



Science of Teaching Reading Exam Timelines and Requirements

June 2020

Today's Objectives

During today's webinar, participants will:

- ✓ Understand the Science of Teaching Reading (STR) exam requirements
- ✓ Review the timelines associated with the implementation of the STR exam
- ✓ Understand the impact of the STR exam requirement on other certification exams
- ✓ Identify opportunities for ongoing communication related to the STR exam





STR Exam Requirements

New Science of Teaching Reading Requirement



To earn a certificate to teach Pre-K to grade 6, a candidate must demonstrate proficiency in the science of teaching reading on a new, standalone certification examination, starting January 1, 2021.

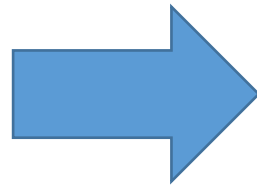


In Statute

TEC Sec 21.048 (a-2): The State Board of Educator Certification “shall adopt rules that provide that in order to teach any grade level from prekindergarten through grade six a person must demonstrate proficiency in the science of teaching reading on a certification for each class of certificate issued by the board after January 1, 2021.”

Science of Teaching Reading Exam Requirement*

Science of Teaching Reading exam requirement starting 1/1/2021 for Intern, Probationary and Standard Certifications



Early Childhood: EC – Grade 3
Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood–Grade 6
Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4–8
English Language Arts and Reading with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4–8
English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4–8

Proposed replacement certificate names for HB3 impacted certificates

*Teachers who are standard certified in Core Subjects: EC-6, Core Subjects: 4-8, English Language Arts and Reading: 4-8, or English Language Arts and Social Studies: 4-8 will not be required to pass the STR exam for renewal of their certificate. The STR exam requirement only impacts candidates seeking certification after Jan. 1, 2021.



STR Exam Implementation Timelines

Pre-STR Implementation: Candidates requirements for issuance of a standard certificate prior to 12/31/2020

**IHE
Traditional**



Clinical Teaching

December 31, 2020

Content
Pedagogy Test

PPR or
edTPA

Standard Certification

**Alternative
Certification**



Internship

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Standard Certification

All EPPs



EPP requirements met
Test Complete
Fingerprint & Fees

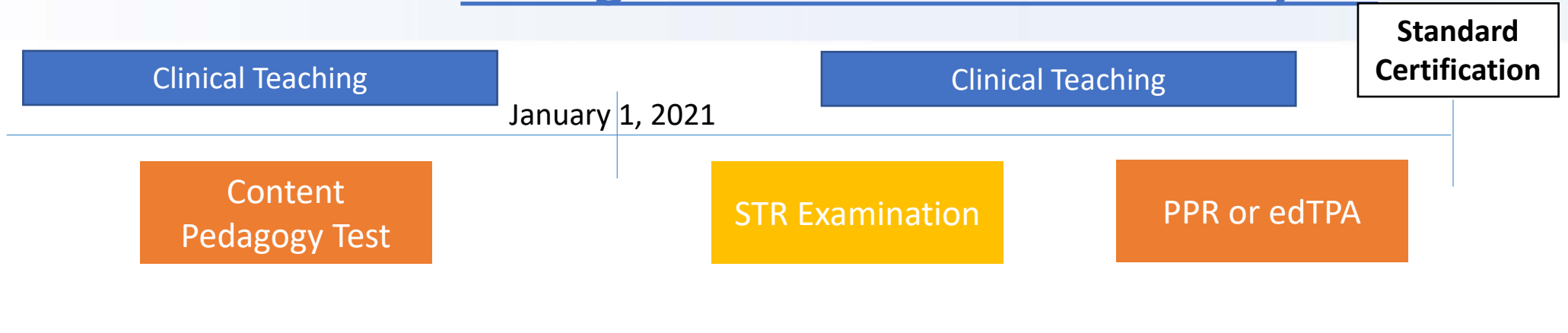
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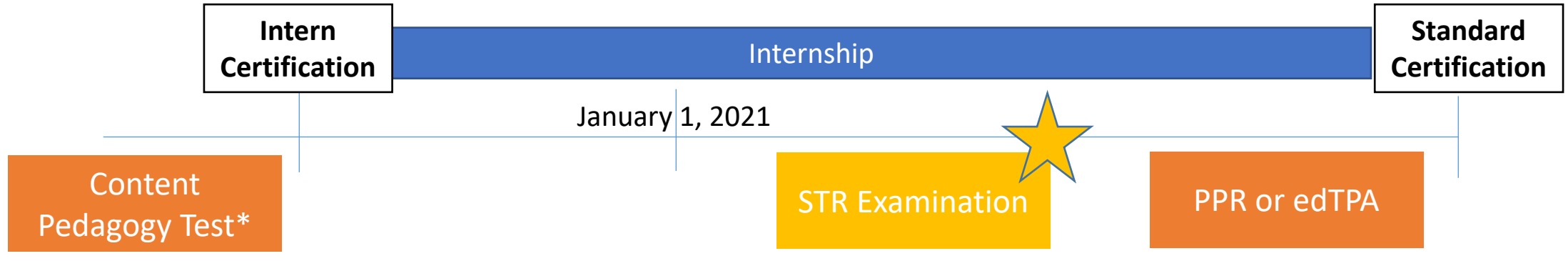
Standard Certification

