

Item 10: Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss and propose revisions to 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 241, Certification as Principal. The proposed revisions would implement House Bill (HB) 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, to update the educator standards for the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate to reflect the qualifications of certification as a principal. The proposed revisions would also repeal outdated Subchapter B, Principal Certificate, and would provide technical edits where needed.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The statutory authority for 19 TAC Chapter 241 is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a); 21.040(2); 21.041(b)(1)–(4); 21.046(b), as amended by HB 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, (c), and (d); and 21.054(a) and (e).

TEC, §21.003(a), states a person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.

TEC, §21.040(2), requires the SBEC to appoint an advisory committee composed of members of each class of certificate to recommend standards for that class to the Board.

TEC, §21.041(b)(1)–(4), requires the SBEC to propose rules that provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, in a manner consistent with the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B; and requires the SBEC to propose rules that specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates; the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid; and the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate.

TEC, §21.046(b), as amended by HB 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, states the qualifications for certification as a principal requires the SBEC to allow outstanding teachers to substitute approved experience and professional training for part of the educational requirements in lieu of classroom hours, and requires that the qualifications emphasize instructional leadership, including the ability to create an inclusive school environment and to foster parent involvement; administration, supervision, and communication skills; curriculum and instruction management, including curriculum and instruction management for students with disabilities; performance evaluation; organization; and fiscal management.

TEC, §21.046(c), requires the SBEC to ensure that principal candidates are of the highest caliber and that there is a multi-level screening process, along with assessment programs, and flexible internships to determine whether a candidate has the necessary skills for success.

TEC, §21.046(d), states that the SBEC shall consider competencies developed by relevant national organizations and the State Board of Education (SBOE).

TEC, §21.054(a) and (e), require the SBEC to propose rules establishing a process for identifying continuing education courses and programs that fulfill educators' continuing education requirements, including particular continuing education requirements for principals.

The full text of statutory citations can be found in the statutory authority section of this agenda.

EFFECTIVE DATE: If approved for filing as proposed in July 2022 and if adopted, subject to SBOE review, at the September 30, 2022 meeting, the proposed effective date of the proposal would be December 29, 2022 (20 days after filing as adopted with the *Texas Register*). The proposed effective date is based on the SBEC and SBOE meeting schedules.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION: The SBEC last amended 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, effective December 23, 2018. Section 241.41 was last amended July 21, 2019.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: The SBEC rules in 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, establish all of the requirements for certification and educator preparation program (EPP) minimum standards for issuance of a principal certificate. The proposed revisions to Chapter 241 would implement HB 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021. Additionally, the revisions would update Chapter 241 to repeal the outdated Principal certificate. The following is a description of the proposed revisions included in the attachment.

HB 159 Implementation

To align with statutory requirements in HB 159, the proposed revisions would update the educator standards for the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate to ensure that the qualifications for certification as a principal emphasize the ability to create an inclusive school environment and to foster parental involvement, as well as to include curriculum and instruction management for students with disabilities. The following changes would update the standards as required by HB 159.

School Culture Educator Standard

The proposed amendment to §241.15(b)(12) would implement HB 159's amendment to TEC, §21.046(b)(1), by adding the phrase, "creates an inclusive school environment," to the educator standard regarding the safety of staff and students. Similarly, the proposed amendment to §241.15(b)(13) would implement HB 159's amendment to TEC, §21.046(b)(1), by adding the phrase, "fosters parent involvement," to the educator standard regarding campus culture.

Leading Learning Educator Standard

The proposed amendment to §241.15(c)(4) would implement HB 159's amendment to TEC, §21.046(b)(3), by adding the phrase, "including the needs of students with disabilities," to the educator standard regarding campus curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular programs. Additionally, the proposed amendment to §241.15(c)(7) would implement HB 159's amendment

to TEC, §21.046(b)(3), by adding the phrase, "including curriculum and instruction management for students with disabilities," to the educator standard regarding campus curriculum.

Ethics, Equity, and Diversity Educator Standard

The proposed amendment to §241.15(g)(7) would implement HB 159's amendment to TEC, §21.046(b)(3), by adding the phrase, "including instructional and curricular supports for students with disabilities," to the educator standard regarding special instructional programs and services. The proposed amendment to §241.15(g)(10) would implement HB 159's amendment to TEC, §21.046(b)(1), by adding the phrase, "to create an inclusive school environment," to the educator standard regarding developing strong, positive relationships with all members of the community.

