

## HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### WEEKLY TEACHER DOWNLOAD

For the week of November 29, 2021

## ALL TEACHERS

### Hour of Code and 12 Days of Code

Join Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 6-12) and the Hour of Code global movement by participating in HISD's 12 Days of Code event Dec. 1-16, 2021. To participate, go to [www.HoustonISD.org/12DaysOfCode](http://www.HoustonISD.org/12DaysOfCode) starting Dec. 1 and reference the interactive calendar of daily coding activities organized by grade level. Teachers and students who are highly engaged in coding activities will be entered to win prizes. Please check the website for contact information and more. See the full WTD for quick examples of coding activities and FAQs.

### Academic Instructional Technology

AIT Tech Tuesdays: Join AIT to learn digital tools to enhance classroom instruction, student engagement, and checks for understanding during Tech Tuesdays. Each session lasts 30-45 minutes and gets you started utilizing the featured tool. Check out our December offerings [here](#) and search OneSource course #1461032.

**Determining TEKS Priority, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Nov. 30:** Join this DDIS webinar and learn how to access and understand OnTrack reports/Lead4ward resources after DLA assessments to create an action plan to determine the high priority TEKS for re-teaching and interventions. Register for OneSource #1460098.

### Social and Emotional Learning

Welcome back from break! Look for us here each week to help you with mindful self-care tips.

**Five-minute breaks:** Educators are tasked with many responsibilities and the work often feels nonstop. Despite the workload, it is incredibly important to make time for ourselves. We spend all day responding to others, but we cannot keep this pace without adequate breaks. Even a five-minute break can make us aware of how we're doing. Pausing allows us to be aware of our needs and take care of ourselves.

**Breathing techniques to relax:** Why are breathing techniques and strategies important? Breathing exercises can decrease stress, reduce anxiety, lower blood pressure, slow heart rate, help one remain calm, strengthen sustained attention, sharpen the ability to focus and learn, and help control emotions.

## ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

### Early Childhood

**Learning A-Z Resource Mapping Folders in Pre-K, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Nov. 30:** PreK, early childhood, and special education teachers will learn how to navigate the resource mapping folders aligned to SAVVAS themes. Register for OneSource #1456168.

**Touring the Prekindergarten Guidelines, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Dec. 2:** PreK, early childhood, and special education teachers will take a closer look at the PreK Guidelines, each domain, and skills to learn about instructional strategies aligned to the guidelines to support student success. This session is presented by Region 4. Register for OneSource #1464018

**Houston Dynamo and Dash SSAH:** Houston Dynamo FC Virtual Development Classes have resumed, and the last session is Dec. 8 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Sign up for the [Zoom webinar](#) [here](#) and see more information [here](#).

**PreK Backpacks:** Student backpacks for Pre-K classrooms have been purchased with ESSER funds. These kits help support small group and workstation instruction.

**Literacy Kits:** Campuses will receive Literacy Kits Dec. 7-17 for distribution to Pre-K teachers (Pre-K, ECSE/PALS, Pre-K & K split). These materials will be referenced in the Early Childhood Guided Reading training sessions throughout the school year. [Click here](#) to see the list of materials inside the literacy kits.

### Elementary Math Sessions

See [this flyer](#) for 2021 November and December Math sessions. Share your experiences via twitter and tag @HISD\_ElemMath #MathMatters.

**Guided Math: Student Conferences, Nov. 30:** Gain resources, tools, and best practices for implementation of one-on-one student conferences focused on meeting students where they are and growing them through the Guided Math Framework. Register for OneSource #1460038.

**Math Review and Preview Face-to-Face Sessions, 4:00-5:30 p.m.:** Participants will engage in a high-impact learning experience to review district assessment low-performing standards to support data-driven instruction and reteaching best practices.

Grade 3, Nov. 30, OneSource 1464021 at Ross Elementary

Grade 4, Dec. 1, OneSource 1464023 at Hattie Mae White

Grade 5, Dec. 2, OneSource 1464024 at Berry Elementary

**Virtual Math Power Hour, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Dec. 6:** Participants will delve deeper into grade-level specific concepts by exploring strategies that build conceptual thinking and teaching of mathematics. Strengthen content knowledge and delivery by exploring TEKS specific models for upcoming mathematics concepts. Register in One Source for K-1: 1443826; for 2-3: 1443830; and for 4-5: 1443843.

**Virtual Seminar on Supporting SPED Math Students, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Dec. 7:** Participants will explore scaffolding strategies and best practices to answer the question, "How do we respond when our SPED students don't learn math?" Register in One Source for #1448046.

### Elementary Science Sessions

**Elementary Science Lead Teacher Collaborative Session for lead teachers:** On Nov. 30 or Dec. 1 from 3:30-5:30 p.m., lead teachers can learn trends outlined to district and state data, collaborate on best practices for increasing science outcomes, and plan for delivering learning to build campus capacity. Register for OneSource #1458054.

## SECONDARY TEACHERS

### Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Please view this week's [CTE bulletin, November 2021, Volume IV](#). Visit the HISD Career Readiness page [here](#) for all CTE bulletins. Explore the [November 2021 CTE Professional Learning opportunities](#). There will be no Teacher Service Day during December. The next Teacher Service Day (no students) for CTE is Monday, Feb. 21, 2022.

**Spotlight on CTE:** To bring awareness to the district's CTE programs of study and post-graduation opportunities, campus personnel are invited to showcase campus events, student work, and more. Please submit using the [CTE Spotlight Form](#).

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