

Cooke County



July 26, 2021

Superintendent Dr. Shannon Luis
Era ISD
108 Hargrove St.
Era, Texas 76238

Dear Superintendent Luis,

On behalf of the Cooke County Extension Staff, I respectfully request approval of the attached Adjunct Faculty Agreement with the Independent School District.

The State Board of Education passed an amendment to 19 TAC§129.21 (j). Requirements for Student Attendance Accounting for State Funding Purposes allows public school students to be considered "in attendance" when participating in off-campus activities with an adjunct staff member of the school district. Section 3 of the Student Attendance Handbook states:

(1) The student is participating in an activity that is approved by the local board of school trustees and is under the direction of a member of the professional or paraprofessional staff of the school district, or an adjunct staff member who:

(A) has a minimum of a bachelor's degree; and

(B) is eligible for participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Cooke County requests the agents listed on the enclosed Adjunct Faculty Agreement be awarded adjunct staff member status for the period indicated on the agreement.

I hope Era Independent School District will accept this request. Please let me know if you would like to schedule an appointment to discuss the amendment and request or if you need further information.

Thank you and members of the Board of Trustees for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Phyllis A. Griffin

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – Cooke County
4-H & Youth Development Extension Agent

Attachment: Adjunct Faculty Request

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**THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF COOKE**

On this date, at a regularly scheduled and posted meeting, came the Board of Trustees of the Era ISD, hereinafter referred to as "District." A quorum having been established, the Board proceeded to consider the appointment of the herein named individuals as adjunct members of the Era ISD

Upon consideration and vote of _____ in favor, Phyllis Griffin and Angel Neu are hereby named as adjunct faculty members of the Era ISD subject to the following considerations and provisions of such appointment to wit:

1. This appointment shall commence on the _____ day of _____, 21____ and remain in effect until the _____ day of _____, 22_____.

2. This appointment will include the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees listed below:

NAME	TITLE	DEGREE	INSTITUTION	DATE
Phyllis A. Griffin	Extension Agent/4-H & Youth Development	B.S. M.S.	Oklahoma State University Oklahoma State University	1976, '78 1979
Angel Neu	Extension Agent/Family & Community Health	B.S. M.A.	Texas Tech University University of Texas Permian Basin	1996 2002

3. Adjunct faculty members will receive no compensation, salary, or remuneration from Independent School District.

4. Adjunct faculty members are and shall remain employees, in good standing, of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

5. Adjunct faculty members are and shall remain under the direct supervision of either the District Extension Administrator of District IV or Angel Neu, County Extension Director.

6. Adjunct faculty members shall receive all group insurance benefits, workman's compensation insurance benefits, unemployment insurance, and any and all other plans for the benefit of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees. District shall have no responsibility for any of such benefits or plans.

Adjunct faculty members shall direct the activities and participation of students of the school district in sponsored and approved activities as designated from time to time by adjunct faculty members for which notice shall be given to School District administrative personnel. Adjunct faculty members' activities and participation with students of the School District are directed, supervised, and controlled by and through supervisory personnel of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service pursuant to the supervisory authority of the District Extension Administrator or County Extension Director. Adjunct faculty members are not the employee of the School District, and School District does not nor shall not supervise, direct or control the activities and/or participation of such Cooke County Extension Agents who have been herein designated as an adjunct faculty member.

This appointment is made by the Independent School District by and through the Board of Trustees of said district for the benefit of allowing voluntary student participation in programs conducted by the

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in recognition of the educational benefits arising from such participation and activities and/or directed by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

This appointment is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 129.21 (j)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code authorizing the school to deem such participating students in attendance for foundation school program purposes.

This appointment of the herein named Cooke County Extension Agents, Phyllis A. Griffin and Angel Neu are not intended nor shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense of sovereign or governmental immunity from liability now possessed by Independent School District or any of its employees, agents, officers, and/or board members in the performance of governmental functions.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Era ISD

Superintendent

School Board President