Chapter Reorganization and Technical Edits

The proposed revisions to Chapter 241 would reorganize the chapter as outlined below.

- Subchapter B, Principal Certificate, would be repealed to allow for the removal of the outdated Principal certificate that is no longer issued. This would provide clarity to the field on the current SBEC-issued certification as principal.
- The title and distinction for Subchapter A, Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate and Endorsement, would be deleted since it would no longer be necessary to distinguish it from the defunct Principal certificate requirements, given that all the requirements for the current certificate and endorsement are reflected in the chapter.

The proposed amendment would provide a technical edit to the certificate naming convention in §§241.1, 241.5, 241.20, and 241.30.

The proposed amendment to §241.20 would remove outdated language regarding the piloted Principal as Instructional Leader examination. This will provide clarity to the field that the only examination for the certificate is the one noted in 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, regarding the assessment of educators. The proposed amendment would also provide a technical edit to fine-tune the cross reference to 19 TAC Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, and to §241.10.

The proposed amendment to §241.30 would update the title and subsection (a) to include the Principal certificate to clarify the provisions for individuals to renew a Principal certificate as prescribed in 19 TAC Chapter 232, Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements. This will provide clarity to the field with the repeal of Subchapter B, Principal Certificate, to ensure individuals have the proper information regarding renewing their Principal certificate.

The proposed amendment to §241.35(a) would remove outdated language and reorder the section accordingly.

FISCAL IMPACT: Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff has determined that there are potential fiscal implications to state and local governments and small businesses as a result of the proposal. The proposed new requirements for principal candidates to be qualified regarding educating students with disabilities may require EPPs to create new curriculum, leading to

increased costs for EPPs run by state or local government entities associated with developing that curriculum for each year of the first five years the proposed rule is in effect, but that impact is created by the statutory requirement from HB 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, and not the agency regulation. There are no additional costs or savings to entities required to comply with the proposal beyond that which the authorizing statute requires.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT: The proposal has no effect on local economy; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required under Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.022.

SMALL BUSINESS, MICROBUSINESS, AND RURAL COMMUNITY IMPACT: The proposed new requirement for EPPs to integrate principal standards on educating students with disabilities is likely to increase costs for programs run by small businesses associated with updating aligned curriculum and training for each year of the first five years the proposed rule is in effect, but that impact is created by the statutory requirement from HB 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, and not the agency regulation. There are no additional costs or savings to entities required to comply with the proposal beyond that which the authorizing statute requires.

COST INCREASE TO REGULATED PERSONS: The proposed new requirements for EPPs to include curriculum regarding creating an inclusive campus environment and educating students with disabilities are likely to increase costs for EPPs, including those run by state or local government entities, associated with developing that curriculum for each year of the first five years the proposed rule is in effect. However, these costs are necessary to implement legislation, specifically HB 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021. The proposal, therefore, is not subject to TGC, §2001.0045.

TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT: The proposal does not impose a burden on private real property and, therefore, does not constitute a taking under TGC, §2007.043.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT: The TEA staff prepared a Government Growth Impact Statement assessment for this proposed rulemaking. During the first five years the proposed rulemaking would be in effect, the TEA staff has determined that the proposed amendments would create a new regulation that requires EPPs to include curriculum regarding creating an inclusive campus environment and educating students with disabilities, but that impact is created by the statutory requirements of HB 159, 87th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

The proposed rulemaking would not create or eliminate a government program; would not require the creation of new employee positions or elimination of existing employee positions; would not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency; would not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency; would not expand, limit, or repeal an existing regulation; would not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to its applicability; and would not positively or adversely affect the state's economy.

PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST TO PERSONS: The public benefit anticipated as a result of the proposal would be that candidates for the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate can demonstrate essential competencies expected of a beginning principal. There is no anticipated cost to persons who are required to comply with the proposal.

DATA AND REPORTING IMPACT: The proposal would have no new data and reporting impact.

