Introduction

The Texas Adult Education and Literacy Content Standards v. 3 inserts two new academic standards: the Parent/Family Content Standards and the Citizen/Community Member Content Standards. The academic standards and the critical alignment to detailed work activities and specific work examples of in-demand industries in Texas remains unchanged. Please see the section titled History of the Texas Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Content Standards for detailed description of the evolution and structure of the Texas AEL Content Standards.

The Equipped for the Future Content Standards Project and the Addition of the Texas Family and Civics Standards

The Texas Parent/Family Content Standards and the Citizen/Community Member Content Standards have been adapted from the National Institute for Literacy (NIFL), Equipped for the Future Content Standards Project: What Adults Need to Know and be Able to Do in the 21st Century. The NIFL project presented the Equipped for the Future (EFF) Content Standards that were developed over a 6-year period by hundreds of adult education practitioners, and experts nationwide to create a working consensus on what adults need to know and be able to do in the 21st century (Stein, S. 2000). Two of the original EFF role maps identified the knowledge and skills adults utilize to function as responsive parents/family members and actively participate as responsible citizens and community members. In 2020, the Texas Workforce Commission approved the addition of the family and civics standards as important additions to the current Texas AEL Content Standards.