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## TAKS Resources for the Classroom

### Elementary/Middle School TAKS Resources

[Austin ISD – Elementary/Middle School TAKS Resources](http://www.austinschools.org/matrix/Scienceweb.htm)—Austin ISD provides all-subject TAKS printables, daily assessments, weekly reviews, and key concept summaries at <http://www.austinschools.org/matrix/Scienceweb.htm>. Click on the *Matrix*, *IPG*, and *Resources* links for each subject.

[Lakewood Elementary in North Forest ISD](http://classroom.northforestschools.org/webs/lakewood/taks_of_the_week.htm)—Lakewood Elementary provides “TAKS Questions of the Week” for students in all subject areas. at: [http://classroom.northforestschools.org/webs/lakewood/taks\\_of\\_the\\_week.htm](http://classroom.northforestschools.org/webs/lakewood/taks_of_the_week.htm).

[HCDE Professional Development](http://wms.hcde-texas.org) – Go to <http://wms.hcde-texas.org> for more information.

• [TAKS Ciencias/Science: The Spanish/English Connection for English Language Learners](#) – 9/10/2007

• [Reading Strategies that Work \(for TAKS and Beyond\)](#) – 10/18/2007

• [TAKS Mathematics/Matemáticas in the](#)



[Elementary Classroom: Strategies for Building English Language Learner’s Conceptual Understanding](#) – 4/28/2008



### Secondary TAKS Resources

[Northside ISD – Science TAKS Reviews](http://www.nisd.net/secww/science/science-taks/) Northside ISD provides TAKS reviews for secondary science including quizzes and reviews at <http://www.nisd.net/secww/science/science-taks/>. More Science TAKS reviews are linked at <http://www.nisd.net/secww/science/index.htm>.

[Spring ISD Science TAKS Reviews](http://classroom.springisd.org/webs/scitaks/science_taks_objectives.htm)—Spring ISD provides links to review presentations for specific TAKS objectives at [http://classroom.springisd.org/webs/scitaks/science\\_taks\\_objectives.htm](http://classroom.springisd.org/webs/scitaks/science_taks_objectives.htm). Click on the links at the top of the page to view the other review links.

[Fort Worth ISD – Science TAKS Reviews](#)

Fort Worth ISD has science TAKS printables and presentations, including weekly reviews, at <http://it.ftworth.isd.tenet.edu/science/>.

[Houston ISD – Social Studies TAKS Review](#)—Houston ISD provides TAKS reviews, printables, and key concept

summaries for secondary Social Studies at <http://dept.houstonisd.org/curriculum/socialstudies/>.

[Birdville ISD – Secondary TAKS Reviews](http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us/Instruction/CurInstruction/social_studies.htm)—Birdville ISD provides printables and reviews for secondary Social Studies at [http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us/Instruction/CurInstruction/social\\_studies.htm](http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us/Instruction/CurInstruction/social_studies.htm) and secondary Language Arts at [http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us/Instruction/CurInstruction/lang\\_arts\\_secondary\\_taks.html](http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us/Instruction/CurInstruction/lang_arts_secondary_taks.html).

[Region 10 – Social Studies TAKS Resources](http://www.region10.org/socialstudies/Downloads.html)—Region 10 provides many presentations and documents to support the Social Studies TAKS at <http://www.region10.org/socialstudies/Downloads.html>.

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Masters and Doctoral degree plans are available online through HCDE’s partnership with Walden University. Information Sessions are at HCDE, e-mail [thenderson@hcde-texas.org](mailto:thenderson@hcde-texas.org):

- September 18, 5 p.m.
- October 2, 11 a.m.
- October 9, 5 p.m.
- November 1, 11 a.m.

## Grants and Contests for the Classroom

[Best Buy Teach Award](http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/teach.asp) – due by September 30—Teachers can apply for \$2,000 to \$10,000 awards for schools, and \$100,000 for districts, at: <http://communications.bestbuy.com/communityrelations/teach.asp>.

[Hamburger Helper – My Hometown Helper](http://www.myhometownhelper.com/LearnMore.aspx) – due September 30—Schools and libraries can apply for grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 for books, play-ground equipment, clubs, teams, safety needs, food banks, tutoring and job training at [http://](http://www.myhometownhelper.com/LearnMore.aspx)

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[HGTV Fall Fixup](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/pac_ctnt_988/text/0,,HGTV_22056_50501.00.html) – enter daily to win \$100,00 until October 1 at : [http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/pac\\_ctnt\\_988/text/0,,HGTV\\_22056\\_50501.00.html](http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/pac_ctnt_988/text/0,,HGTV_22056_50501.00.html).

[ASCD Outstanding Young Educator Award](http://www.ascd.org/portal/site/ascd/menuitem.boob3d3ab9fd959d8716b710e3108a0c/) of \$10,000 – due by October 15—Nominate an outstanding young educator (age 40 or younger) who demonstrates commitment and contribution to the profession at [http://](http://www.ascd.org/portal/site/ascd/menuitem.boob3d3ab9fd959d8716b710e3108a0c/)

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[National Council of Teachers of Mathematics](http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=198) provides grants of \$2,000 to \$6,000 – due November 2

NCTM provides grants for teachings in professional development and the teaching of mathematics in grades K-12 at <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=198>.