PRINCIPAL AND CLASSROOM TEACHER PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS: The TEA staff has determined that the proposal would not require a written report or other paperwork to be completed by a principal or classroom teacher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The public comment period on the proposal begins August 19, 2022, and ends September 19, 2022. The SBEC will take registered oral and written comments on the proposal at the September 30, 2022 meeting in accordance with the SBEC board operating policies and procedures.

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the proposed revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal, to be published as proposed in the *Texas Register*.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Attachment:

Text of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC Chapter 241, Certification as Principal

ATTACHMENT
Text of Proposed Revisions to 19 TAC

Chapter 241. Certification as Principal

~~Subchapter A. Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate and Endorsement~~

§241.1. General Provisions.

- (a) The Principal as Instructional Leader certificate ~~[Certificate]~~ may be issued no earlier than December 1, 2018, and Principal as Instructional Leader Endorsement may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2019.
- (b) The holder of the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate ~~[Certificate]~~ issued under the provisions of this chapter may serve as a principal or assistant principal in a Texas public school.

§241.5. Minimum Requirements for Admission to a Principal Preparation Program.

- (a) Prior to admission to an educator preparation program (EPP) leading to the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate ~~[Certificate]~~, an individual must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- (b) An EPP may adopt requirements for admission in addition to those required in subsection (a) of this section.
- (c) The EPP shall implement procedures that include screening activities to determine the candidate's appropriateness for the Principal as Instructional Leader certificate ~~[Certificate]~~ as identified in Chapter 227 of this title (relating to Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates).

§241.15. Standards Required for the Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate.

- (a) Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate Standards. The knowledge and skills identified in this section must be used by an educator preparation program (EPP) in the development of curricula and coursework and by the State Board for Educator Certification as the basis for developing the examinations required to obtain the standard Principal as Instructional Leader certificate ~~[Certificate]~~. The standards also serve as the foundation for the individual assessment, professional growth plan, and continuing professional education activities required by §241.30 of this title (relating to Requirements to Renew the Standard Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate).
- (b) School Culture. The principal:
 - (1) ensures that a positive, collaborative, and collegial school culture facilitates and enhances the implementation of campus initiatives and the achievement of campus goals;
 - (2) uses emerging issues, recent research, demographic data, knowledge of systems, campus climate inventories, student learning data, and other information to collaboratively develop a shared campus vision;
 - (3) facilitates the collaborative development of a plan in which objectives and strategies to implement the campus vision are clearly articulated;
 - (4) supports the implementation of the campus vision by aligning financial, human, and material resources;
 - (5) establishes processes to assess and modify the plan of implementation to ensure achievement of the campus vision;
 - (6) acknowledges, recognizes, and celebrates the contributions of students, staff, parents, and community members toward the realization of the campus vision;
 - (7) models and promotes the continuous and appropriate development of all learners, including faculty and staff, in the campus community;

- (8) uses strategies to ensure the development of collegial relationships and effective collaboration of campus staff;
 - (9) develops and uses effective conflict-management and consensus-building skills;
 - (10) establishes and communicates consistent expectations for staff and students, providing supportive feedback to ensure a positive campus environment;
 - (11) implements effective strategies to systematically gather input from all campus stakeholders, supporting innovative thinking and an inclusive culture;
 - (12) creates an atmosphere of safety that encourages the social, emotional, and physical well-being of staff and students and creates an inclusive school environment ; and
 - (13) ensures that parents and other members of the community are an integral part of the campus culture and fosters parent involvement .
- (c) Leading Learning. The principal:
- (1) creates a campus culture that sets high expectations, promotes learning, and provides intellectual stimulation for self, students, and staff;
 - (2) prioritizes instruction and student achievement by understanding, sharing, and promoting a clear definition of high-quality instruction based on best practices from recent research;
 - (3) routinely monitors and improves instruction by visiting classrooms, engaging in formative, evidence-based appraisal processes and conferences with teachers, and attending grade or team meetings;
 - (4) facilitates the use of sound research-based practice in the development and implementation of campus curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular programs to fulfill academic, developmental, social, and cultural needs , including the needs of students with disabilities ;
 - (5) facilitates campus participation in collaborative school district planning, implementation, monitoring, and curriculum revision to ensure appropriate scope, sequence, content, and alignment;
 - (6) implements a rigorous curriculum aligned with state standards, including college and career readiness standards;
 - (7) analyzes the curriculum to ensure that teachers align content across grades and that curricular scopes and sequences meet the particular needs of their diverse student populations , including curriculum and instruction management for students with disabilities ;
 - (8) monitors and ensures staff uses multiple forms of student data to inform instruction and intervention decisions to maximize instructional effectiveness and student achievement;
 - (9) ensures that effective instruction maximizes growth of individual students and student groups, supports equity, and eliminates the achievement gap;
 - (10) ensures staff have the capacity and time to collaboratively and individually use classroom formative and summative assessment data to inform effective instructional practices and interventions; and
 - (11) facilitates the use and integration of technology, telecommunications, and information systems that enhance learning.
- (d) Human Capital. The principal:
- (1) invests and manages time to prioritize the development, support, and supervision of the staff to enhance student outcomes;
 - (2) ensures all staff have clear expectations that guide them and by which they are assessed, including the use of and familiarity with evidence-based appraisal rubrics, where applicable;

- (3) uses data from multiple points of the year to complete accurate appraisals of all staff, using evidence from regular observations, student data, and other sources to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and staff;
 - (4) coaches and develops educators by conducting conferences, giving individualized feedback, and supporting individualized professional growth opportunities;
 - (5) facilitates the campus's professional learning community to review data, processes, and policies in order to improve teaching and learning in the school;
 - (6) creates opportunities for effective staff to take on a variety of leadership roles and appropriately delegates responsibilities to staff and administrators on the leadership team;
 - (7) collaboratively develops, implements, and revises a comprehensive and on-going plan for professional development of campus staff that addresses staff needs based on staff appraisal trends, goals, and student information;
 - (8) ensures the effective implementation of a continuum of professional development by the appropriate allocation of time, funding, and other needed resources;
 - (9) implements effective, legal, and appropriate strategies for the recruitment, selection, assignment, and induction of campus staff; and
 - (10) plans for and adopts early hiring practices.
- (e) Executive Leadership. The principal:
- (1) reflects on his or her practice, seeks and acts on feedback, and strives to continually improve, learn, and grow;
 - (2) engages in ongoing and meaningful professional growth activities to further develop knowledge and skills and to model lifelong learning;
 - (3) uses strong communication skills, understands how to communicate a message in different ways to meet the needs of various audiences, and develops and implements strategies for effective internal and external communications;
 - (4) develops and implements a comprehensive program of community relations, which uses strategies that will effectively involve and inform multiple constituencies;
 - (5) establishes partnerships with parents, businesses, and other groups in the community to strengthen programs and support campus goals;
 - (6) demonstrates awareness of social and economic issues that exist within the school and community that could impact campus operations and student learning;
 - (7) gathers and organizes information from a variety of sources for use in creative and effective campus decision making;
 - (8) frames, analyzes, and creatively resolves campus problems using effective problem-solving techniques to make timely, high-quality decisions;
 - (9) develops, implements, and evaluates change processes for organizational effectiveness;
 - (10) uses effective planning, time management, and organization of work to maximize attainment of school district and campus goals; and
 - (11) keeps staff inspired and focused on the campus vision while supporting effective change management.
- (f) Strategic Operations. The principal:
- (1) assesses current campus needs, reviewing a wide set of evidence to determine the campus's priorities, and sets ambitious and measurable school goals, targets, and strategies that form the campus's strategic plan;

