



The **O** in H₂O stands for Opportunity.

About SETH

The SETH Project is an initiative of Texas AWWA in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency (TEA), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and Texas A&M Engineering and Extension Service (TEEX).

It is supported by funding from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), along with the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association (TAWWA).

TEA has approved SETH training as a stand-alone or included in other courses, such as Energy and Natural Resources Technology, Advanced Energy and Natural Resources, or Practicum in Agriculture.

The SETH Program from the Texas Section of the American Water Works Association fits easily into to your Career and Technical Education curriculum.

SETH is FREE to schools and utilities and approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for certification.

The online course covers 22 hours of instruction in easily managed classroom-period modules. Any appropriately certified teacher can facilitate the modules without industry experience.

Students who complete SETH training can take the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality test for a Class D Certified Operator's license. TEA has approved that license for the school accountability system—CCMR.



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What SETH can do for your student

Texas AWWA's SETH Project opens doors to jobs that will be needed as long as people drink water....

SETH training—the Basic Water Works Operations course—gives students the opportunity to become a licensed Class D utility operator...ready to protect the public's health with safe drinking water.

That work can propel them into careers like lab analyst, pump and motor technician, water quality monitor, water distribution technician, safety manager and various levels of management. It can also finance their study at a college or university.

Facts about the Water Industry*

- Water occupations pay well. Their average wage exceeds the national average.
- Water workers need knowledge and skills developed on the job, underscoring the importance of applied learning opportunities.
- Thousands of aging water workers are expected to retire from their positions in the coming years, creating a huge gap for utilities to fill. More than 4,500 Texas public water utilities need certified operators.

* Brookings Institute Metro Policy Program Research 2018,
www.brookings.edu/metro



SETH is the first-ever training that gives high school students the opportunity to become certified water utility operators prior to graduation or earning a GED.

It's free to schools and utilities. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality approves SETH for students to complete the Basic Water course.

Your school, along with your local utilities, can offer this important program to guide young people into jobs that assure safe and adequate drinking water for your community.