ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT

Educator Preparation Program

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Instructor

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INFORMATION SESSION AGENDA TEC 21.044(e)



- Required educator
 skills & responsibilities
- High expectations for students
- Educator supply & demand
- EPP performance

- Skills for building strong classroom management
- Teacher evaluation framework & procedures

(in accordance with Subchapter H)





ACEPP Entrance Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited university. (Career & Technology Education fields may be exempt from this criteria)
- Minimum 3.00 GPA
- Official transcripts from *all* colleges or universities previously attended
- Take TX PACT (Essential Academic Skills (700) for Core Subjects EC-6 or (790) for Core Subjects 4-8, etc.) <u>http://www.tx.nesinc.com/Home.aspx</u>
- * PACT is *waived* for Master's degrees or higher & 3.00 GPA or higher







Examinee Score Report





Alamo Colleges EPP Requirements

322 hours of Coursework which include:

50 hours of Field Based Experience & Reflection

32 hours (minimum) of Professional Development

- Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Suicide Prevention
- Ethics
- Behavior Management
- Dyslexia
- Texas Behavior Support Initiative

Teaching

Paid Internship- 180 days (one school year) or Clinical Teaching- 75 days









When can I apply for a teaching position?

A student in an Educator Preparation Program may apply for a teaching position and apply for a Probationary Certificate when they:

- pass the TExES Content exam in their certification area
- complete a minimum of 50 hours of field-based experience (observations & 25 hrs. must be interactive)
- complete a minimum of **150 hours of coursework**









Additional Requirements

- All applicants must disclose to ACEPP staff if they currently hold or have previously held any teaching permits or certificates.
- All applicants must disclose to ACEPP staff if they previously attended another Educator Preparation Program/ATCP and request a **Transfer Form**.

TEA Candidate Transfer Form Part A: To Be Completed by the Candidate									
TEA ID Number Date of Birth: MM/DD/YYYY									
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Transferring From:									
Transferring To:			(name	of program)					0
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Candidate's Signature				Date					
Part B: To Be C	ompleted I	by the	Releasi	ng Educato	or Pre	parat	tion Pro	ogram	
Name of Original Entity						County-District (TEA) Number			ber
Candidate Identified as Comple Certification Area(s):	eter: <u>No</u>	Yes Y	'ear:		a a	Date Test Approval(s) Removed:			noved:
Program Record:		Number of Coursework Field Experience Hours Completed Hours Completed				Practicum Time Completed		eted	
Is the candidate in good standing?_Y	_N								
Name and Title of Program Administrator or Certification (Officer	Date		Fax # / Email			Sign	ature	
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Why Alamo Colleges EPP?

- High Standards
- High Expectations
- Focus on Effective Teaching
- Fast-paced Curriculum
- Supported Field Experiences
- High Teacher Success Rate
- Competitive Pricing
- Small Class Sizes







ACEPP Student Expectations

- Attend all classes
 - Complete Assignments on time
 - Contact instructors when missing a class or unable to complete assignments on time
 - Repeat any Courses failed (at cost)
- Maintain current contact information with ACEPP Staff and Instructors
- Respond to all communication from ACEPP Staff and Instructors within 48 hours.
- Always maintain professional demeanor as a student in the classroom, an intern/clinical teacher
- Students must use Academic Integrity
- Violations cover conduct involving scholastic dishonesty





Field Based Experience (Part 1)

50 hours of observation (25 hours must be interactive)

- A criminal background check is required
- You will be placed at a TEA approved district to complete your field-based experience. (Do not contact schools on your own for placement.)
- Let Program Director know if you have connections in a school to coordinate placement.
- Keep copies for your records, and scan/e-mail logs and reflections to <u>pramirez43@alamo.edu</u>





Field Based Experience (Part 2)

Internship (180 days w/pay) or Clinical Teaching (70 days)

- Candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to employment as an educator: Texas Education Code (TEC), §22.083
- You will be responsible for securing a teaching position at a TEA approved district to complete your **paid internship** (180 days).
- Unpaid Clinical Teaching (14 weeks / 70 days) Program Director will coordinate placement, so inform ACEPP if you have connections in a school.
- Candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to clinical teaching: (TEC), §22.0835,
- Keep copies for your records and e-mail logs and reflection to Field Supervisor.
- All students are required to attend an orientation prior to placement.





Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation (PCHE) [19 TAC § 227.103]

• Fingerprinting can be initiated as an applicant for certification, or through employment with a Texas school district or charter school.

Applicants for Certification – TEC §22.0831

- Candidates may request a preliminary criminal history evaluation prior to admission to an EPP. The agency's written opinion about an individual's eligibility for certification is based on the individual's self-reported criminal history.
- Request the PCHE and make \$50 payment online (nonrefundable)
- May be performed for anyone who:
 - Is applying to an EPP or taking a test and,
 - Has been convicted or received deferred adjudication for a crime.

<u>Not required</u> and <u>not needed</u> if there is <u>nothing to report</u>.





Necessary Personal Skills for an Educator

- Patience
- Adaptability
- Imagination
- Teamwork
- Risk Taking

- Constant Learning
- Communication
- Mentoring
- Leadership





Educator Responsibilities

Prepare lesson plans

Teach classes

Grade papers

Evaluate student progress

Encourage students

Advise students

Maintain discipline

Club/activity sponsor

Contribute to the mission/vision of school

Professional Development

Communicate with parents, team, school staff







The Importance of Building Strong Classroom Management Skills

7 classroom management techniques you should master:

- 1) Get Focused
- 2) Be Direct
- 3)Circulate
- 4)Role Model
- 5) Environment
- 6) Clear Rules and Consequences
- 7) Put the "I" in "Instruct"



Adapted from <u>http://www.teachercertification.org/a/classroom-</u> management-tips.html





Rigorous Student Expectations

Processing Standards from Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) 7th Grade Math <u>http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter111/ch111b.html</u>

(a) Introduction

(1) The desire to achieve educational excellence is the driving force behind the Texas essential knowledge and skills for mathematics, guided by the college and career readiness standards. By embedding statistics, probability, and finance, while focusing on computational thinking, mathematical fluency, and solid understanding, Texas will lead the way in mathematics education and prepare all Texas students for the challenges they will face in the 21st century.

(2) The process standards describe ways in which students are expected to engage in the content.

(3) The primary focal areas in Grade 7 are numbers and operations; proportionality; expressions, equations, and relationships; and measurement and data. Students use concepts, algorithms, and properties of rational numbers to explore mathematical relationships and to describe increasingly complex situations. Students use concepts of proportionality to explore, develop, and communicate mathematical relationships, including number, geometry and measurement, and statistic and probability. Students use algebraic thinking to describe how a change in one quantity in a relationship results in a change in the other. Students connect verbal, numeric, graphic, and symbolic representations of relationships, including equations and inequalities. Students use geometric properties and relationships, as well as spatial reasoning, to model and analyze situations and solve problems. Students communicate information about geometric figures or situations by quantifying attributes, generalize procedures from measurement experiences, and use the procedures to solve problems. Students use appropriate statistics, representations of data, and reasoning to draw conclusions, evaluate arguments, and make recommendations. While the use of all types of technology is important, the emphasis on algebra readiness sills necessitates the implementation of graphing technology.





Rigorous Student Expectations

The State of Texas has high student expectations. It is imperative that all Texas educators understand how the STAAR program measures the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) curriculum standards.

