

# Certification and Licensure

Jasper Independent School District strives to employ the most qualified applicant; therefore, applicants with valid Texas teaching certificates will be considered first for all open teaching positions.

Please review the information below if you currently do not have Texas educator certification and would like to teach in Jasper Independent School District. Information regarding requirements to become a classroom teacher in Texas may be found on the Texas Education Agency website at [tea.texas.gov](http://tea.texas.gov).

Anyone seeking educator certification in Texas must pass examinations of professional knowledge and subject matter knowledge approved by the State Board for Educator Certification. Approved examinations are Texas Examinations of Educator Standards (TExES). To register for a TExES exam or to download a study guide, please visit the Pearson website at [www.tx.nesinc.com](http://www.tx.nesinc.com).

## Routes to Educator Certification

### University-based Programs

These programs are usually delivered as part of a baccalaureate degree program. However, most colleges and universities have programs designed to prepare people who already hold a bachelor's degree and want to obtain educator certification. These programs may vary by institution.

### Alternative Certification through an Educator Preparation Program

Some institutions of higher education and large school districts have been approved by the State Board for Educator Certification to operate alternative programs of preparation for teachers and administrators. These programs may involve university coursework or other professional development experiences as well as intense mentoring and supervision, during the candidate's first year in the role of educator. In addition, some regional education service centers offer alternative programs of preparation similar to the school based programs. For a list of state approved Educator Preparation Programs, visit <https://tea.texas.gov/>.

### Certification Based on Credentials from Another State or U.S. Territory or another Country

An applicant, who has been issued a teaching certificate or credential from another state or United States territory or another country, may apply for a Texas certificate. The credential must be equivalent to a certificate issued by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), and must not have been revoked, suspended, or pending such action. SBEC will evaluate an expired credential provided it was standard at the time of issuance. A statement issued by another state department of education specifying employment or examination requirements will have the same standing as a standard certificate.

To apply for a review of credentials, all applicants must submit the following items:

- An online application for Out of State or Out of Country certificate holders;
- Application fee;
- Copies of the front and back of all educator credentials issued by another state or territory of the United States; or country;
- Official transcripts of all college credits, bearing the seal and signature of the college registrar;
- Completed fingerprints

An applicant who holds a standard credential from another state, or country and who meets specified requirements as determined by the review of credentials completed by the SBEC, may be issued a One Year Certificate in one or more subject areas. During the validity of this temporary, nonrenewable certificate, the applicant must satisfactorily complete all appropriate examinations for each certification area for which continued certification is desired.

Information regarding Out of State Certification may be found at: [tea.texas.gov](http://tea.texas.gov).

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Information on becoming an Educational Aide may be found at: [tea.texas.gov](http://tea.texas.gov).

Should you have further questions concerning your certification options, please contact Linda Coleman, with Human Resources at [lcoleman@jasperisd.net](mailto:lcoleman@jasperisd.net) or 409-382-1067.