



**HIGH-QUALITY PREKINDERGARTEN COMPONENT (PK4 Only) – TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS**

Personnel teaching eligible four-year-old students in Texas must be appropriately certified to teach prekindergarten and have an “additional qualification.”

Statute: TEC §29.167 (b) Commissioner’s Rule: TAC §102.1003 (d)

\*Updated to reflect changes enacted by [House Bill \(HB\) 2729, 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023](#)

<b>Options (Code Table ID)</b>	<b>Appropriately certified to teach early childhood</b>	<b>Additional qualification for teachers in a LEA-provided Prekindergarten Classroom (PK4 Only):</b>
<b>Option #1 (Code 01)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Certification offered through a training center accredited by Association Montessorri Internationale or through the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education</b>
<b>Option #2 (Code 03)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Be employed as a prekindergarten teacher in a school district that has ensured specific prekindergarten professional development has been met:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Has completed 150 hours of professional development in ECE-specific topics over a consecutive five-year period; 75 of the 150 hours being in a mentoring/coaching relationship or;</b></li> <li><b>b. Completes 30 hours of ECE-specific professional development annually with 15 of the 30 hours being in a mentoring/coaching relationship until 150 hours are documented</b></li> </ul>
<b>Option #3 (Code 05)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>A Child Development Associate (CDA) credential</b>
<b>Option #4 (Code 06)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Documented completion of the Texas School Ready Training Program (TSR Comprehensive)</b>
<b>Option #5 (Code 07)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>*An associate or baccalaureate degree in ECE, Special Education-ECE or a non-ECE degree with 15 units of ECE-specific coursework</b>
<b>Option #6 (Code 08)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>*At least eight years’ experience of teaching in a nationally accredited child care program or Texas Rising Star Program</b>



**HIGH-QUALITY PREKINDERGARTEN COMPONENT (PK4 Only) – TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS (CONTRACT ENTITY)**

Each teacher for a prekindergarten class provided by an entity with which a school district contracts to provide a prekindergarten program must:

- (1) be supervised by a person who meets the requirements under Subsection (b); and
- (2) have one of the following qualifications

Statute: TEC §29.167 (b-1) Commissioner’s Rule: TAC §102.1003 (d)

Updated to reflect changes enacted by [House Bill \(HB\) 2729, 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023](#)

Options (Code Table ID)	Appropriately certified to teach early childhood	Additional qualification for teachers in a Prekindergarten Classroom (PK4 Only) provided by an a school district contracts to provide a Prekindergarten program (29.167 (b-1)):
Option #1 (Code 09)	No	Contract Entity - At least two years’ experience of teaching in a nationally accredited child care program or Texas Rising Star Program and a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or another early childhood education credential approved by the agency
Option #2 (Code 10)	No	Contract Entity - At least two years’ experience of teaching in a nationally accredited child care program or Texas Rising Star Program and a certification offered through a training center accredited by Association Montessori Internationale or through the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
Option #3 (Code 11)	No	Contract Entity - Been employed as a prekindergarten teacher in a school district that has ensured specific prekindergarten professional development requirements have been met <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Has completed 150 hours of professional development in ECE-specific topics over a consecutive five-year period; 75 of the 150 hours being in a mentoring/coaching relationship or;</li> <li>b. Completes 30 hours of ECE-specific professional development annually with 15 of the 30 hours being in a mentoring/coaching relationship until 150 hours are documented</li> </ul>
Option #4 (Code 12)	No	Contract Entity- An associate or baccalaureate degree in ECE, Special Education-ECE or a non-ECE degree with 15 units of ECE-specific coursework
Option #5 (Code 13)	No	Contract Entity - At least eight years’ experience of teaching in a nationally accredited child care program or Texas Rising Star Program