

## Item 7:

# Request to Approve Texas Teacher Residency Preparation Route for Educator Preparation Programs

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**SUMMARY:** This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to approve Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) to offer the Texas Teacher Residency Preparation Route resulting in the enhanced standard certification.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The statutory authority related to the approval of educator preparation programs are the Texas Education Code (TEC) §21.0443 and §21.044.

TEC §21.0443, requires the SBEC to set standards for approval and renewal of approval for EPPs, sets certain requirements for approval and renewal, and requires that the SBEC review each program at least every five years.

TEC §21.044 states for educator preparation (a) The board shall propose rules: (1) specifying what each educator is expected to know and be able to do, particularly with regard to students with disabilities; (2) establishing the training requirements a person must accomplish to obtain a certificate, enter an internship, or enter an induction-year program; and (3) specifying the minimum academic qualifications required for a certificate.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately upon SBEC approval.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION:** 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, was adopted by the SBEC in February 2024 and effective September 1, 2024. 19 TAC §228.65, Residency, establishes the minimum requirements that an educator preparation program (EPP) must comply with to be approved by the SBEC.

An EPP seeking approval to offer a Texas Teacher Residency Preparation Route must submit a completed application in a form developed by the TEA for consideration and approval by the SBEC. The application window opened February 11, 2025, and closed March 10, 2025.

Applications were reviewed and scored based on compliance with the requirements set out in 19 TAC Chapter §228, Requirements for Educator Preparation Programs, and Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation. Three (3) programs met the requirements to offer the Teacher Residency Preparation Route; applicants that did not meet requirements were provided feedback for application improvement and may resubmit an application in a later application window. A post-approval site visit must be conducted at the conclusion of the first academic year in which the program reports residency completers to the TEA.

The following three (3) EPPs are recommended for SBEC approval:

ESC Region 2
ESC Region 10
Midwestern State University

The attachment provides a summary of the EPPs recommended for SBEC approval to offer the Teacher Residency Preparation Route, including information on the certificate areas the EPP is approved to offer, the anticipated enrollment date for each EPP, the anticipated number of initial residency candidates, and the established Local Education Agencies (LEAs) partnerships.

**PUBLIC AND STUDENT BENEFIT:** The approval of the EPPs to offer the Teacher Residency Preparation Route and Enhanced Standard Certificate will increase the number of highly qualified educators in Texas which will positively affect student outcomes.

**MOTION TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Approve the recommended EPPs to offer the Texas Teacher Residency Preparation Route as presented.

**STAFF MEMBER RESPONSIBLE:**

Dr. Cherylynn Jody Moody, Director of Apprenticeship

**Attachment:** Educator Preparation Program Applicant Summary

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<b>ESC Region 2 (178950)</b>	
Certifications Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art (Grades EC-12)</li> <li>• Core Subjects with STR (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Core Subjects with STR (Grades EC-6)</li> <li>• English Language Arts and Reading (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• English Language Arts and Reading with STR (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Family and Consumer Sciences (Grades 6-12)</li> <li>• Mathematics (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Mathematics (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Mathematics/Science (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Music (Grades EC-12)</li> <li>• Science (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Science (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Social Studies (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Social Studies (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Theatre (Grades EC-12)</li> </ul>
Anticipated Enrollment Date	Fall 2025
Anticipated Number of Initial Residency Candidates	1-5
LEA Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• George West ISD</li> <li>• San Diego ISD</li> </ul>
<b>ESC Region 10 (057950)</b>	
Certifications Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art (Grades EC-12)</li> <li>• Bilingual Education Supplemental - Spanish (Grades NA)</li> <li>• Core Subjects with STR (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Core Subjects with STR (Grades EC-6)</li> <li>• English Language Arts and Reading (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• English Language Arts and Reading with STR (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• English as a Second Language Supplemental (Grades NA)</li> <li>• Mathematics (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Mathematics (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Music (Grades EC-12)</li> <li>• Physical Education (Grades EC-12)</li> <li>• Science (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Science (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Social Studies (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Social Studies (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Special Education Specialist (Grades EC-12)</li> </ul>
Anticipated Enrollment Date	Fall 2025
Anticipated Number of Initial Residency Candidates	10

LEA Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Hearts Texas</li> <li>• Faith Family Master Academy</li> </ul>
<b>Midwestern State University (243501)</b>	
Certifications Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art (Grades EC-12)</li> <li>• Bilingual Education Supplemental - Spanish (Grades NA)</li> <li>• Core Subjects with STR (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Core Subjects with STR (Grades EC-6)</li> <li>• Early Childhood (Grades PK-3)</li> <li>• English Language Arts and Reading (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• English Language Arts and Reading with STR (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• English as a Second Language Supplemental (Grades NA)</li> <li>• History (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Languages Other Than English - Spanish (Grades EC-12)</li> <li>• Life Science (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Mathematics (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Mathematics (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Music (Grades EC-12)</li> <li>• Physical Education (Grades EC-12)</li> <li>• Science (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Science (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Social Studies (Grades 4-8)</li> <li>• Social Studies (Grades 7-12)</li> <li>• Theatre (Grades EC-12)</li> </ul>
Anticipated Enrollment Date	Fall 2025
Anticipated Number of Initial Residency Candidates	10
LEA Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burkburnett Independent School District (BISD)</li> <li>• Wichita Falls Independent School District (WFISD)</li> </ul>