Transition Year: Candidate requirements for issuance of a standard certificate during the 2020-2021 academic year

IHE Traditional



Alternative Certification



*Candidates on the WINT Certificate will not be required to take content pedagogy test for intern certification

Assessment Structure by Pathway after 1/1/2021: Candidate requirements for issuance of an intern, probationary, and standard certificate

**IHE
Traditional**



Clinical Teaching

Standard
Certification

Content
Pedagogy Test

STR Examination

PPR or edTPA

**Alternative
Certification**



Intern
Certification

Internship

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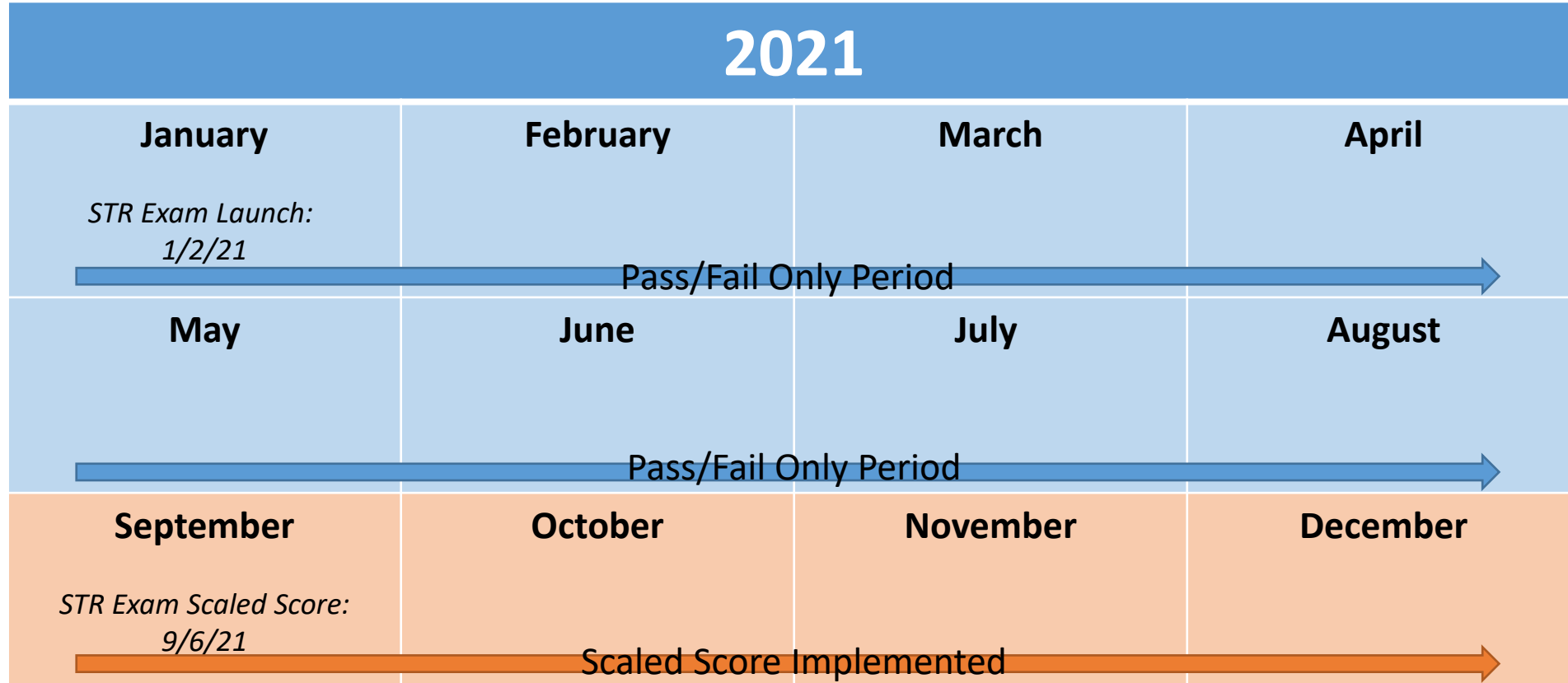
Assessment Structure by Pathway after 1/1/2021