- (2) outlines and tracks meaningful goals, targets, and strategies aligned to a school vision that continuously improves teacher effectiveness and student outcomes;
 - (3) allocates resources effectively (e.g., staff time, dollars, and tools), aligning them to the school priorities and goals, and works to access additional resources as needed to support learning;
 - (4) establishes structures to regularly monitor multiple data points with leadership teams to evaluate progress toward goals, adjusting strategies to improve effectiveness;
 - (5) implements appropriate management techniques and group processes to define roles, assign functions, delegate authority, and determine accountability for campus goal attainment;
 - (6) implements strategies that enable the physical plant, equipment, and support systems to operate safely, efficiently, and effectively to maintain a conducive learning environment;
 - (7) applies local, state, and federal laws and policies to support sound decisions while considering implications related to all school operations and programs;
 - (8) collaboratively plans and effectively manages the campus budget;
 - (9) uses technology to enhance school management;
 - (10) facilitates the effective coordination of campus curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular programs in relation to each other and other school district programs; and
 - (11) collaborates with district staff to implement district policies and advocates for the needs of district students and staff.
- (g) Ethics, Equity, and Diversity. The principal:
- (1) implements policies and procedures that encourage all campus personnel to comply with Chapter 247 of this title (relating to Educators' Code of Ethics);
 - (2) models and promotes the highest standard of conduct, ethical principles, and integrity in decision making, actions, and behaviors;
 - (3) ensures that reports of educator misconduct, including inappropriate relationships between educators and students, are properly reported so appropriate investigations can be conducted;
 - (4) models and promotes the continuous and appropriate development of all learners in the campus community;
 - (5) ensures all students have access to effective educators and continuous learning opportunities;
 - (6) promotes awareness and appreciation of diversity throughout the campus community;
 - (7) implements special campus programs to ensure that all students are provided quality, flexible instructional programs and services to meet individual student needs , including instructional and curricular supports for students with disabilities ;
 - (8) articulates the importance of education in creating engaged citizens in a free democratic society;
 - (9) communicates productively with all audiences through strong communication skills and understands how to communicate a message in different ways to meet the needs of various audiences; and
 - (10) treats all members of the community with respect and develops strong, positive relationships with them to create an inclusive school environment .

§241.20. Requirements for the Issuance of the Standard Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate.

To be eligible to receive the standard Principal as Instructional Leader certificate [~~Certificate~~], a candidate must:

- (1) successfully complete ~~[either]~~ the appropriate examinations required under Chapter 230, Subchapter C, of this title (relating to Assessment of Educators) ~~[-or a piloted examination developed for the Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate]~~ ;
- (2) hold, at a minimum, a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;
- (3) hold a valid classroom teaching certificate;
- (4) have two creditable years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of Part 2 of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service) and the Texas Education Code, §5.001(2); and
- (5) successfully complete a principal preparation program that meets the requirements of §241.10 of this title (relating to Preparation Program Requirements for ~~the~~ Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate), §241.15 of this title (relating to Standards Required for the Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate), Chapter 227 of this title (relating to Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates), and Chapter 228 of this title (relating to Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs).

§241.30. Requirements to Renew the Standard Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate and Principal Certificate .

- (a) An individual who holds a standard Principal as Instructional Leader certificate ~~[Certificate]~~ and Principal certificate is subject to Chapter 232, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements).
- (b) To satisfy the requirements of this section, an individual must complete 200 clock-hours of continuing professional education every five years directly related to the standards in §241.15 of this title (relating to Standards Required for the Principal as Instructional Leader Certificate).
- (c) An individual who holds a valid Texas professional administrator certificate issued prior to September 1, 1999, may voluntarily comply with the requirements for continuing professional education in this section.

§241.35. Requirements for the Issuance of the Principal as Instructional Leader Endorsement.

~~[(a) The Principal as Instructional Leader Endorsement may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2019.]~~

~~[(b)]~~ To be eligible to receive the Principal as Instructional Leader Endorsement, a candidate must:

- (1) hold a valid certificate to serve in the role of principal; and
- (2) successfully complete the appropriate examinations required under Chapter 230, Subchapter C, of this title (relating to Assessment of Educators).

[Subchapter B. Principal Certificate]

[§241.41. General Provisions.]

- ~~[(a) Due to the critical role the principal plays in campus effectiveness and student achievement, and consistent with the Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.046(c), the rules adopted by the State Board for Educator Certification ensure that each candidate for the Principal Certificate is of the highest caliber and possesses the knowledge and skills necessary for success.]~~
- ~~[(b) As required by the TEC, §21.046(b)(1) (6), the standards identified in §241.55 of this title (relating to Standards Required for the Principal Certificate) emphasize instructional leadership; administration; supervision; and communication skills; curriculum and instruction management; performance evaluation; organization; and fiscal management.]~~

- ~~(c) — An individual serving as a principal or assistant principal is expected to actively participate in professional development activities to continually update his or her knowledge and skills. Currency in best practices and research as related to both campus leadership and student learning is essential.~~
- ~~(d) — The holder of the Principal Certificate issued under the provisions of this chapter may serve as a principal or assistant principal in a Texas public school.~~
- ~~(e) — A candidate must meet the requirements for the Principal Certificate by August 31, 2019. All applications must be complete and received by the Texas Education Agency by October 30, 2019.]~~

