

## Text of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC

### Chapter 230. Professional Educator Preparation and Certification

#### Subchapter A. General Provisions

##### §230.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, Chapter 232 of this title (relating to General Certification Provisions), and Chapter 233 of this title (relating to Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates), shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Accredited institution of higher education--An institution of higher education that at the time it conferred the degree, was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating [Coordination] Board.
- (2) Appropriate--Suitable for a particular purpose. The term denotes compliance with State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) rules and with SBEC procedures and policies posted on the Texas Education Agency website that are related to the stated particular purpose.
- (3) Candidate--An individual who has been formally or contingently admitted into an educator preparation program; also referred to as an enrollee or participant.
- (4) ~~(3)~~ Certificate--Any educator credential issued by the State Board for Educator Certification under the authority of the Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.
- (5) Certification class--A certificate, as described in §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates), that has defined characteristics and includes the following: superintendent, principal, classroom teacher, school counselor, school librarian, educational diagnostician, reading specialist, and master teacher.
- (6) Charter school--A Texas public school operated by a charter holder under an open-enrollment charter school granted either by the State Board of Education (SBOE) or commissioner of education, whichever is applicable, pursuant to Texas Education Code, §12.101, identified with its own county district number.
- (7) ~~(4)~~ Classroom teacher--An educator who is employed by a school or district [approved by the Texas Education Agency or by an open-enrollment charter school approved by the State Board of Education] and who [teaches], not less than an average of four hours each day, teaches in an academic instructional setting or a career and technical education instructional setting. This term does not include an educational [a teacher's] aide [; Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) instructors, substitute,] or a full-time [or part-time] administrator.
- (8) ~~(5)~~ Continuing professional education--Professional development required for the renewal of standard and/or lifetime [educator and professional] certificates that is designed to ensure improvement in both the performance of the educator and achievement of his or her students.
- (9) ~~(6)~~ Educator-- An individual [A person] who is required to hold a certificate issued under the Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.
- (10) ~~(7)~~ Educator preparation program--An entity approved by the State Board for Educator Certification to offer training and coursework that must adequately [to] prepare candidates for [an] educator certification and meet the standards and requirements of the board [certificate].
- (11) ~~(8)~~ Examination--A standardized test or assessment required by statute or State Board for Educator Certification rule that governs an individual's admission to an educator preparation program, certification as an educator, continuation as an educator, or advancement as an educator.
- ~~(9)~~ Field supervision--An educator preparation program is responsible for the supervision of a candidate during student teaching, clinical teaching, internship, or a practicum. The supervision includes monitoring candidates and providing them with constructive feedback to improve their professional performance based on the standards associated with the certificate being sought.]

- (12) ~~[(40)]~~ Hearing impairment--As defined in the Texas Education Code, §21.048(d)(1), a hearing impairment so severe that the person cannot process linguistic information with or without amplification.
- ~~[(11)] High quality professional development Professional development that meets the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 United States Code, §7801 (2001, as amended) and its subsequent amendments.]~~
- (13) ~~[(12)]~~ Initial certification--The first Texas educator certificate for a particular class issued to an individual as specified in §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates) ~~[based on participation in an approved educator preparation program]~~ .
- (14) Intern certificate--A type of certificate issued to a candidate who has passed all required content examinations and is completing requirements for certification through an approved educator preparation program.
- ~~[(13)] Internship A one academic year (or 180 school days) supervised educator assignment at a public school accredited by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) or other school approved by the TEA for internships, which may lead to completion of a standard certificate.]~~
- ~~[(14)] Mentor A certified educator who is assigned by the campus administrator and who has completed, within the past three years, mentor training provided by an educator preparation program, regional education service center, campus, or school district. Responsibilities of the mentor include, but are not limited to:~~
- ~~[(A)] guiding, assisting, and supporting the beginning teacher in areas such as acquisition of instructional materials, classroom management, curriculum and instruction, district policy, parent involvement, and student assessment; and]~~
- ~~[(B)] providing information to the educator preparation program regarding the progress of the beginning teacher seeking new certification.]~~
- (15) Private school--A non-public school whose educational program has been evaluated by a regional accrediting agency and whose program has met and is maintaining certain educational standards.
- (16) Probationary certificate--A type of certificate issued to a candidate who has passed all required examinations and is completing requirements for certification through an approved educator preparation program.
- (17) ~~[(16)]~~ Professional class--A term that refers to certificates for duties other than classroom teacher (e.g., superintendent, principal, school counselor, school librarian, educational diagnostician, reading specialist, and master teachers).
- (18) Standard certificate--A type of certificate issued to an individual who has met all requirements for a given class of certification, as specified in §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates).
- (19) Teacher--An individual who is required to hold a certificate issued under the Texas Education Code, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.
- ~~[(17)] State Board for Educator Certification The State Board for Educator Certification acting through its voting members in a decision making capacity.]~~
- (20) ~~[(18)]~~ Teacher of record--An educator who is employed by a school or district and who teaches ~~[the majority of the instructional day]~~ in an academic instructional setting or a career and technical instructional setting not less than an average of four hours each day and is responsible for evaluating student achievement and assigning grades.
- (21) ~~[(19)]~~ Teacher service record--The official document used to record years of service and days used and accumulated under the state's former minimum sick leave program or the state's current personal leave program.

(22) Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)--The kindergarten-Grade 12 state curriculum in Texas adopted by the State Board of Education and used as the foundation of all state certification examinations.

~~[(20)]~~ ~~Texas Education Agency staff~~ Staff of the Texas Education Agency assigned by the commissioner of education to perform the State Board for Educator Certification's administrative functions and services.]

(23) ~~[(21)]~~ Texas school district--A school district accredited and approved by the Texas Education Agency under the Texas Education Code, Chapter 11.