

## Chapter 239. Student Services Certificates

### Subchapter E. Legacy Master Teacher Certificate

*Statutory Authority: The provisions of this Subchapter E issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.031(a), §21.041(b)(1)-(4), and 21.064(a), unless otherwise noted.*

#### §239.101. General Provisions for Legacy Master Teacher Certificates.

- (a) A Legacy Master Teacher certificate will be issued to individuals who held valid or inactive master teacher certificates on August 31, 2019.
- (b) Legacy Master Teacher certificates do not expire and are not subject to renewal requirements.
- (c) Any suspension of or condition on an educator's master teacher certificate in accordance with Chapter 249 of this title (relating to Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases) will apply to the educator's Legacy Master Teacher certificate upon issuance.
- (d) All other standard certificates held by the Legacy Master Teacher certificate holders are subject to renewal and continual professional education requirements as prescribed by Chapter 232 of this title (relating to General Certification Provisions).
- (e) A legacy master teacher may serve as a mentor to other teachers in the subject area of his or her Legacy Master Teacher certification.
- (f) A legacy master teacher may teach in assignments as specified in Chapter 231 of this title (relating to Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments).

*Source: The provisions of this §239.101 adopted to be effective December 27, 2020, 45 TexReg 9201.*

#### §239.103. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Expired--An expired credential is no longer valid because it was issued for a specific term, and the ending date has passed.
- (2) Inactive--An inactive certificate does not currently entitle the certificate holder to work as a professional educator in a Texas public school. A certificate is placed on inactive status when one or more of the following conditions exists, and the certificate is returned to valid status once an educator satisfies the condition or conditions that caused the certificate to be placed on inactive status:
  - (A) the holder's standard certificate has not been renewed;
  - (B) the certificate holder has not completed fingerprinting as required by the Texas Education Code, §22.0831; or
  - (C) the certificate holder has fees pending.
- (3) Master teacher certificate--a Master Reading Teacher, Master Mathematics Teacher, Master Science Teacher, or Master Technology Teacher certificate issued by the State Board for Educator Certification that, effective September 1, 2019, was no longer issued or renewed.
- (4) Valid--A valid certificate qualifies the holder for employment as an educator in a Texas public school, is not expired or inactive, and is not subject to an active suspension, surrender, cancellation, or revocation.

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