Implementing College Readiness: South Texas Initiatives

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Implementing High School Reform

- Region One Service Center
- Superintendents
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- IRRE: Institute of Research and Reform-First Things First Redesign Model

High School Redesign Project (HSRP)

- 06–07 Phase 1: 4 ISD’s (7 High Schools)
- 07–08 Phase 2: 1 ISD (4 High Schools)
- 08–09 Phase 3: Local ISD high school totaling 15
High School Redesign Project
Phase I (2006–2007):
Included 4 South Texas School Districts– 7 High Schools (4A & 5A)
South Texas High Schools

- Traditional 8 classes 50 minute period day
- Athletic/Band periods held during the day
- District Curriculum
- Department Chairs lead content staff development
- Selected AP courses
Implementing Reform Strategies

- Alternate Day Block Schedule
- Zero period Band/Athletics
- Create thematic Small Learning Communities (SLCs)
- Teachers become student advocates with the Family Advocate System (FAS)
- Introduce Measuring What Matters classroom tuning protocol and C–Scope Curriculum Collaborative
Implementing High School Reform

- HSRP Phase I & II: Included 5 ISDs and 11 HS
- 3 ISDs and 7 HS remain
The University of Texas Pan American

- HESTEC WEEK–Hispanic Engineering Week
- Partnership with Ford, Boeing, NASA, Texas Instruments and Gear UP
- This week long student, teacher and family event promotes STEM careers, especially Engineering to Latino and Latina students in South Texas.
GEAR UP

- Academic Services
- Academic Support Services—Tutoring
- Family and Community Outreach—Las Platicadoras
- Professional Development – Texas Instruments
- Bridge to Higher Education – College Readiness
GERAR UP in South Texas

- REGION ONE and UTPA
- Serve underrepresented high school students to be college ready
- Cohort – 7 grade through 12th
- Cultural Component/College Visits
- Awareness Availability– Continuous Support
- Develop Partnership with School Districts
- Texas Instruments, University,
- State of the Art Resources– Level the playing of Resources for under represented students through Navigator systems–TI, Premiere Science Equipment
- Sustainability– Cohort model, impact the entire campus, leaving resources,
- Through Foundations GEAR UP helped Implement AVID in 60 schools