

# HB 2

## Revised Texas Teacher Certification Requirements



# HB 2 Implementation: Teacher Certification

## New Requirements and Application Process for Certification Delay

### New Teacher Certification Requirements

- Completion of state-approved teacher preparation program
- Beginning in 2026-27, teachers who do not hold appropriate certification cannot teach K-5 Math or Reading
- In 2027-28, this extends to all core subjects across all grade levels
- Passing scores on required certification examinations
- Background check clearance and fingerprinting

### Application Process for Delay

#### Board Approval

#### Submit Request

#### Agreement with Teachworthy

**District Support:** Letter of support from hiring district required

**Review Timeline:** Applications processed within 30 business days

**Approval Decision:** One-year delay granted with conditions

# Smithville ISD Teacher Certifications

140

Total Teaching Staff

127

Traditionally Certified

13

(6 of 13 in K-5)

Alternatively Certified

# Alternative Certification Breakdown



Total Alternative Certifications: 15 staff members (10.7% of total staff)

## Teachworthy

**5 staff**

Alternative preparation

## DOI w/SOE Deadline

**3 staff**

In progress with deadline

## Alternative Cert

**2 staff**

Alternative certification

## Intern

**3 staff**

Intern certification

# Next Steps

- Consider Board approval of Certification Requirement Waiver at February 23, 2026 meeting
- SISD posts the notice to intend to apply for the Certification Requirement Waiver
- Waiver submission submitted to TEA



# Questions or Comments

