roxanne Minix-Wilkins from ESC Region 5 during their PLC time. Together, the group used the See It, Name It, Do It protocol to unpack different student expectations (SEs) from the TEKS in their content areas. Each teacher walked away with clear success criteria for what students should know and be able to show if they have mastered the SE. Want to see what support Lesson Study can provide for your professional learning? Reach out to your ESC point of contact below!



Lesson Study Around the World



Did you know that Lesson Study is a process that started in Japan? Teachers there have been using it for over 100 years!

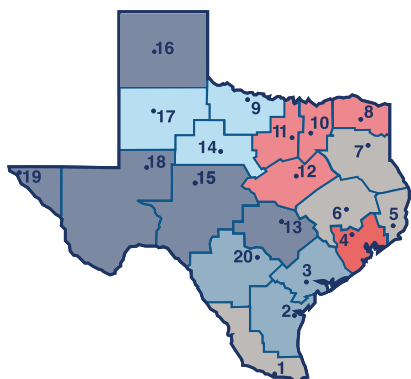
Since then, educators all over the world, including our illustrious Texas teachers, have been using Lesson Study to grow professionally. Check out this case study from the Brookings Center for Universal Education to see how Lesson Study both improved student outcomes and changed the face of teacher professional development in Zambia.

Gearing Up in Galveston

This summer, many of our ESC staff across the state had the honor of sharing what it looks like to be a TXLS leader in your district or on your campus.

Several teacher leaders and instructional coaches in Galveston ISD began to unpack what it will look like to lead TXLS on their campuses. The GISD administrators in attendance left excited about the depth of professional learning possible through TXLS!

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