

**Alternative-South Texas Educator Program (A-STEP)
240701
March 25, 2011**

Compliance Status Report

A Compliance Audit conducted January 10-13, 2011 by the Texas Education Agency staff to the educator preparation program in accordance with Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 228.10 yielded the following area of non-compliance: 1) Texas Administrative Code § 228.30 Educator Preparation Curriculum. Please refer to your report for details.

In order to maintain continuing approval to operate as an educator preparation program in good standing, the program is required to describe the status of all corrective actions in this report. Please feel free to use as many pages as necessary to thoroughly explain program changes and actions. TAC 229.3 requires that educator preparation programs provide all data and information requested by TEA.

Area of Non-Compliance 1: **Educator Preparation Curriculum** as per TAC §228.30.

Corrective Action Taken:

Date Action Initiated, Implemented or Completed: (If incomplete, please provide date of expected completion)

Documentation or Products Requested by TEA as Evidence of Compliance:

- Curriculum Alignment Charts for the Generalist EC-6, Science 4-8, and Science 8-12 certification areas.
- Syllabi for the Generalist EC-6, Science 4-8, and Science 8-12 coursework detailing how each specific content area (language arts, reading, math, social studies, science, health, physical education, music, and art for Generalist EC-6; Science 4-8; and Science 8-12) will be taught, how each candidate will interact with the content and practice the teaching skills, and how the candidate will be assessed for content knowledge and content methodology mastery.

- All of the preparation program’s curriculum materials for each Generalist EC-6 content area, for Science 4-8, and for Science 8-12, specifically all coursework/module curricular materials and instructional activities.
- Prior to the next five-year monitoring visit, detailed syllabi for the other approved certification fields as they are reviewed and modified per report recommendations.

Area of Non-Compliance 2: **Preparation Program Coursework and/or Training** as per TAC §228.35.

Corrective Action Taken:

Date Action Initiated, Implemented or Completed: (If incomplete, please provide date of expected completion)

Documentation or Products Requested by TEA as Evidence of Compliance:

- Course syllabi for Generalist EC-6, Science 4-8, and Science 8-12 indicating meeting dates and times representing 300 in-class contact hours.
- Candidate sign-in sheets for courses representing 300 in-class contact hours.
- Twenty (20) copies of cover letters and/or emails to principals indicating the submission of copies of candidate written feedback to the candidate’s campus administrator.

Area of Non-Compliance 3: **Assessment and Evaluation of Candidates for Certification and Program Improvement** as per TAC §228.40.

Corrective Action Taken:

Date Action Initiated, Implemented or Completed: (If incomplete, please provide date of expected completion)

Documentation or Products Requested by TEA as Evidence of Compliance:

- A document detailing the assessment process within and across courses as aligned to the Generalist EC-6, Science 4-8, and Science 8-12 educator standards that will be used to measure candidate progress at regular, specified transition points throughout the program.
- Copies of all of the preparation program's assessment materials for each Generalist EC-6 content area, for Science 4-8, and for Science 8-12, specifically all structured assessments of the candidate's progress throughout the educator preparation program.
- Prior to the next five-year monitoring visit, structured assessments of candidate progress for the other approved certification fields as they are reviewed and modified per report recommendations.

To Be Completed by TEA Staff: Approved Denied Follow up

Please email or mail this report and the supporting documentation to the program specialist contact, Dr. Phillip Eaglin at Phillip.eaglin@tea.state.tx.us by May 25, 2011.

Program Verification

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On behalf of the educator preparation program herein represented, I hereby attest that all information in this report is accurate as of this date.

Signature/Title of EPP Representative

Date

TEA Authorized Signature

Date

Further TEA Actions, if warranted: