TEXAS & TEXAS CC

Demographic Information 05-06

Enrollment (K-12): 4,505,572
Number of districts: 1227
Number of schools per district: 1 – 301
Students qualified for FRL per district: 0% – 100%

Student breakdown by ethnicity (06-07):

Group	Percentage
African American	14.4%
Hispanic	46.3%
White	35.7%
Other	3.6%

History of RTI

- Texas has a long history of implementing the 3 Tier Model of Reading Instruction, as well as a large, successful Reading First program.
- TEA has an RTI Coordination Council that meets once a month.

Current RTI Initiatives

- TEA is in the beginning stages of statewide implementation of RTI.
- They are hosting different Professional Development events to build the capacity to implement RTI.
- Main focus currently is on:
  - Creating a guidance document
  - Ensuring that all constituents are receiving consistent messages and assistance from the state through Educational Service Centers and other providers

Featured Resources

- TEA recently launched a website which will host an RTI listserv as well as resources and other information: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/curriculum/RtI/index.html

Regional Comprehensive Center Involvement

- The TXCC is liaising with TEA to scale up the implementation of RTI across the state.

Looking Forward

- TEA's goals for statewide RTI implementation:
  - Create state-level **Guidance Document** that includes:
    - Goals/expectations/roles/effective components of RTI (online/ongoing/resource links/Elementary/Secondary/etc),
    - Surveys from various organizations (knowledge/skills/opportunities/challenges),
    - Levels of support by multiple organizations (ESCs, professional organizations, TEA), and
    - Resources: People/Time/Money (inventory all currently available).
  - **Professional Development**
    - Training at federal level for funding options for supporting and sustaining improvement (targeted) initiatives, and
    - Tenets of RTI.

Notes/Questions