House Bill 5, Section 35 and 36

Amended TEC 39.025 (a-1) also stipulates that a student enrolled in a college preparatory course who satisfies the Texas Success Initiative requirements including the college readiness benchmarks under TEC, 51.3062(f) on the THECB-designated assessment at the end of the preparatory course satisfies the EOC assessment requirements in an equivalent course.

As specified with amended TEC 28.014 in section 10 of HB 5, college preparatory courses will only be designed for mathematics and English language arts (ELA). These courses are for 12th grade student who do not meet the college readiness standards on an EOC assessment, or whose coursework, college entrance exam, or TSA assessment score indicates the student is not ready for entry-level college coursework. Section 10 of HB 5 applies beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.

For the use of college preparatory courses and the TSI assessment as an EOC assessment substitute, it is unclear to which EOC assessments this would apply. Per amended TEC, 28.014, college preparatory courses are intended for 12th graders who fail to meet the college readiness standard on an EOC assessment, or who exhibit through other indicators that they are not ready for entry level college courses. It is unclear if a student can substitute a college preparatory course for the English I or English II EOC assessment if the student has not passed the EOC assessment(s) but completes a college preparatory course and passes the TSA assessment in his/her senior year.

Current Dual Credit Courses for Aldine ISD and Lone Star North Harris

DC courses: Algebra 2 PreAPGT (math 1314), Precal A PreAPGT (math 1316) and PreCal B PreAPGT (math 2412)

College Preparatory math class is currently being offered to students who have struggled with math and is offered to bridge between the content taught in Algebra I, II and geometry to prepare students to enter Lone Star without being required to take developmental courses and be ready to take College Algebra.

Course Description: College Prep Mathematics is designed to prepare students for College Algebra or an equivalent college mathematics course. Students will receive an in-depth study of Algebraic topics and survey applications for liner and multi-linear functions. Students will address topics from College Algebra and sample problems from current college entrance exams such as COMPASS or THEA. At the end of the second semester, students will be required to take the COMPASS assessment as part of their final exam for the course.

This course of study is intended for a student pursuing higher education in the field of liberal arts or other non-mathematics or non-science field of study. A student taking this course as the fourth year of mathematics may graduate on the Recommended High School Diploma. (high school class only—non dual credit)