



DISCUSSION TO DELAY TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE 2029-2030 SCHOOL YEAR

The Texas 89th Legislature has updated teacher certification requirements for all districts across the state. In response, Ector County ISD is implementing a clear plan to ensure all instructional staff meet these new state laws. Districts are able to submit a request for approval to delay implementation of teacher certification requirements as outlined in Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.003, and new TEC, §21.0032.

The application submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) must include an evaluation of how the district will transition to certification during the delay of teacher certification requirements. As part of this application process, districts are required to do the following:

- Identify the total number of uncertified individuals currently assigned to teach foundation curriculum courses in 2025-2026 as of the date of submission.
- Specify at least one EPP partner who will support certification efforts and reduce the district's percentage of uncertified teachers.
- Enter the date of approval by the district board of trustees to submit the application for commissioner of education approval.
- Provide the web page link to the district board of trustees' meeting agenda where the plan for the delay of teacher certification requirements was approved.
- Provide the webpage link to the board-approved plan.