Linking Education and Workforce:
Spurring Economic Growth
Across Texas

TRI-AGENCY WORKFORCE INITIATIVE

Priority 3
Create a robust infrastructure for interagency collaboration around common goals, data, and processes to ensure improved student outcomes and meet employers' needs.

Strategy 3.2

Make educational and workforce data accessible and useful to the public, stakeholders, and decision-makers by:

- **Developing a modern data infrastructure; and**

- **Integrating data systems and research and development efforts.**

ACTION ITEMS

Develop a vision and conceptual design for a modern data infrastructure that supports better access to data, delivers more timely and useful information to decision-makers, and improves access to data resources, such as those contained in the Education Research Center and the Texas Public Education Information Resource.
Assess and strengthen cross-agency data and website governance related to combined agency data assets using industry-based best practices.
Ensure all data operations are cross-functional and track the impact of initiatives across different stages and all three agencies.
Align definitions of data elements used for matching student data across agencies.
Develop shared interpretations of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) parameters across agencies.
Identify and streamline overlapping or related reports across agencies, specifically seeking opportunities for joint reporting, such as postsecondary outcomes and student pathways reporting, and more meaningful stakeholder reporting, such as providing occupation demand reports by Education Service Center region and/or Higher Education Region.
Enhance usability and value of current data, including employment and wage data.
Provide timely supply/demand projections and other data resources in user-friendly formats.
Improve regional workforce data collection and analysis by including skill requirements for occupations.

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