



# Linking Education and Workforce: Spurring Economic Growth Across Texas

TRI-AGENCY WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

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Ensure students receive the supports necessary to succeed at all stages of their educations and in their transitions to the workforce.

### Strategy 2.1

Ensure students and families have the support, tools, and resources needed to achieve education and career success by:

- Supporting early childhood education, foundational literacy pedagogy, and high school and postsecondary readiness in middle school; and
- Designing effective family engagement strategies.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Expand Texas Rising Star certifications, supports, and school-readiness enhancements.
Strengthen the early childhood education workforce to provide high-quality education for young children and support kindergarten readiness.
Develop stronger coordination across state agencies providing early education, linking key data sets to support a higher degree of collaboration and data-driven decisions.
Work with employers to establish on-site, high-quality child-care facilities.
Ensure availability of curricular resources and teacher training specifically to support the growth of biliteracy in the student population.
Create and align coursework, training, and curriculum for Educator Preparation Programs with the principles of the Science of Teaching Reading.
Create certifications that focus on foundational literacy pedagogy for Educator Preparation Programs.
Move the deadline for completion of educator training from before the first year of placement to the end of the first year.
Provide differentiated options for implementing Reading Academies to meet teacher and district needs.
Create a centralized point of access for families to retrieve information about the early childhood system, as detailed in the Statewide Early Learning Strategic Plan.
Continue implementation of Reading Academies and professional development aligned with the Science of Teaching Reading.
Relaunch Texas Adolescent Literacy Academies.
Expand algebra readiness initiatives at the elementary and middle school levels.
Study the effectiveness of middle school career and technical education coursework in contributing to high-value pathways.
Promote the use of Teacher Incentive Allotment designations and the Teacher of the Year celebration as strategies for teacher recognition.

