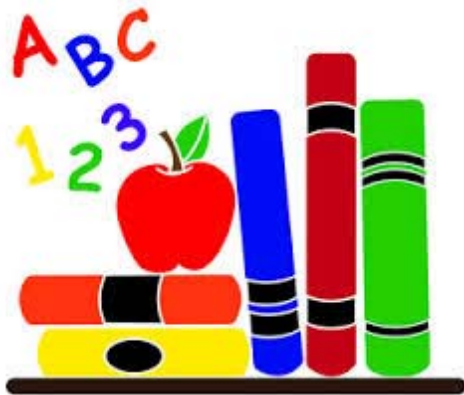


# Preparing for the Core Subjects EC-6 & Core Subjects 4-8 TExES



Many of the following resources were developed for the “generalist” exams. “Generalist” resources will help you prepare for core subjects exams, because they cover the same content areas—ELAR, math, social studies, science, as well as Fine Arts/PE/Health for EC-6 certification students.

- **English Language Arts & Reading/Science of Teaching Reading (ELAR/STR) Subject-Area Test #801—Core Subjects EC-6**
- **English Language Arts & Reading (ELAR) Subject-Area Test #806—Core Subjects 4-8**

1. **ETS Preparation Manual** for #801 ELAR/STR subject-area test (Core Subjects EC-6) and #806 ELAR subject-area test (Core Subjects 4-8). <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/>. Free.
2. **Texas Generalist EC-6 Domain I: ELAR/STR Boost Edition** #801 subject-area test manual, XAMOnline. <http://www.xamonline.com/p722/TExES-Generalist-EC6-%28191%29-Domain-I-English-Language-Arts-amp-amp-Reading-Study-Guide.htm> Available in Neumann Library & COE Resource Room.
3. **Everything You Need to Know About English Homework**, Scholastic. Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries and COE Resource Room.

4. **Everything You Need to Ace English Language Arts in One Big Fat Notebook**, Workman. Available in COE Resource Room.
5. **The Essential Reading and Language Arts Glossary I & II**. Available in Neumann Library.
6. Free glossary of reading terms and reading assessment techniques. <http://www.sedl.org/cgi-bin/htsearch>.
7. **Problem-Attic** online ELAR practice questions: <http://www.problem-attic.com/ccss-math>. Free.
8. **Flash Kids**: Flashcards and workbooks for reading and language arts, grades K-6: [www.flashkids.com](http://www.flashkids.com). Some free downloads
9. **Brain Pop**: Animated educational websites with curriculum-based content using movies, learning games, interactive quizzes, activities, and concept mapping: [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com). Subscription \$115. Some free videos.
10. **Learning Express Adult Learning Center** tutorials on reading and grammar: [http://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LE\\_LIndex.html#/center/adult-learning-center/home](http://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LE_LIndex.html#/center/adult-learning-center/home)
11. **Mometrix Videos and Flashcards** for EC-6 ELAR TExES: <http://www.mometrix.com/academy/texas-generalist-ec-6-english-language-arts/>. Free.
12. **TExES Prep Videos** on EC-6 ELAR, Dr. Jerry Whitworth: <https://vimeo.com/47654171>. Free.
13. **Free ELAR videos, webcasts**: <http://www.readingrockets.org/teaching>
14. **Free YouTube videos** on foundations of reading. Phonemic awareness, phonics vs. phonemics, phonological awareness, etc.

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- **Mathematics Subject-Area Test #802 Core Subjects EC-6**
- **Mathematics Subject-Area Test #807 Core Subjects 4-8**

1. **ETS Preparation Manual** for #802 Math subject-area test (Core Subjects EC-6) and #807 Mathematics subject-area test (Core Subjects 4-8). <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/>.

