# Flexibility is Key – On-Time Graduation for Migrant Students

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# UT High School

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# Our Mission

- Support diploma seeking students to graduate on-time, prepared for college and careers.

- Support independent learners taking a UTHS course or exam while enrolled full-time elsewhere.

- Provide programs and services to support students and districts across Texas and beyond.

# UTHS Programs & Services

- Diploma Program
- High School Courses (Online & Print)
- Credit by Exams (CBEs)
- Parent & Student Resources
- G/T, Advanced, & Early Readiness
- ELL, LUCHA$^{TM}$, & Migrant
- Partner Schools
- Professional Development

*The UTHS Migrant Program has 27 years experience supporting migrant students.*

# Session Agenda

- Migrant Student Needs
- Credit by Exams
- Online and Print Courses
- Curriculum Site Licenses
- Diploma Program
- Support for Migrant students

# Migrant Students

# Migrant Student Needs

- Frequent absences due to work schedule and family relocation

- Loss of credit due to late start or early withdrawal

- Students start a course in one location and need to finish it in another

- Failure to graduate on-time in 4 years

# Credit by Exams (CBEs)

- Aligned to TEKS
- Easily transferrable credits
- Designed by Texas certified teachers
- Credit recovery or acceleration
- Available as semester exams

# Credit by Exams (CBEs)

- Credit Recovery
  – Validate credit for coursework taken elsewhere
  – Recover credit for courses failed
  – Subjects available
    - Spanish I, II, III
    - Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies core courses
    - Elective courses
  – Score of 70% required

# Credit by Exams (CBEs)

- Acceleration
  - Earn credit for native Spanish-speaking skills
  - Accelerate in variety of subject areas
  - Subjects available
    - Spanish I, II, III
    - Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies core courses
    - Elective courses
  - Score of 80% required

# Courses

- Online courses in Spanish
  - Core content areas available through LUCHA™
- Online courses in English
  - Flexible pacing
  - Credit recovery
  - Tutoring support for math and science
  - Print courses available

# Courses

- Certified, highly qualified teacher in each subject area
- Subject areas available
  - Spanish I, II, III
  - Math, Science, English, Social Studies core courses
  - Electives
- <u>Course Listing</u>

# Course Features

- Guided instruction

- Instructor feedback

- Real-world application

- Multi-media

- Videos

- Exam study guides

# Course Demonstration

- Username – ds47693

- Password – Nov92015!

- The URL for logging in is https://speedway.its.utexas.edu/sp2/k16/vssl/auth/logon.html.

# Curriculum Site Licenses

- Your teacher of record

- Subject areas available
  - Spanish I, II, III
  - Math, Science, English, Social Studies core courses
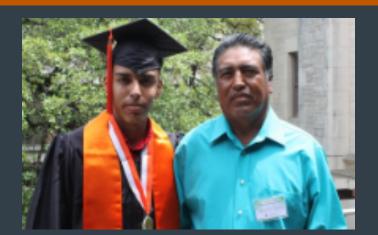  - Electives

# Curriculum Site Licenses

- Teacher's choice in lesson order and assignments
  - Review
  - STAAR prep
  - Content preview
  - Flipped classroom approach

# Diploma Program

- UTHS diploma
- Option for current or potential drop-outs
- Scholarships available through UTHS
  - Students must reside in Region 13
  - highschool.utexas.edu/scholarship_opportunity.php
  - For students in need of 2-4 credits to graduate

# Support for Migrant Students

- Course tutoring support
  - Email
  - Phone
  - Scheduled appointments
- 1-800 number access to Spanish-speaker for technical support
- Coordination with out-of-state schools

# Service Options

- Online courses or curriculum site licenses
  - Learning lab
  - Credit recovery lab
  - On student's own time
  - Summer School
  - Flex period
- Access to online or print materials
  (or a combination)

# Benefits for School Districts

- Meet migrant students' unique needs
- Flexible student options
- Recover student credits
- Reduce student dropout rate
- Improve student on-time graduation rate
- Save money by recovering credits

# Sample District Funding Sources

- Title I, Part C
- Title III - Bilingual
- High School Allotment
- District/campus general funds

*Be sure to check with TEA regarding use of funding prior to requesting services.*

# District Cost Savings

A school district's average cost to instruct a student in 1 course = $1,365

- Credit by Exam (1 semester)  = $35
- Online course (1 semester)  = $195
- Online course site license  = $75

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| District A | Year 2014-15 |
|---|---|
| Total number of credits awarded to students | 30 credits |
| Average cost to instruct students in 30 credits ($1,365/credit) | $40,950 |
| Cost of UTHS online courses ($380/credit x 30 credits) | $11,700 |
| District cost savings | $29,250 |

# Questions?