By statutory mandate, the STR exam is required for the certificate to ISSUE, beginning Jan. 1, 2021

Beginning 1/1/2021, all candidates will be required to take the STR exam for issuance of an intern, probationary, and standard certificate. This includes:

- Currently enrolled candidates pursuing certification in an HB3 impacted certification field who do not finish prior to 12/31/20.
- Future candidates pursuing certification in an HB3 impacted certification field
- Candidates who may have previously completed a preparation program who have not been issued a standard certificate prior to 1/1/2021.
- Candidates issued the Waiver Probationary Certificate who have not completed all testing requirements and have not been issued a standard certificate prior to 1/1/2021.
- Teachers seeking certification by exam for an HB3 impacted certificate field after 1/1/21.

STR Exam Launch Timeline: Pass/Fail Only Period



Assessment Resources for STR

Resources:

- STR Standards (TEA website)
- STR Test Framework (TEA website)
- STR Prep Manual – Tentative date: September 2020
- Representative Exam and Interactive Practice Exam – Tentative date: Spring 2021



Certification Exams Impacted by STR Exam Implementation



Content Pedagogy Exam Transition: Core Subjects: EC-6 291-391 Transition Period

Core Subjects: EC-6	Core Subjects with STR: EC-6	
2020	2021	2022
	293 Science of Teaching Reading (starting 1/1/2021)	
291 Core Subjects EC-6 TExES (last exam operational date 12/31/2021)		
	391 Core Subjects EC-6 TExES (starting 1/1/2021)	

Development of 391:

- Updated ELAR subtest to remove duplicative content
- Reduction and redistribution of content across remaining subtests, increasing available time per item

Transition Period:

- Both exams will be operational from Jan 2, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2021 (one-year overlap)
- Recommended that first-time test takers take 391 after Jan. 1, 2021
- Yearlong overlap in operational periods to support candidates who are still needing to pass specific 291 subtests

Certification Issuance:

- A passing score on 291 can be used for issuance of the Core Subjects with STR: EC-6 no later than Dec. 31, 2022.

Resource Availability:

- Preparation Manual and Representative Test: Fall 2020



STR Exam Continued Communication

- **TEA Website:**
 - Dedicated STR exam webpage with up-to-date resources, webinar links, and FAQ documents
- **Pearson Bi-Monthly Newsletter**
- **EPP Weekly Newsletter:**
 - EPPs should contact their assigned program specialist to sign up



Additional Topics related to the STR Exam

<https://bit.ly/STRExamTopics>



Thank you!