2. **TExES Generalist EC-6 (191) Domain II: Mathematics Boost Edition** #802 subject-area test manual, XAMOnline. <http://www.xamonline.com/p724/TExES-Generalist-EC6-%28191%29-Domain-II-Mathematics-Study-Guide.htm>. Available in Neumann Library and COE Resource Room.
3. **Everything You Need to Ace Math in One Big Fat Notebook**, Workman. Available in COE Resource Room.
4. **The Essential Mathematics Glossary I & II**. Available in Neumann Library.
5. **Everything You Need to Know About Math Homework**, Scholastic. Available in Neumann Library and COE Resource Room.
6. **Coolmath.com** online games and practice for pre-algebra: [www.coolmath.com/prealgebra](http://www.coolmath.com/prealgebra) Free.
7. **PhET Interactive Simulations** for math: <http://phet.colorado.edu>. Free.
8. **Ck-12 math interactive practice and videos**: <http://www.ck12.org/student/> Free.
9. **Study.com video math lessons**: <http://study.com/> For purchase.
10. **West Texas A&M University Virtual Math Lab**: Reviews for beginning algebra, math for the sciences, and other mathematical concepts. <http://www.wtamu.edu/academic/anns/mps/math/mathlab/> Free.
11. **UH Department of Mathematics Preparation for 4-8 Math Teacher Certification Exams** [www.online.math.uh.edu/texas4to8](http://www.online.math.uh.edu/texas4to8): Free.
12. **Problem-Attic** online math practice questions: [www.problem-attic.com](http://www.problem-attic.com). Free.
13. **Flash Kids** flashcards and workbooks for math, grades K-6: [www.flashkids.com](http://www.flashkids.com). Some free downloads.
14. **Brain Pop** animated educational websites with curriculum-based content using movies, learning games, interactive quizzes, activities, and concept mapping: [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com). Subscription \$115. Some free videos.
15. **17 Sample Test Questions for Mathematics Section of Core Subjects EC-6 291 Exam**, by Texas Teacher Today: <http://www.coresubjects.net/study-material-.html#/17-Sample-Math-Core-Subjects-EC-6-291-Test-Questions/p/52945497/category=12824193>. 99 cents

16. **5 Free Sample Test Questions for Mathematics Section of Core Subjects EC-6 291 Exam**, by Texas Teacher Today: <http://www.coresubjects.net/study-material-.html#!/5-Free-Sample-Test-Questions-for-Math-Section-of-Core-Subjects-EC-6/p/52945500/category=11580590> Free.

17. **Learning Express Adult Learning Center tutorials on math**:  
<http://www.learningexpresshub.com/productengine/LEIndex.html#/center/adult-learning-center/home>

18. **Mometrix Videos and Flashcards for EC-6 Math TExES**:  
<http://www.mometrix.com/academy/texas-generalist-ec-6-mathematics/> Free.

19. **TExES Prep Video on EC-6 Math**, Dr. Jerry Whitworth:  
<https://vimeo.com/47683539> Free.

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➤ **Social Studies Subject-Area Test #803  
Core Subjects EC-6**

➤ **Social Studies Subjects-Area Test #808  
Core Subjects 4-8**

1. **ETS Preparation Manual for #803 Social Studies subject-area test (Core Subjects EC-6) and #808 Social Studies subject-area test (Core Subjects 4-8)**. <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/>. Free

2. **Texas Generalist EC-6 Domain III: Math Boost Edition** #803 Social Studies subject-area manual, XAMOnline. <http://www.xamonline.com/p726/TExES-Generalist-EC6-%28191%29-Domain-III:-Social-Studies-Study-Guide.htm> Available in Neumann Library and COE Resource Room.

3. **Everything You Need to Ace World History in One Big Fat Notebook**, Workman. Available in COE Resource Room.

4. **Everything You Need to Ace American History in One Big Fat Notebook**, Workman. Available in COE Resource Room.

5. **The Essential Social Studies Glossary III**. Available in Neumann Library.

6. **Social Studies Content for Elementary and Middle School Teachers**, by Penelope Fritzer. Available in Neumann Library.

7. **Everything You Need to Know About Geography Homework**, Scholastic. Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries and COE Resource Room.

8. **Everything You Need to Know About American History Homework**, Scholastic. Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries and COE Resource Room.

9. **Everything You Need to Know About World History Homework**, by Anne Zeman, Scholastic. Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries and in COE Resource Room.

10. **Economics for Everybody**, Amsco. Available in COE Resource Room.

11. **The Cartoon Introduction to Economics: Volume One: Microeconomics**, Hill and Wang. Available in COE Resource Room.

12. **A Young People's History of the United States**. Triangle Square. <http://www.amazon.com/Young-Peoples-History-United-States/dp/1583228691>. 3 copies available in Neumann Library. One copy in COE Resource Room.

