

Stephen F. Austin State University

Undergraduate Admission to the Educator Preparation Program

In order to be admitted to the Educator Preparation Program, an applicant must meet each of the criteria below. Please note that the GPA requirements and adherence to the Texas Educator Code of Ethics must be maintained throughout the program.

Applications are completed online at <https://mysfa.sfasu.edu/web/home-community/academic>

(*Admission requirements are subject to change by action of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) or by the SFA Professional Educators' Council. The most current admission requirements can be found at <http://coe.sfasu.edu/students>)

Prior to admission to the EPP:

- ✓ Meet GPA requirements based on 1st registered semester at SFA:
 - *If 1st registered prior to Fall 2013: Must have and maintain 2.5 overall GPA or last 60 hours GPA (including transfer hours)*
 - *If 1st registered during or after Fall 2013: Must have and maintain 2.75 overall GPA or last 60 hours GPA (including transfer hours)*
- ✓ Minimum 12 credit hours completed in teaching field with required GPA
- ✓ (4-8 and SED Science/Math must have **15 credit hours**)
- ✓ Successful completion of the Educator Preparation Admissions Interview or other screening instrument
- ✓ TSI complete or basic skills scores in reading, written communication, and mathematics must be achieved from one of the following tests or a combination thereof and have been taken within the past FIVE (5) years **See right for required scores*
- ✓ Teacher candidates must register with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) per instructions that will be emailed from the Office of Assessment and Accountability.
- ✓ Students must read and adhere to the Texas Educator Code found at http://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/
- ✓ Students must read and agree to the Professional Dispositions Statement for Educator Preparation found at <http://coe.sfasu.edu/documents/eppdispositions>
- ✓ A non-refundable fee of **\$100** will be charged to the student's mySFA student account for each EPP application submitted
- ✓ A non-refundable fee of **\$35** will be charged to the student's mySFA student account for the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP) technology fee.

- ✓ A person who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a State Board for Educator Certification-approved educator preparation program or planning to take a certification examination **may request a preliminary criminal history evaluation letter** regarding the person's potential ineligibility for certification due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.
- ✓ A **Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation** is a non-mandatory, non-binding evaluation of an individual's self-reported criminal history. The service is provided by the Texas Education Agency to the requestor for a non-refundable fee.
- ✓ **You are eligible to request a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation if:**
 - You enrolled or planning to enroll in an educator preparation program or
 - You are planning to take a certification exam for initial educator certification, and
 - You have reason to believe that you may be ineligible for educator certification due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.
 - You are not eligible for a preliminary evaluation of your criminal history if you do not have a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

The Office of Assessment and Ability cannot answer questions regarding the Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation. Please visit https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/ for details.

Basic Skills Scores:

1. **TSI**
 - ✓ Reading Score: 351
 - ✓ Writing Score: 363
(plus 4 on essay) (also passing in Writing if an essay of 5 or higher is earned regardless of multiple choice score)
 - ✓ Math Score: 350

OR: You must meet the composite requirements in order to utilize ACT or SAT Scores

2. **ACT**
 - ✓ Composite Score: 23
 - ✓ Verbal (Read) or Math Score: 19
3. **SAT**
 - ✓ Math Score: 530
 - ✓ Reading & Writing: 480
(Evident-Based Reading/Writing score)

After admission to the EPP:

- ✓ Teacher candidates will be required to complete a criminal background check through the school district prior to completing field experience and clinical teaching.
- ✓ Teacher candidates will be required to successfully complete the state mandated fingerprint background check upon application with TEA for certification.