~~[§241.45. Minimum Requirements for Admission to a Principal Preparation Program.]~~

- ~~(a) — Prior to admission to an educator preparation program (EPP) leading to the Principal Certificate, an individual must hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.~~
- ~~(b) — An EPP may adopt requirements for admission in addition to those required in subsection (a) of this section.~~
- ~~(c) — The EPP shall implement procedures that include screening activities to determine the candidate's appropriateness for the Principal Certificate as identified in Chapter 227 of this title (relating to Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates).]~~

~~[§241.50. Preparation Program Requirements for Principal Certificate.]~~

- ~~(a) — The standards identified in §241.55 of this title (relating to Standards Required for the Principal Certificate) and Chapter 228 of this title (relating to Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs) shall be the curricular basis for an educator preparation program (EPP) preparing candidates to be principals. The educator preparation program shall establish benchmarks and structured assessments of the candidate's progress and needed growth throughout the EPP based on the standards identified in §241.55 of this title.~~
- ~~(b) — The principal preparation program shall include a field-based practicum whereby a candidate must demonstrate proficiency in each of the standards identified in §241.15 of this title.~~
- ~~(c) — An EPP may develop and implement specific criteria and procedures that allow a candidate to substitute related experience and/or professional training directly related to the standards identified in §241.55 of this title for part of the preparation requirements.]~~

~~[§241.55. Standards Required for the Principal Certificate.]~~

- ~~(a) — Principal Certificate Standards. The knowledge and skills identified in this section must be used by an educator preparation program in the development of curricula and coursework and by the State Board for Educator Certification as the basis for developing the examinations required to obtain the standard Principal Certificate. The standards also serve as the foundation for the individual assessment, professional growth plan, and continuing professional education activities required by §241.70 of this title (relating to Requirements to Renew the Standard Principal Certificate).~~
- ~~(b) — School Culture. The principal:~~
- ~~(1) — ensures that a positive, collaborative, and collegial school culture facilitates and enhances the implementation of campus initiatives and the achievement of campus goals;~~
 - ~~(2) — uses emerging issues, recent research, demographic data, knowledge of systems, campus climate inventories, student learning data, and other information to collaboratively develop a shared campus vision;~~
 - ~~(3) — facilitates the collaborative development of a plan in which objectives and strategies to implement the campus vision are clearly articulated;~~
 - ~~(4) — supports the implementation of the campus vision by aligning financial, human, and material resources;~~

- ~~(5) — establishes processes to assess and modify the plan of implementation to ensure achievement of the campus vision;~~
- ~~(6) — acknowledges, recognizes, and celebrates the contributions of students, staff, parents, and community members toward the realization of the campus vision;~~
- ~~(7) — models and promotes the continuous and appropriate development of all learners, including faculty and staff, in the campus community;~~
- ~~(8) — uses strategies to ensure the development of collegial relationships and effective collaboration of campus staff;~~
- ~~(9) — develops and uses effective conflict management and consensus building skills;~~
- ~~(10) — establishes and communicates consistent expectations for staff and students, providing supportive feedback to ensure a positive campus environment;~~
- ~~(11) — implements effective strategies to systematically gather input from all campus stakeholders, supporting innovative thinking and an inclusive culture;~~
- ~~(12) — creates an atmosphere of safety that encourages the social, emotional, and physical well-being of staff and students; and~~
- ~~(13) — ensures that parents and other members of the community are an integral part of the campus culture.~~
- ~~(c) — Leading Learning. The principal:~~
- ~~(1) — creates a campus culture that sets high expectations, promotes learning, and provides intellectual stimulation for self, students, and staff;~~
- ~~(2) — prioritizes instruction and student achievement by understanding, sharing, and promoting a clear definition of high quality instruction based on best practices from recent research;~~
- ~~(3) — routinely monitors and improves instruction by visiting classrooms, engaging in formative, evidence-based appraisal processes and conferences with teachers, and attending grade or team meetings;~~
- ~~(4) — facilitates the use of sound research-based practice in the development and implementation of campus curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular programs to fulfill academic, developmental, social, and cultural needs;~~
- ~~(5) — facilitates campus participation in collaborative school district planning, implementation, monitoring, and curriculum revision to ensure appropriate scope, sequence, content, and alignment;~~
- ~~(6) — implements a rigorous curriculum aligned with state standards, including college and career readiness standards;~~
- ~~(7) — analyzes the curriculum to ensure that teachers align content across grades and that curricular scopes and sequences meet the particular needs of their diverse student populations;~~
- ~~(8) — monitors and ensures staff uses multiple forms of student data to inform instruction and intervention decisions to maximize instructional effectiveness and student achievement;~~
- ~~(9) — ensures that effective instruction maximizes growth of individual students and student groups, supports equity, and eliminates the achievement gap;~~
- ~~(10) — ensures staff have the capacity and time to collaboratively and individually use classroom formative and summative assessment data to inform effective instructional practices and interventions; and~~
- ~~(11) — facilitates the use and integration of technology, telecommunications, and information systems that enhance learning.~~
- ~~(d) — Human Capital. The principal:~~

