



VBISD to Implement New Software: *Excent Tera*

The VBISD has purchased a new computer application, **Excent-Tera**, for use by the ISD and local school districts. Excent-Tera is already in use by Jackson, Branch and Oceana ISDs, and is in use across the country as well. We will use it to eliminate much of the paper-pushing our jobs currently require. This is the first in a series of newsletters to inform you about the new application. Key features of Excent-Tera include:

- Ability to access Excent-Tera via the Internet either at a school or your home, and to run on a wide variety of PCs, even older ones with limited processing power
- Contains online form fill-in: referrals, invitations, METs, IEPs, Medicaid, and other forms, as well as automatic fill-in of student's demographic information
- Numerous drop-down choices and validations to simplify fill-in fields
- Links to scanned paper documents, providing access to older student files
- An internal messaging system for communication among IEP Team members
- Ability to produce numerous reports with sorted lists of information

To begin implementation of Excent-Tera, the following activities are planned:

- An overview of Excent-Tera will be presented to a majority of the ISD staff at the ***ISD Professional Development Day on February 20***
- Customized training and user manuals are being developed that will be presented to each user group prior to implementation of the software

That's it for now. We've only begun to scratch the surface in describing what Excent-Tera can do for you. We hope that your interest has been piqued and that you'll look forward to the next newsletter, the software overview demonstration, and the user training.

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