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### With Texas OnCourse, every high school graduate, no matter where they come from or where they're going, has a plan for what's next.

As Texas' definitive resource for college and career preparedness, Texas OnCourse equips middle and high school students for postgraduation success.

Students discover and prepare for future opportunities with our career and college exploration and course-planning tools. Parents and guardians stay on top of vital information and milestones to keep their child on track. And educators connect to professional learning tools and an essential roadmap to guide their students to plan for their own futures.

# Endorsements

"These have been the best (clear, concise and interactive) training modules for school counselors I have experienced in my 13 years as a school counselor. I wish I would've had access to this format of information years ago!" — Texas Educator

# WHEN EDUCATORS USE TEXAS ONCOURSE, THEY REPORT THAT THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE DOUBLES.

"One of the most comprehensive state initiatives for improving college and career advising" - College Board





# Background

In 2015, Texas invested in Texas OnCourse, an effort to transform counseling and advising and achieve the promises of HB 5 (2013). UT Austin leads the development of Texas OnCourse in collaboration with Governor Greg Abbott's Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative.

Practitioners and employers are essential to the development of all Texas OnCourse resources. Over 2,500 counselors and advisers have contributed to Texas OnCourse. An advisory committee of employers from across the state ensures that Texas OnCourse is aligned with Texas workforce needs.

# **Available Resources**

#### TexasOnCourse.org

Connects students, families and educators to everything they need to navigate the planning process for life after high school.

#### **Texas OnCourse Academy**

With 28 on-demand, self-paced modules, counselors and advisers improve their practice and can advise all students for any post–high school opportunity.

#### **MiddleGalaxy**

A career-exploration game, developed with the support of MIT's Media Lab and the Institute for Applied Neuroscience, makes career and college consideration accessible and fun for middle school students.

#### **TXOC Leader Fellowship**

Counselors and advisers representing all regions across Texas were selected to serve two-year terms as Leader Fellows, providing a professional learning network for their colleagues throughout the state.

#### **TXOC Curriculum Guide and Family Guide**

Texas OnCourse products are integrated into lesson plans and activities aligned to Texas education standards in user-friendly guides for teachers and families.

#### **MapMyGrad**

An online graduation planning tool that helps students zero in on their skills and interests and suggests the classes they should take to get them where they want to go.

#### **Share Your Road**

A website, developed in partnership with Roadtrip Nation, where Texas students can engage with the career journeys of real Texas professionals.

#### **Coming Soon: Roadtrip Nation Texas**

Texas OnCourse fueled a Texas roadtrip with Roadtrip Nation. Twelve high school students interviewed individuals about their career and college experiences. A documentary about their journeys will be released in spring 2018.

## Partners

#### **Research and Data Partners**

Institute for Applied Neuroscience | Texas Advanced Computing Center | MIT Education Arcade | American Institutes for Research

#### **Advisory Partners**

Texas Tech | Rice University | UT Austin College of Education | Texas Counseling Association | College Board | National College Access Network | Jobs for the Future | NACAC Educate Texas | College Forward | CTAT | ACT | E3 Alliance | College Advising Corps | The National Consortium for School Counseling and Postsecondary Success