

**Texas Consortium on School Research:
Winter 2011 Meeting**

February 18, 2011
9:00 am – 3:30 p.m.
Westin Park Central
Meeting convened by REL Southwest at Edvance Research, Inc.

8:30 am – 9:00 am

Registration

Goal(s):

- *To provide participants with the future direction of the TCSR research as identified by the Steering Committee*

9:00 am – 9:30 am

Welcome: Where We've Been/Where We're Headed

Dean Nafziger, Director, REL Southwest at Edvance Research

Update on TCSR Steering Committee

Laural Logan-Fain, Associate Director, Texas Consortium on School Research, REL Southwest at Edvance Research

Karen Vance, Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD

Jennifer Cobb, Director Program Evaluation and Research, Spring Branch ISD

Goal(s):

- To provide districts with an opportunity to use the Lexile methodology to calculate their own district's college reading readiness percentage
- To examine the reading readiness levels of Texas districts' students to be prepared for college and identify those who need additional support

9:30 am – 10:50 am

Examining Reading as a College-Readiness Skill

9:30 am – 10:00 am

How Prepared are Students for College-Level Reading? Applying a Lexile®-Based Approach

Chuck Wilkins, Director, Statistics and Evaluation Research, REL Southwest at Edvance Research

Jenifer Hartman, Director, Practice-Based Research, REL Southwest at Edvance Research

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Applying the Lexile Methodology: A Step-by-Step Process Using *Your* District Data

Eric Rolfhus, Research Scientist I, REL Southwest at Edvance Research

Aaron Smith, Director of Knowledge Management, YES Prep

10:30 am – 10:50 am

Interpretive Discussion of Data & Small Group Report Out

10:50 am – 11:00 am

Break

Goal(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To learn about efforts across Texas to vertically align college ready standards• To learn about appropriate research methods, questions, and strategies for evaluating vertical align efforts
11:00 am – 2:30 pm	Vertical Alignment of College Ready Standards: What TCSR Districts and Institutes of Higher Education are Doing
11:00 am – 11:10 am	Stacy Daugherty, <i>Development Manager, REL Southwest at Edvance Research</i> Karen Vance, <i>Director of Assessment, Research and Evaluation, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD</i>
11:10 am – 11:35 am	Houston ISD: Using Research to Align College Readiness Standards Carla Stevens, <i>Assistant Superintendent, Houston ISD</i> June Giddings, <i>Director, P-16 College & Career Readiness, Houston ISD</i>
	Q&A
11:35 am – 12:00 pm	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB): An Overview of the Pathways Model Colby Stoeber, <i>Senior Research Specialist, Planning and Accountability, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)</i>
	Q&A
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Lunch Served
12:45 pm – 1:10 pm	Northside ISD: High School to College: A Teacher to Teacher Connection Sara McAndrew, <i>Executive Director of Secondary Instruction, Northside ISD</i> Cynthia Tyroff, <i>Secondary English Language Arts Instructional Specialist, Northside ISD</i>
	Q&A
1:10 pm – 1:55 pm	Research Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Questions: Donald Barfield, <i>Associate Lab Director, REL Southwest at Edvance Research</i>• Evaluation Designs: Chuck Wilkins, <i>Director, Statistics and Evaluation Research, REL Southwest at Edvance Research</i>• Metrics for Evaluating Success: Christopher Mazzeo, <i>Research Scientist, REL Southwest</i>• Intervention Components: Eric Rolfhus, <i>Research Scientist, REL Southwest at Edvance Research</i>• Fidelity of Interventions: Sarah Brasiel, <i>Researcher, REL Southwest at Edvance Research</i>
	Q&A

1:55 pm – 2:05 pm

Break

2:05 pm – 2:30 pm

Facilitated Small Group Research Discussion and Report Out

Goal(s):

- *To provide districts with an overview of proposed ongoing communication efforts through an online TCSR learning community*

2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Fostering Ongoing Communication: Creating an Online TCSR Community of Practice

Kris Kurtenbach, *Founder, Collaborative Communications*

Michelle Bishop, *Vice President of Interactive Services, Collaborative Communications*

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Facilitated Small Group Research Discussion and Report Out

3:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Dean Nafziger, *Director, REL Southwest at Edvance Research*
