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Shirley J. Neeley, Ed.D.
Commissioner
May 16, 2006

Ms. Sandra Shelton, Executive Director
StrengthBank, Inc.
P. O. Box 330473
Fort Worth, Texas 76163-0473

Dear Ms. Shelton:

On April 28, 2006, the State Board of Education approved StrengthBank for High Schools-A Relationship Skills Initiative as an innovative course sponsored by your organization.

State elective graduation credit for this course may be offered as follows:

Course Title	Abbreviated Course Title	Course PEIMS Code	Unit of Credit(s)
StrengthBank for High Schools-A Relationship Skills Initiative	STRNBK	N1290037	½-4

The above course is approved for state graduation elective credit only and for the 2006-2007 through 2008-2009 school years. The course is not approved to substitute for any state graduation required credits. When the course expires at the end of three years, you will need to submit an application and evaluation giving careful consideration as to whether the evaluation results justify continuation of the course.

Please remember that future applications for innovative courses must be submitted for approval at least six months prior to implementation. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Hellen R. Bedgood at (512) 463-9581.

Sincerely,

George R. Rislov
Managing Director
Division of Curriculum

cc: Hellen R. Bedgood, Texas Education Agency
Marsha Headley, PEIMS Division, Texas Education Agency

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/sboe/schedule/0703/innovativeatt3.html>

Innovative Courses Recommended for Approval

All courses approved shall be used for state elective credit. The following information includes course name, course description, name of applying organization and/or school district, number of credits requested, and number of years recommended for approval:

StrengthBank for High Schools: A Relationship Skills Initiative (new approval); curriculum designed to enhance inborn talents through personal leadership training and to develop relationship skill building attributes through targeted activities and projects, to teach and learn life-long character skills based upon the StrengthBank workout formula that enables students to be successful, to decrease discipline referrals, and to help enable students to become productive citizens; StrengthBank, Inc.; ½ - 4 credits, 3 years; and



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August 22, 2003

Sandra A. Shelton, President/ CEO
StrengthBank Inc.
6008 Welch Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76133

Dear Ms. Shelton:

Agency staff has reviewed the innovative course submitted by your organization. State graduation elective credit for this course may be offered as follows:

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Academic Achievement Record Abbreviation</u>	<u>Course PEIMS Code</u>	<u>Unit of Credit(s)</u>
Strength Bank for High Schools: A Relationship Skills Initiative	STRNBK	N1290037	½ -4

The above course is approved for state graduation elective credit only and for the 2003-2004 through 2005-2006 school years. The course is not approved to substitute for any state graduation required credits. When the above course expires, you will need to reapply for innovative course status and submit an evaluation along with your application. Additionally, if you decide to drop a course permanently, please inform us by written communication in order for us to maintain the correct database.

Your organization has requested and been approved to offer the course above beginning in the 2003-2004 school year. Since this approval is granted beyond the cutoff date for adding new SERVICE-IDs to the PEIMS Data Standards, we ask that you use the following for the 2003-2004 school year only, the new course name and number will be added in the 2004-2005 Data Standards:

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Academic Achievement Record Abbreviation</u>	<u>Course PEIMS Code</u>
Other Innovative course	OTHRINN	N9999997

Please remember that future applications for innovative courses and new magnet courses must be submitted for approval at least six months prior to implementation. If you have questions, please call Hellen Bedgood at (512) 463-9581.

Sincerely,

Janet Russell, Ed.D
Curriculum Director
Curriculum and Professional Development