13. **John & Hank Green Vlogs: Crash Courses on U.S. History, World History, and Government**:  
<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=crash+course+youtube+video&qpv=crash+course+you+tube+video&FORM=VDRE#view=detail&mid=2D13BBE8362CCCF8C8952D13BBE8362CCCF8C895>. Free

14. **ck-12 social studies interactive practice and videos**:  
<http://www.ck12.org/student/> Free.

15. **Computer-administered CS EC-6 Social Studies and CS 4-8 Social Studies practice exams, by certifyteacher.com**. Loaded onto 3 workstations in computer lab Bayou 3608 and 4 in SSCB 2201. Sign in at front desk. Free.

16. **TExES Core Subjects EC-6 Social Studies Study Guide**, by 240 Tutoring: <http://www.240tutoring.com/texas-texas/core-subjects-ec-6/core-subjects-ec-6-social-studies/> ~\$40

17. **Problem-Attic** online social studies practice questions:  
[www.problem-attic.com](http://www.problem-attic.com). Free.

18. **Brain Pop** animated educational websites with curriculum-based content using movies, learning games, interactive quizzes, activities, and concept mapping:  
[www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com). Subscription \$115. Some free videos.

19. **Mometrix Videos and Flashcards for EC-6 Social Studies TExES**: <http://www.mometrix.com/academy/texas-generalist-ec-6-social-studies/> Free.

20. **TExES Prep Video on EC-6 Social Studies**, Dr. Jerry Whitworth: <https://vimeo.com/47673909> Free.

21. **Texas History test prep**:  
[http://www.tshaonline.org/tools/teks/teks4/teks\\_onepage.html](http://www.tshaonline.org/tools/teks/teks4/teks_onepage.html) and <http://www.texasbeyondhistory.net/kids/facts-new.html>.

22. **A Cartoon History of Texas**, Heinemann. Available in COE Resource Room.

23. **The Story of Texas**, Shearer. Available in COE Resource Room.

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➤ **Science Subject-Area Test #804  
Core Subjects EC-6**

➤ **Science Subject-Area Test #809  
Core Subjects 4-8**

1. **ETS Preparation Manual for #804 Science subject-area test (Core Subjects EC-6) and #809 Science subject-area test (Core Subjects 4-8)**. <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/>. Free.

2. **Texas Generalist EC-6 Domain IV: Science Boost Edition** #804 Science subject-area manual, XAMOnline. <http://www.xamonline.com/p725/TExES-Generalist-EC6-Domain-IV:-Science-Study-Guide.htm> Available in Neumann Library and COE Resource Room.

3. **Everything You Need to Know About Science Homework**, Scholastic. Available in Neumann and Pearland libraries and COE Resource Room.

4. **The Essential Science Glossary I & II**. Available in Neumann Library.

5. **Mr. Smith's Science Page**--biology and chemistry flashcards and videos:  
<http://smithrscience.weebly.com/biology-eoc-review.html>. Free.

6. **ck-12 science interactive practice and videos**:  
<http://www.ck12.org/>. Free.

7. **Study.com** video science lessons: <http://study.com/--science>. For purchase.

8. **Problem-Attic** online science practice questions: [www.problem-attic.com](http://www.problem-attic.com). Free.
9. **Brain Pop**: Animated educational websites with curriculum-based content using movies, learning games, interactive quizzes, activities, and concept mapping: [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com). Subscription \$115. Some free videos.
10. **Mometrix Videos and Flashcards** for EC-6 Science TExES: <http://www.mometrix.com/academy/texas-generalist-ec-6-science-and-technology/> Free.
11. **TExES Prep Video** on EC-6 Science, Dr. Jerry Whitworth: <https://vimeo.com/47685969>. Free.
12. **Everything You Need to Ace Science in One Big Fat Notebook**, Workman. Available in COE Resource Room.
13. **ScienceSaurus Grades 4-5**, Houghton Mifflin. Available in COE Resource Room.
14. **ScienceSaurus Grades 6-8**, Houghton Mifflin. Available in COE Resource Room.

