



**TO:** Secondary ELAR Teachers

**FROM:** Marco Garcia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

**RE:** ESL Supplemental Certification Requirements and Completion Stipend for 18-19

**DATE:** February 20, 2019

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, TEA released the new Chapter 89 Adaptations for Special Populations: Subchapter BB. Commissioner's Rules Concerning State Plan for Education English Learners. The §89.1210. Program Content and Design for English as a Second Language includes:

*The ESL program shall be implemented through the following program model.*

*An ESL/pull-out program model is an English acquisition program that serves students identified as English learners through English instruction provided by an appropriately certified ESL teacher under the TEC, §29.061(c), through English language arts and reading. The goal of ESL pull-out is for English learners to attain full proficiency in English in order to participate equitably in school. This model targets English language development through academic content instruction that is linguistically and culturally responsive in English language arts and reading. Instruction shall be provided by the ESL teacher in a pull-out or inclusionary delivery model.*

This means that a teacher that serves students identified as English Learners in the content areas of Language Arts and Reading must be appropriately SBEC ESL certified in a pull-out model.

You are receiving this notification because you have been identified as a teacher who services identified English Learner(s) and is not SBEC ESL certified. However, to be able to meet the requirement, supports will be offered and provided to include TEXES ESL Certification Review sessions, resource materials, TEXES Exam and SBEC Certification reimbursement in the form of **a one-time \$500 stipend** once SBEC ESL certification has been completed. You have the option to attend the review sessions offered by the district, study independently, or take higher education courses to prepare for the TEXES Exam and become SBEC ESL certified by August 1, 2019. If these certification requirements are not met, your teaching assignment may change for the 19-20 school year.