

Lesson 5 – How Does House Bill 5 Support College and Career Readiness in Texas?

Introduction

By now, I'm sure you have already heard a lot about House Bill 5. This piece of legislation has a lot of different components that touch on a lot of different areas of the school. It can be a little tricky to see how they all fit together to influence the big picture of college and career readiness, but this lesson will clarify a lot of those details. Just as important, it will help you tie House Bill 5 to the college and career readiness keys we've been talking about.

One of the biggest changes to come out of House Bill 5 is the way graduation plans are structured. There are a lot of details in the lesson about that, so I won't jump the gun, but be sure to pay attention to how early House Bill 5 requires educators to start working with students to put together concrete graduation plans. I won't give away the answer — and you may already know it — but I'm guessing by now you're starting to notice a theme in these lessons. The earlier we start communicating with students about their future options, the more prepared they are to make informed choices as they move through school. You'll hear me say that a few more times as we move through the rest of the course.

For now, get ready to dive into House Bill 5. It may be a little complicated, but hopefully this lesson can answer some questions for you now and be a go-to cheat sheet in the future so you can remember how all the components fit together to help make students college and career ready.