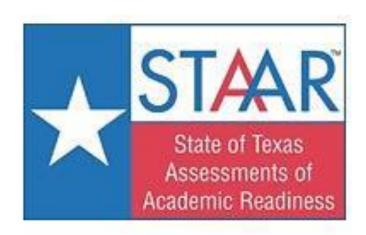
STAAR Resources

General Resources | Specific Resources | Assessed Curriculum | Blueprints | Released Tests

The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) program, which was implemented in Spring 2012, includes annual assessments for:

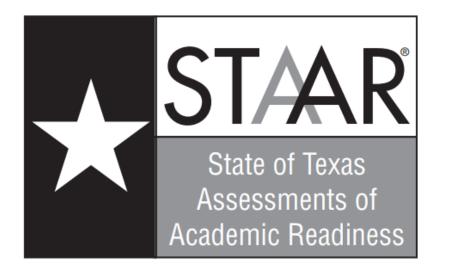
- Reading and Mathematics, grades 3 8
- Science, grades 5 and 8
- Social Studies, grade 8
- End-Of-Course (EOC) assessments for English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology and U.S. History

http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/staar/









GRADE 3 Mathematics

Administered May 2017

RELEASED

27 The list shows three clues about a number.

- The number is less than 6,538.
- The number is greater than 6,355.
- The number has a digit less than 5 in the hundreds place.

Which of these could be the number described?

A 6,549
B 6,268
C 6,519
D 6,449

http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/STAAR_Released_Test_Questions/





T-TESS

Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System

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Planning

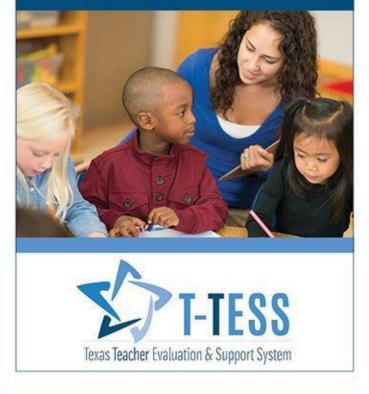
Instruction

Learning Environment

Professional Practices & Responsibilities

https://teachfortexas.org/









PLANNING DIMENSION 1.1

Standards and Alignment

The teacher designs clear, well-organized, sequential lessons that reflect best practice, align with standards and are appropriate for diverse learners. Standards Basis: 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 3C

Distinguished	Accomplished	Proficient	Developing	(Improvement Neede
STUDENT-CENTERED ACTIONS				TEACHER-CENTERED ACTIONS
Instructional Planning Includes:	Instructional Planning Includes:	Instructional Planning Includes:	Instructional Planning Includes:	Instructional Planning Includes:
All rigorous and measurable goals aligned to state content standards.	 All measurable goals aligned to state content standards. 	 All goals aligned to state content standards. 	 Most goals aligned to state content standards. 	 Few goals aligned to state content standards.
All activities, materials and assessments that:	 All activities, materials and assessments that: 	 All activities, materials and assessments that: 	 Most activities, materials and assessments that: 	 Few activities, materials and assessments that:
 are logically sequenced 	 are sequenced 	 are relevant to students 	 are sequenced 	 are sequenced
 are relevant to students' prior understancing and real-world applications 	 are relevant to students' prior understanding integrate other disciplines 	 provide appropriate time for lesson and lesson closure fit into the broader unit and 	 sometimes provide appropriate time for lesson and lesson closure 	rardy provide time for lesson and lesson dosure Lessons where few objectives are
 integrate and reinforce concepts from other disciplines 	 provide appropriate time for student work, lesson and lesson 	course objectives	Lessons where most objectives are aligned and sequenced to the	aligned and sequenced to the lesson's goal.
 provide appropriate time for student work, student reflection, lesson and lesson closure 	 dosure reinforce broader unit and course objectives 	learners All objectives aligned to the lesson's goal. 	lesson's goal.	
 deepen understanding of broader unit and course objectives 	 are vertically aligned to state standards 	 Integration of technology when applicable. 		
 are vertically aligned to state standards 	 are appropriate for diverse learners 	-		Possible Sources
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Objectives aligned and logically sequenced to the lesson's goal, providing relevant and enriching extensions of the lesson.	 Integration of technology to enhance mestery of goal(s). 			Conferences and Conversations with the Teacher Formal Observations/
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T-TESS		T-TESS Rubric		





Dismissal Procedures for Misconduct

- 1st Violation Written Warning
- 2nd Violation Probation
- 3rd Violation Dismissal
- Inappropriate contact with a student will result in immediate termination from the program.







