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TASA expands free iTunes U® teacher resources to include elementary core content

AUSTIN—The Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) today announced the addition of the first elementary-level core content-area resources to the TASA on iTunes U® digital content resource library, a collection of teacher-curated, TEKS-aligned digital resources available free of charge to Texas educators.

Building on the previous 42 course resource collections available in TASA on iTunes U, TASA engaged content curation teams of 130 teachers and content specialists in fall 2014 to identify and develop collections of TEKS-aligned digital resources in elementary core content areas at both the early (grades K-2) and intermediate (grades 3-5) elementary levels, as well as new middle school and high school courses in core academic and career and technical education (CTE) areas. The teams also updated the original high school core subject courses to provide a more engaging experience for educators.

“We hope that elementary math teachers will find these new math resources especially helpful as they continue to implement the revised math TEKS,” said TASA Executive Director Johnny Veselka. The new resource collections complement the existing middle school and high school core content, college preparatory, CTE and advanced academics courses already available at no charge to Texas districts and educators through TASA on iTunes U.

The resource collections are designed to foster creativity, collaboration and critical thinking skills in an engaging, digitally rich learning environment. With today’s additions, TASA on iTunes U now offers a full complement of resources for all grade levels in elementary mathematics. The resources released in TASA on iTunes U today include the following and bring the total number of collections in the library to 58:

Early Elementary (Grades K-2)	Literacy; Mathematics; Science
Intermediate Elementary (Grades 3-5)	Literacy; Mathematics; Science; Social Studies
Middle School	English Language Arts and Reading—Grade 6; Social Studies—Grade 7; Technology Applications
High School	Business & Industry; Integrating Arts in Business; Literary Genres; Mathematical Models with Applications (Revised 2012 TEKS); Public Services; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

Educators may access TASA’s new course resource collections by searching for Texas Association of School Administrators in the iTunes U catalog or by visiting www.itunes.com/tasa. Click the “See All” button to locate and subscribe to the new courses.

TASA is the professional association for Texas public school administrators, providing networking and professional learning opportunities, legislative advocacy, and targeted communications to support the work of superintendents and other school leaders.

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