- ~~(1) — invests and manages time to prioritize the development, support, and supervision of the staff to enhance student outcomes;~~
 - ~~(2) — ensures all staff have clear expectations that guide them and by which they are assessed, including the use of and familiarity with evidence based appraisal rubrics, where applicable;~~
 - ~~(3) — uses data from multiple points of the year to complete accurate appraisals of all staff, using evidence from regular observations, student data, and other sources to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and staff;~~
 - ~~(4) — coaches and develops educators by conducting conferences, giving individualized feedback, and supporting individualized professional growth opportunities;~~
 - ~~(5) — facilitates the campus's professional learning community to review data, processes, and policies in order to improve teaching and learning in the school;~~
 - ~~(6) — creates opportunities for effective staff to take on a variety of leadership roles and appropriately delegates responsibilities to staff and administrators on the leadership team;~~
 - ~~(7) — collaboratively develops, implements, and revises a comprehensive and on-going plan for professional development of campus staff that addresses staff needs based on staff appraisal trends, goals, and student information;~~
 - ~~(8) — ensures the effective implementation of a continuum of professional development by the appropriate allocation of time, funding, and other needed resources;~~
 - ~~(9) — implements effective, legal, and appropriate strategies for the recruitment, selection, assignment, and induction of campus staff; and~~
 - ~~(10) — plans for and adopts early hiring practices.~~
- ~~(e) — Executive Leadership. The principal:~~
- ~~(1) — reflects on his or her practice, seeks and acts on feedback, and strives to continually improve, learn, and grow;~~
 - ~~(2) — engages in ongoing and meaningful professional growth activities to further develop knowledge and skills and to model lifelong learning;~~
 - ~~(3) — uses strong communication skills, understands how to communicate a message in different ways to meet the needs of various audiences, and develops and implements strategies for effective internal and external communications;~~
 - ~~(4) — develops and implements a comprehensive program of community relations, which uses strategies that will effectively involve and inform multiple constituencies;~~
 - ~~(5) — establishes partnerships with parents, businesses, and other groups in the community to strengthen programs and support campus goals;~~
 - ~~(6) — demonstrates awareness of social and economic issues that exist within the school and community that could impact campus operations and student learning;~~
 - ~~(7) — gathers and organizes information from a variety of sources for use in creative and effective campus decision making;~~
 - ~~(8) — frames, analyzes, and creatively resolves campus problems using effective problem-solving techniques to make timely, high-quality decisions;~~
 - ~~(9) — develops, implements, and evaluates change processes for organizational effectiveness;~~
 - ~~(10) — uses effective planning, time management, and organization of work to maximize attainment of school district and campus goals; and~~
 - ~~(11) — keeps staff inspired and focused on the campus vision while supporting effective change management.~~