ACEPP Cost= \$5837 for EC-6 & 4-8

Content Course	\$3606
Principles of Teaching	\$826
Digital Literacy	\$537
Professional Development	\$74
FBE/32 hr. Log & Internship <i>or</i> Clinical Teaching	\$794
Supplemental – Bilingual, ESL Special Education (optional)	

- Books (prices vary *or* will be provided electronically)
- VIA Bus Service

-A valid student ID card is required to obtain a bus pass.

What really smart students are taking this semester.







Refunds

- The Alamo Colleges Educator Preparation Program adheres to the Alamo Colleges District Policy on all refund requests.
- Refund requests require approximately ten (10) days at minimum to process and will be mailed to the address provided on the registration form.
- Refund Schedule
 - 100% prior to the first class meeting
 - 0% after the first class meeting





Supply/Demand for Educators in Texas

- Over the next ten years, increasing demand due to aging teacher workforce (ready to retire) and high student enrollment.
- Texas broke its own record by hiring over 4,500 new teachers in 2013
- Goal of State Board of Educator Certification: teacher workforce reflect state racial-ethnic composition, which required more minority teachers.
- Continued teacher shortages: secondary math/science; bilingual education/English as a second language; foreign Languages; STEM; and special education.
- Workforce Commission anticipates elem. School jobs will add the second-highest number of jobs among all occupations in the state through the end of the decade, nearly 68,000 new jobs, and middle schools expected to add additional 65,000 jobs.





Supply and Demand Continued

- High demand in urban and rural areas with urban and poor communities having the greatest need (700,000 teachers the next decade).
- Urban communities face teacher retention challenges because many leave to take higher salaries in wealthier suburban school districts.
- Urban schools typically open schools with substitutes due to lack of available certified teachers.
- Some school districts pay signing bonuses or extra stipend as incentives for those teaching in inner city school or in a shortage area.
- Competition for jobs along I-35 corridor is fierce. Rural areas find attracting teachers difficult due to remoteness and lack of amenities.
- Preference in hiring is given to those with Masters Degrees in teaching or education or similar graduate degrees, which equate to higher salaries.

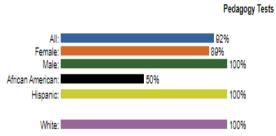


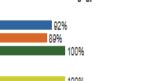


Educator Certification Online System

Alamo Colleges (EPP) (015709) Test Pass Rates for the Completion Year 2024 (First 2 Attempts)

Period	All	Female	Male	African American	Hispanic	Other	White
9/1/2023-8/31/2024 — Pedagogy Tests	<u>92%(13)</u>	<u>89%(9)</u>	<u>100%(4)</u>	<u>50%(2)</u>	100%(5)		100%(6)
9/1/2023-8/31/2024 — Content Pedagogy Tests	<u>100%(15)</u>	<u>100%(10)</u>	<u>100%(5)</u>		<u>100%(7)</u>		<u>100%(8)</u>





Content Pedagogy Tests 100% 100%



All

Female:

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9/1/2022-8/31/2023 — Content Pedagogy Tests	<u>96%(20)</u>	<u>95%(16)</u>	<u>100%(4)</u>	<u>100%(1)</u>	<u>94%(13)</u>	<u>100%(2)</u>	<u>100%(4)</u>





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Content Pedagogy Tests





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Period	All	Female	Male	African American	Hispanic	Other	White
9/1/2021-8/31/2022 — Pedagogy Tests	<u>100%(10)</u>	<u>100%(6)</u>	<u>100%(4)</u>	<u>100%(1)</u>	<u>100%(5)</u>	<u>100%(1)</u>	<u>100%(3)</u>
9/1/2021-8/31/2022 — Content Pedagogy Tests	<u>93%(21)</u>	<u>95%(15)</u>	<u>88%(6)</u>	<u>100%(1)</u>	<u>87%(12)</u>		<u>100%(8)</u>

