



NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Subject: School District Teaching Permit

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ACTION ITEM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The District currently has an assistant athletic trainer vacancy for the 2025-2026 school year. In addition to being a licensed athletic trainer, the candidate would need to teach one or more sports medicine courses. In reviewing the pool of candidates who are licensed athletic trainers, they do not hold valid teacher credentials. Although a candidate could pursue alternative certification in Health or Physical Education, this could take up to two years to obtain and would not meet the campuses' immediate needs. In addition, a candidate in an alternative certification program would be required to teach five periods of Health or Physical Education for one full school year before they can become fully certified.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION

The Texas Education Agency guidance states a teacher of the Texas State Athletic Trainers Association (TSATA) Sports Medicine I, II and III courses must hold a valid Texas secondary certificate.

However, a school district board of trustees has the ability to issue a school district teaching permit (SDTP) for an individual who is not certified to teach a noncore academic career and technical education (CTE) course. The type of SDTP for sports medicine courses would be for "Courses Other than Noncore Academic CTE Courses." An SDTP is specific to an individual and valid only in the district that originated the request.

Absent this process, the District will be limited or unable to find qualified athletic trainers. If this recommendation is approved, the District would evaluate the ongoing needs of the District to determine if certification is required in future years.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION

Not Applicable

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the requested school district teaching permit for the assistant athletic trainer candidate who does not hold a valid secondary certification but will be assigned to teach only Sports Medicine I, II, or III.

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

Approval/Disapproval