~~(f) Strategic Operations. The principal:~~

- ~~(1) assesses current campus needs, reviewing a wide set of evidence to determine the campus's priorities, and sets ambitious and measurable school goals, targets, and strategies that form the campus's strategic plan;~~
- ~~(2) outlines and tracks meaningful goals, targets, and strategies aligned to a school vision that continuously improves teacher effectiveness and student outcomes;~~
- ~~(3) allocates resources effectively (e.g., staff time, dollars, and tools), aligning them to the school priorities and goals, and works to access additional resources as needed to support learning;~~
- ~~(4) establishes structures to regularly monitor multiple data points with leadership teams to evaluate progress toward goals, adjusting strategies to improve effectiveness;~~
- ~~(5) implements appropriate management techniques and group processes to define roles, assign functions, delegate authority, and determine accountability for campus goal attainment;~~
- ~~(6) implements strategies that enable the physical plant, equipment, and support systems to operate safely, efficiently, and effectively to maintain a conducive learning environment;~~
- ~~(7) applies local, state, and federal laws and policies to support sound decisions while considering implications related to all school operations and programs;~~
- ~~(8) collaboratively plans and effectively manages the campus budget;~~
- ~~(9) uses technology to enhance school management;~~
- ~~(10) facilitates the effective coordination of campus curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular programs in relation to each other and other school district programs; and~~
- ~~(11) collaborates with district staff to implement district policies and advocates for the needs of district students and staff.~~

~~(g) Ethics, Equity, and Diversity. The principal:~~

- ~~(1) implements policies and procedures that encourage all campus personnel to comply with Chapter 247 of this title (relating to Educators' Code of Ethics);~~
- ~~(2) models and promotes the highest standard of conduct, ethical principles, and integrity in decision making, actions, and behaviors;~~
- ~~(3) ensures that reports of educator misconduct, including inappropriate relationships between educators and students, are properly reported so appropriate investigations can be conducted;~~
- ~~(4) models and promotes the continuous and appropriate development of all learners in the campus community;~~
- ~~(5) ensures all students have access to effective educators and continuous learning opportunities;~~
- ~~(6) promotes awareness and appreciation of diversity throughout the campus community;~~
- ~~(7) implements special campus programs to ensure that all students are provided quality, flexible instructional programs and services to meet individual student needs;~~
- ~~(8) articulates the importance of education in creating engaged citizens in a free democratic society;~~
- ~~(9) communicates productively with all audiences through strong communication skills and understands how to communicate a message in different ways to meet the needs of various audiences; and~~
- ~~(10) treats all members of the community with respect and develops strong, positive relationships with them.]~~

[§241.60. Requirements for the Issuance of the Standard Principal Certificate.]

~~[To be eligible to receive the standard Principal Certificate, a candidate must:~~

- ~~(1) — successfully complete the appropriate examinations required under Chapter 230, Subchapter C, of this title (relating to Assessment of Educators);~~
- ~~(2) — hold, at a minimum, a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that, at the time, was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;~~
- ~~(3) — hold a valid classroom teaching certificate;~~
- ~~(4) — have two creditable years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service) and the Texas Education Code, §5.001(2); and~~
- ~~(5) — successfully complete a principal preparation program that meets the requirements of §241.50 of this title (relating to Preparation Program Requirements), §241.55 of this title (relating to Standards Required for the Principal Certificate), Chapter 227 of this title (relating to Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates), and Chapter 228 of this title (relating to Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs).]~~

§241.65. Requirements for the First-Time Principal in Texas.

- ~~(a) — A principal or assistant principal employed for the first time as a campus administrator (including the first time in the state) shall participate in an induction period of at least one year.~~
- ~~(b) — The induction period should be a structured, systemic process for assisting the new principal or assistant principal in further developing skills in guiding the everyday operation of a school, adjusting to the particular culture of a school district, and developing a personal awareness of self in the campus administrator role. Mentoring support must be an integral component of the induction period.]~~

§241.70. Requirements to Renew the Standard Principal Certificate.

- ~~(a) — An individual who holds a standard principal or mid-management administrator certificate is subject to Chapter 232, Subchapter A, of this title (relating to Certificate Renewal and Continuing Professional Education Requirements).~~
- ~~(b) — To satisfy the requirements of this section, an individual must complete 200 clock-hours of continuing professional education every five years directly related to the standards in §241.55 of this title (relating to Standards Required for the Principal Certificate).~~
- ~~(c) — An individual who holds a valid Texas professional administrator certificate issued prior to September 1, 1999, may voluntarily comply with the requirements for continuing professional education in this section.]~~