Pedagogy Tests





Content Pedagogy Tests





Educator Certification Online System

Alamo Colleges (EPP) (015709) Test Pass Rates for the Completion Year 2021

Period	All	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	African American	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>White</u>
9/1/2020-8/31/2021 — PPR Exams	<u>93%(29)</u>	<u>100%(15)</u>	<u>86%(14)</u>	<u>100%(4)</u>	<u>91%(11)</u>	<u>100%(2)</u>	<u>92%(12)</u>
9/1/2020-8/31/2021 — Non-PPR Exams	<u>100%(35)</u>	<u>100%(22)</u>	<u>100%(13)</u>	<u>100%(2)</u>	<u>100%(14)</u>	<u>100%(3)</u>	<u>100%(16)</u>

PPR





Non-PPR

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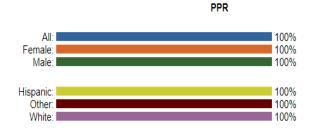




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Alamo Colleges (EPP) (015709) Test Pass Rates for the Completion Year 2020

Period	<u>All</u>	<u>Female</u>	Male	African American	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>White</u>
9/1/2019-8/31/2020 — PPR Exams	<u>100%(11)</u>	<u>100%(6)</u>	<u>100%(5)</u>		<u>100%(5)</u>	<u>100%(1)</u>	<u>100%(5)</u>
9/1/2019-8/31/2020 — Non-PPR Exams	<u>100%(6)</u>	<u>100%(2)</u>	<u>100%(4)</u>		<u>100%(3)</u>	<u>100%(1)</u>	<u>100%(2)</u>





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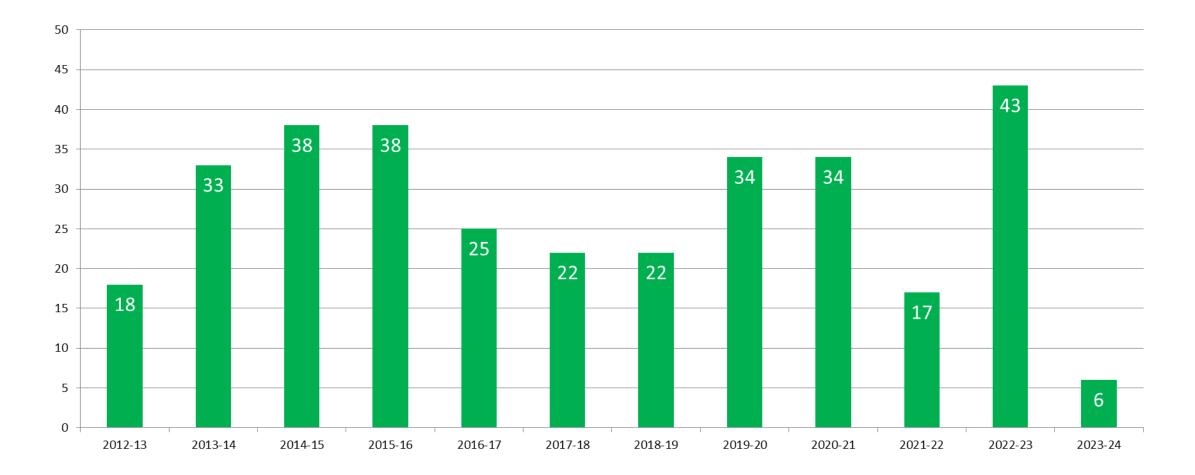
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Non-PPR