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➤ **Fine Arts/Health/PE Subject-Area Test #805 Core Subjects EC-6**

1. **ETS Preparation Manual** for #805 Fine Arts/Health/PE subject-area test. <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/texas-preparation-manuals/>. Free.
2. **Texas Generalist EC-6 Domain V: Fine Arts/Health/PE Boost Edition #805** subject-area manual. <http://www.xamonline.com/p723/TExES-Generalist-EC6-%28191%29-Domain-V:-Fine-Arts-Health-and-Physical-Education.htm> Available in COE Resource Room.
3. **Teaching Music to Children**, Lorenz Ed. Press. Available in COE Resource Room.
4. **How to Teach Art to Children**, Evan Moore. Available in COE Resource Room.
5. **Art is Fundamental**, Chicago Review Press. Available in COE Resource Room.
6. **Brain Pop**: Animated educational websites with curriculum-based content using movies, learning games, interactive quizzes, activities, and concept mapping: [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com). Subscription \$115. Some free videos.

7. **TExES Prep Video** on EC-6 Fine Arts/Health/PE, Dr. Jerry Whitworth: <https://vimeo.com/47696889> Free.

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➤ **Test Preparation Resources That Cover All Subject-Area Tests/Domains for EC-6 and 4-8**

1. **Pass the TExES Core Subjects EC-6**, by Ed publishing: [https://www.passthetexas.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=303](https://www.passthetexas.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=303). Hard copy books (\$46.95) and downloadable e-books (\$36.95). Available in Neumann Library.
2. **Pass the TExES Core Subjects 4-8**, by Ed publishing: [https://www.passthetexas.com/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&cPath=65&products\\_id=306](https://www.passthetexas.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=65&products_id=306). Hard copy books (\$46.95) and downloadable e-books (\$36.95). Available in Neumann Library.
3. **Preparing to Teach Texas Content Areas: The TExES EC-6 Generalist and the ESL Supplemental**, by J. Nath and J. Ramsey. Available in Neumann Library and COE Resource Room.
4. **TExES Secrets Study Guide (for EC-6 and 4-8)**: <http://www.mo-media.com/texas/>. ~\$40
5. **Ultimate Guide to the Generalist EC-6 TExES**, by D. Bauer, K. Cezeaux, and J. Scott: <http://www.ultimatetexasguide.com/>. \$44
6. **TExES Early Childhood through Grade 8 Test Prep Sessions**, offered by Harris County Department of Education: [www.hcde-texas.org](http://www.hcde-texas.org).
7. **The Best Teachers' Preparation for the TExES #191 Generalist EC-6**, by Luis A. Rosado. Available in Neumann Library and COE Resource Room.
8. **TExES Generalist EC-6**, by REA: <http://store.rea.com/tstprep-teachcert-tx.html>. \$28.95
9. **Released TAKS/STAAR tests** on the grade level and in the subject area you need to study: [http://tea.texas.gov/news\\_release.aspx?id=25769815534&ekfxmen\\_noscript=1&ekfxmense1=e9edebdf8\\_25769804222\\_25769804224](http://tea.texas.gov/news_release.aspx?id=25769815534&ekfxmen_noscript=1&ekfxmense1=e9edebdf8_25769804222_25769804224)
10. **Textbooks** on the grade level and in the subject area you need to study (e.g., 4<sup>th</sup> grade Texas history, 5<sup>th</sup> grade math). Curriculum library located within Neumann Library has many to choose from.

11. **Online searches for generic practice tests** on specific grade levels and subject areas (e.g., Google 4<sup>th</sup> grade social studies tests, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade science tests, etc.).
12. **CliffsNotes TExES: Generalist EC-6**: <http://www.hmhco.com/bookstore/authors/American-BookWorks-Corporation/14912171>. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk.
13. **TExES Tutoring Services**: Two-week, four-week, and eight-week test prep courses. <http://www.texasexamprep.com/?gclid=CKfcm7SrrMgCFYgCaQod65ADMg>. \$279-\$479.
14. **Quizlet** resources for Core Subjects EC-6 & 4-8: flash cards, games, and practice tests <http://quizlet.com/19919662/what-the-texas-likes-flash-cards/>. Free
15. **TExES Core Subjects EC-6 Practice Examination**, by TExES Master: <http://www.texas.net/products/order-now/texas-master-core-subjects-ec-6-detail>. \$69.95
16. **TExES Core Subjects EC-6 (291)**, REA, Dr. Luis Rosado. Over 600 practice questions covering all subject areas.