The T-TRADE Assessment Development Pilot Invites Teacher Participation

The Texas Teachers Review, Assess, Develop, and Exchange (T-TRADE) pilot is an innovative, collaborative system for teachers to develop and share high-quality assessment items. In the 2020–2021 school year, the system is being piloted with teachers of two courses: grade 5 mathematics and high school United States History Studies Since 1877.

Benefits of the T-TRADE System

- **Professional Development:** Teachers are provided professional development training that will increase their understanding, proficiency, and confidence in developing high-quality, fair, and rigorous assessment items that inform and improve instruction.
- **Collaboration:** Teachers collaborate to write, review, assess, and exchange high-quality assessment items aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).
- **CPE Credit and Stipends**: Teachers who participate in the T-TRADE pilot will earn continuing professional education (CPE) credit and may qualify to receive a stipend.
- **Practical Use**: T-TRADE assessment items will be made available for teachers to download and use in their local classroom assessments.
- **Expanded Use:** T-TRADE assessment items that are of the highest quality will be field tested for possible use on state assessments.

How to Apply to Participate in T-TRADE

TEA is now accepting applications from Texas teachers of grade 5 mathematics and high school United States history who wish to participate in the T-TRADE pilot in winter/spring 2021. Applicants may be certified educators who currently teach these courses or have taught these courses in the past. Applicants are encouraged to **apply by December 2020.**

To apply, please submit a TEA Committee Educator Application. A "Committee Preferences" section is at the end of the application; select "T-TRADE Assessment Items Development." To learn more, please visit the T-TRADE webpage.

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