Enrollment



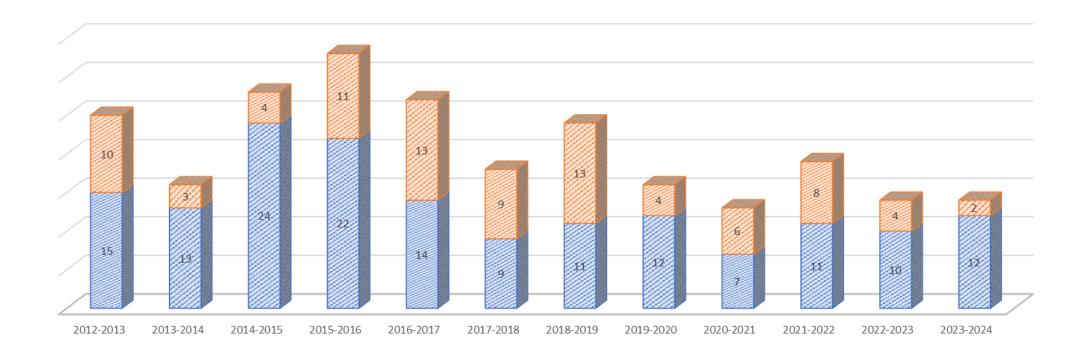




Interns and Clinical Teachers

INTERNS AND CLINICAL TEACHERS

🛛 Interns 🛛 Clinical





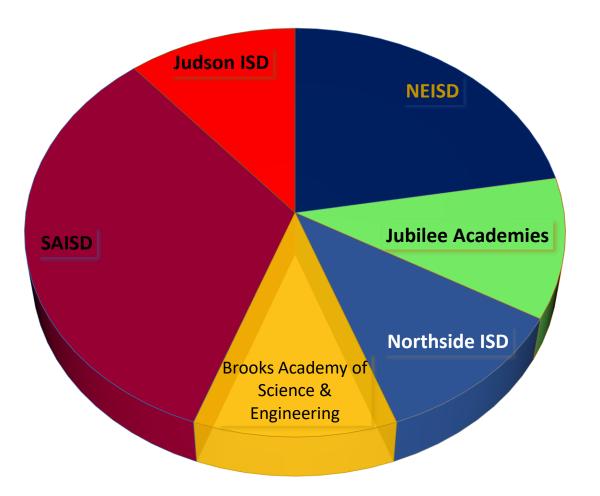


Year	Enrollment	Finishers
2012 – 13	18	24
2013 – 14	33	16
2014 – 15	38	28
2015 – 16	38	33
2016 – 17	25	27
2017 – 18	22	18
2018 – 19	22	24
2019 – 20	34	16
2020 – 21	34	13
2021 – 22	17	19
2022 – 23	44	14
2023 – 24	41	13
2024 – 25		





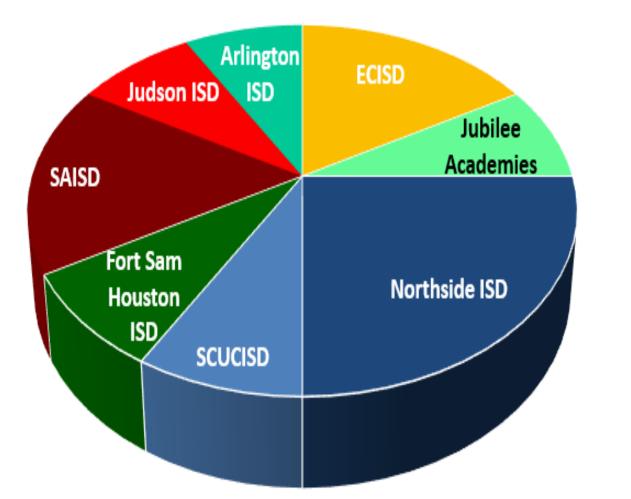
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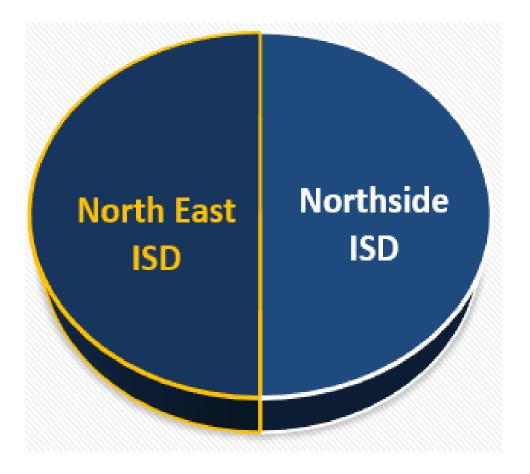






