Canceled
A canceled credential is one that was issued in error, and has been invalidated by a
determination of the Texas Education Agency staff or the board.

Clear:
A clear suspension is no longer an active suspension, and means that a certificate has been
reinstated and is once again valid.

Denied:
A teaching credential that has been denied was not issued because the requestor was determined
to be ineligible for certification, based on non-completion of requirements, or else was
administratively denied pursuant to 19 Texas Administrative Code §249.12.

Expired:
An expired credential is no longer valid because it was issued for a specific term and the ending
date has passed.

Inactive:
An inactive certificate does not currently entitle the certificate holder to work as a professional
educator in Texas public schools. A certificate is placed on inactive status when one of the
following conditions exist: 1) the holder’s standard certificate has not been renewed; 2) the
certificate holder has not completed fingerprinting as required by the Texas Education Code
§22.0831; or 3) the certificate holder has fees pending. Once an educator satisfies the condition
or conditions that caused the certificate to be placed in inactive status, the certificate is returned
to valid status.

Inscribed Reprimand:
An inscribed reprimand is the Board’s formal, published censure appearing on the face of an
educator’s certificate. A reprimand does not affect the validity of an educator’s certificate.

Invalid:
An invalid certificate may not be used for employment as an educator in Texas public schools
until it has been revalidated by successful completion of a required examination.

Non-inscribed Reprimand:
A non-inscribed reprimand is a formal, unpublished censure that does not appear on the face of
the educator’s certificate. A reprimand does not affect the validity of an educator’s certificate.

Note: This individual is currently under review by the SBEC Professional Discipline Unit.
This notation on an educator’s certificate means that an allegation of misconduct is currently
being investigated by Texas Education Agency staff. A certificate with this notation remains
valid because no formal determination has been made.
Pending:
A pending suspension is a suspension whose term has run, but which is still in effect because the educator has not taken the necessary steps to clear the suspension and reinstate the validity of a certificate.

Probated Suspension:
A probated suspension is a suspension that is not enforced as long as the conditions of probation are met. If a certificate holder violates any of the terms of probation, SBEC may revoke the probation and the suspension may become immediately effective. As long as the probation is not revoked, a certificate is valid during the term of the probation.

Restricted:
A restricted certificate has limitations on its use that have been imposed by SBEC order.

Revoked:
A revoked certificate has been rendered permanently invalid as a result of disciplinary action by the SBEC.

Suspended:
A suspended certificate, as a result of disciplinary action by the SBEC, has been rendered invalid for a specific period of time or until reinstated by the board.

Valid:
A valid certificate qualifies the holder for employment as an educator in Texas public schools, is not expired or inactive, and is not subject to an active suspension, surrender, cancellation or revocation.

Voluntary Surrender:
A voluntary surrender of a certificate occurs as a result of an educator’s voluntary relinquishment of a certificate, in lieu of disciplinary proceedings, and renders that certificate permanently invalid.