

## Item 11:

# Approval of Appointment of Teacher Pedagogy and English Language Arts and Reading and Math Content Pedagogy Educator Standards Advisory Committees

### DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**SUMMARY:** This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to approve the membership of the standards advisory committee to revise the grade-banded teacher pedagogy standards as well as the grade-banded English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) and math content pedagogy standards to implement House Bill (HB) 1605, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, HB 159 and Senate Bill (SB) 226, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Texas Education Code, §§21.031(b), 21.040(3-4), 21.041(b)(4), and 21.04891.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon Board approval

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:** At the July 21, 2023 meeting, the Board approved TEA staff to solicit applications and compose educator standards advisory committees to revise the grade-banded teacher pedagogy standards, as well as the grade-banded English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR), and math content pedagogy standards.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION

SBEC is statutorily authorized to ensure that all candidates for certification or renewal of certification demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse population of this state. SBEC is also statutorily required to appoint advisory committee members to recommend standards for each class of certificate. The standards are the basis for the certification examinations and set the requirements for EPP curriculum and delivery. The development committees include practicing educators, school district personnel, experts, and EPP faculty. These individuals collaborate to draft educator standards or review and update existing educator standards to ensure that the educator standards reflect updated statutory requirements, align with the commissioner's educator standards, reflect best practices, and where applicable, align with the current versions of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that are adopted by the State Board for Education (SBOE).

### HB 1605, 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, Regular Session, 2023 Requirements

HB 1605, 88th Legislative Session, Regular Session, 2023 requires the SBEC to develop training requirements for certification that include demonstration of thorough understanding of and competence in use of open education resource instructional materials included in the list of approved instructional materials maintained by the State Board of Education under Section 31.022 in each subject area and grade level covered by the person's certificate. In addition, HB 1605 also requires the SBEC to prohibit Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) from providing instruction on the use of instructional materials that incorporate the method of three-cueing into

foundational skills reading instruction. To implement the statutory requirement, TEA staff recommend updating the pedagogy educator standards, as well as the ELAR and math content pedagogy standards, to include knowledge and skills related to the effective use of open education resource instructional materials.

### **HB 159, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, Requirements**

HB 159, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, required the SBEC to establish training requirements for certification that required a person to demonstrate:

- basic knowledge of each disability category under IDEA or Section 504 and how each category or condition can affect student learning and development,
- competence in the use of proactive instructional planning techniques, and
- competence in the use of evidence-based instruction instructional practices.

To implement this requirement, the SBEC adopted 228.30(c)(9) requiring EPPs to include in the curriculum for candidates seeking initial certification in any certification class instruction regarding students with disabilities, the use of proactive instructional planning techniques, and evidence-based inclusive practices, as required under TEC, 21.044(a-1), effective September 2022. To provide further specificity regarding the curriculum requirements, TEA staff recommend also revising the pedagogy standards to explicitly integrate the HB 159 requirement.

### **SB 226, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, Requirements**

SB 226, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, defined terms “virtual learning” and “virtual instruction” and provided training requirements for all educators regarding virtual instruction and virtual learning to ensure that candidates receive instruction in digital literacy best practices. To implement this requirement, the SBEC adopted 228.30(c)(8), adding “virtual instruction” and “virtual learning”, as defined in TEC, 21.001, to the list of topics that educator preparation programs must include in their curriculum, effective September 2022. To provide further specificity regarding the curriculum requirements, TEA staff recommend also revising the pedagogy standards to add additional specificity regarding the SB 226 requirement.

### **Educator Standards Advisory Committees**

At the July 21, 2023 meeting, TEA staff shared with the Board background on HB 159 and SB 226, 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, 2021 and HB 1605, 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, 2023. The Board allowed TEA staff to solicit applications and select participants to form educator standards advisory committees to revise the following educator standards:

- Teacher Pedagogy Standards (EC-3, EC-6, 4-8, and 7-12)
- ELAR (EC-6, 4-8, and 7-12) and Science of Teaching Reading
- Math (EC-6, 4-8, and 7-12)

Following the July 2023 Board meeting, TEA opened an application process, soliciting committee member applications from the SBEC, SBOE, Educator Preparation Stakeholder Group (EPSG), professional organizations, educator preparation programs, teacher organizations, and other key stakeholders to ensure a pool of well-qualified candidates for selection. The application period began on July 24, 2023 and closed on September 5, 2023.

TEA staff received 168 applications and utilized the below criteria in recommending the proposed standards advisory committee:

- Representation across Texas regions and professions
- Relevant field and professional experience
- Adequate articulation of vision regarding standards revisions

This item provides the SBEC the opportunity to approve the Educator Standards Advisory Committees and to review the draft timeline for educator standards development. At the time of print, applications for committee members were still being reviewed by TEA staff. The list of each proposed Educator Standards Advisory Committee members will be presented to the SBEC on September 29, 2023.

The committee members approved by SBEC will update the educator standards in alignment with the statutory requirements and provide input on preparation and certification requirements as appropriate. The updates to the standards developed by the committee will inform relevant certification examination development and the requirements for educator preparation program curriculum and delivery. The proposed timeline for the educator standards advisory committee meetings can be found in the Attachment.

TEA staff anticipates presenting the educator standards advisory committees' recommended updates to the standards for discussion at the April 2024 SBEC meeting. In addition, TEA staff will regularly update the Board on the progress of the committee meetings.

**ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve Teacher Pedagogy and English Language Arts and Reading and Math Content Pedagogy Educator Standards Advisory Committees as presented.

**Staff Members Responsible:**

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**Attachment:**

Draft Educator Standards Advisory Committee Timelines

**ATTACHMENT****Draft Educator Standards Advisory Committee Timeline**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Proposed Action</b>
<b>July 24, 2023</b>	TEA staff distributed educator standard advisory committee applications. Application period opened.
<b>August 25, 2023</b>	Application period closed.
<b>September 29, 2023</b>	SBEC opportunity to appoint educator standards advisory committee.
<b>October 2, 2023</b>	Appointed committee members notified.
<b>November 5-7</b>	TEA staff host the first in-person educator standards advisory committee meeting.
<b>December 2023 – March 2024</b>	TEA staff host additional committee meetings as needed.
<b>April 2024</b>	Committee-recommended standards presented to the Board for discussion.