Hired or placed in 2023-2024:



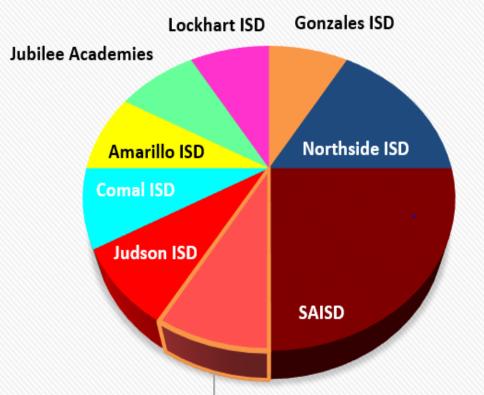






Hired or placed in 2022-2023:

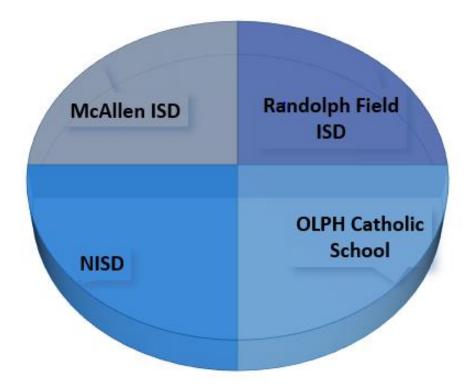
2022-2023 INTERNS



Eleanor Kolitz Hebrew Language Academy



CLINICAL TEACHERS 2022-2023

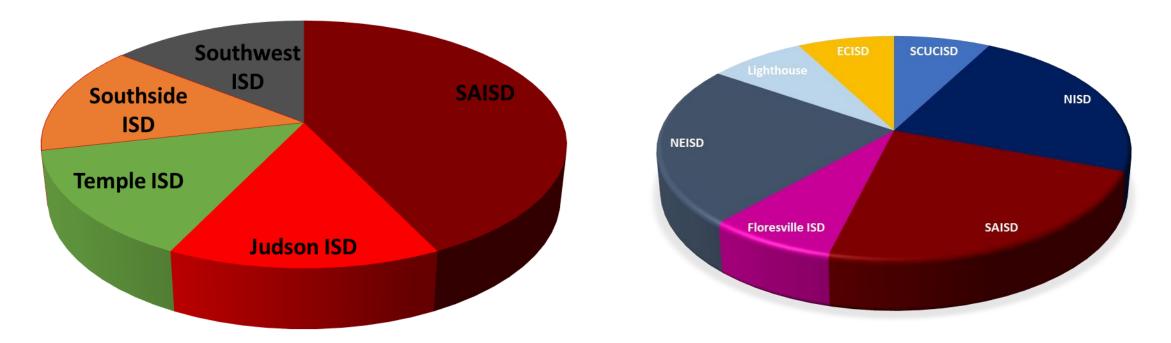




Hired or placed in 2021-2022:

2021-2022 Interns

2021-2022 CLINICAL TEACHERS







Texas Administrative Code

<u>Title 19</u>	EDUCATION
PART 7	STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
CHAPTER §228	REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Rule 228.35

Preparation Program Coursework and / or Training

- (a)(6)(b) Coursework and / or training for candidates seeking initial certification in the classroom teacher certification class. An EPP shall provide each candidate with a minimum of 300 clock-hours of coursework and / or training.
 - http://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&pg=1&p_tac=& ti=19&pt=7&ch=228&rl=35





RULE §228.35

- **322+** clock-hours of coursework and/or training:
- ACEPP Breakdown:
 - 160 Content
 - 48 Principles of Teaching
 - 32 Professional Development
 - 50 Field Based Experience
 - 32 Digital Literacy
 - 3-6 hours of test preparation
 - 48 Bilingual Education (optional)





Standard Certification Recommendation

ONLY upon completion of ACEPP:

- Coursework (with passing grades)
- Certification Exams (with passing scores)
- Successful Internship or Clinical Teaching









Issues and / or Appeals

- Any issues should be taken to the Field Supervisor, Instructor, or Program Manager immediately.
- Appeals need to be presented to the Program Manager within the respective semester.

https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Preparation_and_Continuing_Education/Complaints_Against_Educator_Preparation_Programs/







Test Preparation Manuals: http://www.tx.nesinc.com/Home.aspx







Coursework	Cost
Elementary & Middle School	
ELAR	\$1081
Math	\$721
Social Studies	\$721
Science	\$721
Fine Arts, Health, & P.E.	\$362
Professional Development	\$74
Digital Literacy	\$537
Principles of Teaching	\$826
INTERNSHIP or CLINICAL & FIELD BASED EXPERIENCE	\$794
	TOTAL COST: \$5837 EC-6 & 4-8





Necessary Personal Skills of an Educator

Patience - This is likely the single most important skill. Kids these days are stubborn, and many lack the inherent respect for authority that we were taught at a young age. Spending a single day in a room full of raucous teenagers is enough to send any human being to the looney bin, which is why every good teacher needs patience in order to find a way to work with his students and earn their respect.

Adaptability - Different kids learn in different ways, and some lessons need unique teaching tools. Good teachers know how to adapt their lesson plan to their students, so that all the kids learn optimally. This trait can take some experience and practice in a classroom setting, so give it time.

Imagination - Whether you teach high school chemistry or kindergarten, nothing is a more effective tool than using your imagination to create new and interesting ways for your students to learn. You may be inspired by the work of another teacher, mentor or a TV commercial - it doesn't matter. All that matters is that you take the initiative to find new ways for your kids to learn the material.

Teamwork- Teachers could have a hard time without a wide variety of support staff around them. If you feel alone, your school principal, administrative staff, parent-teacher committee, and more are often available to provide you help. By working as a team, you may have an easier time increasing your students' ability to learn and have fun.

Risk Taking - Sometimes to get the big reward, you may need to take a risk. Being a teacher is about finding a way to get kids to learn, and sometimes these **new learning methods** can be risky. Stick to it and you'll soon find that others are following your teaching example.

Constant Learning - You can never know too much when you are a teacher, especially when it comes to the best way to teach your students. Great teachers are constantly looking for ways to expand their horizons with courses, workshops, and seminars. Make sure you **don't become stagnant** by taking courses to keep the content fresh in your mind.

Communication - No teacher will succeed if they don't have good communication skills. Clear, concise, and to the point - the better your communication skills are, the easier your lessons will be. There are many different types of classes available to help some teachers who may need help improving their skills.

Mentoring - Teachers need to always remember that, aside from parents, they are one of the most consistent mentors in a child's life. That means setting a good example, at all times. Teachers may also have students that they spend extra time with being a mentor, which means that being a good role model is even more important.

Leadership - One of the other most important skills each teacher must have (besides patience) is leadership. Your students need someone to guide them, to be in charge, and set the tone of the class. Leadership is a difficult skill, meaning you may want to get outside help if you feel that you could use more work on this particular skill, or any other for that matter.

Source: Teacher Certification.com <u>http://www.teachercertification.org/a/9-useful-skills-</u> for-teachers.html

Responsibilities of Teachers

Preparing lesson plans

Teaching classes

Evaluating student progress

Encouraging students

Acting as teacher-advisors for students

Maintaining discipline in the classroom.

Running extracurricular sports, clubs and activities (voluntary)

Communicating with parents about students' progress.

Continuing intellectual and professional development

Working as part of a cooperative and diverse team of educators and administrators to carry out the vision and mission of the campus and school district





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