

Stephen F. Austin State University
Department of Secondary Education and Educational Leadership
AED 513 Administration of Special Services
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Prerequisite: Admission into the Principal Preparation Program.

I. Course Description:

This course will examine the organization and administration of special services such as career, technical-vocational, special education, reading and other programs in the public schools. Many of these programs are funded under Titles I, II, III, VIII, Special Education, Bilingual Education (BE)/English as a Second Language (ESL), and other state and federal programs.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives:

Program Learning Outcomes:

1. The student will apply skills, content knowledge, and knowledge of necessary dispositions regarding the role of an effective school leader
2. The student will demonstrate an understanding of basic principles and foundations of school leadership.
3. The student will demonstrate instructional leadership skills in working with faculty on issues of instruction, curriculum, culture, and professional development.
4. The student will demonstrate and apply leadership skills through school-level practicum experiences.
5. The student will demonstrate building level leadership skills in supporting P-12 student learning within a school.
6. The student will exhibit school leadership skills in organizational management and community relations developing effective school-based management and resource systems and school-community partnerships

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will understand the legal aspects and requirement of providing service to students in special populations including SPED, ESL, 504, CTE, counseling and extra-curriculars.
2. Students will understand the sources of, and uses for, funding related to Title programs, compensatory education, and other state and federal programs.

3. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the use of title funds, compensatory funds, and other state and federal funds.
4. Students will describe the processes of special services functions such as ARDs, MDRs, LPACs, 504s, and other.
5. Students will be able to understand and apply their knowledge of the role of the principal in the various special services including CTE, counseling, SPED, extra-curriculars, ESL and 504.
6. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of special services through variety of assessments including real-world scenarios, discussions, papers, and quizzes.
7. Students will understand how involvement in special services programs impacts the educational process as it relates to discipline, instruction, and assessment.
8. Students will use to create a resource bank related to the administration of the various special service presented in this course.

ELCC Standards that guide this course and all courses taught include:

Standard 1.0: A building-level education leader applies knowledge that promotes the success of every student by collaboratively facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a shared school vision of learning through the collection and use of data to identify school goals, assess organizational effectiveness, and implement school plans to achieve school goals; promotion of continual and sustainable school improvement; and evaluation of school progress and revision of school plans supported by school-based stakeholders.

Standard 2.0: A building-level education leader applies knowledge that promotes the success of every student by sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning through collaboration, trust, and a personalized learning environment with high expectations for students; creating and evaluating a comprehensive, rigorous and coherent curricular and instructional school program; developing and supervising the instructional and leadership capacity of school staff; and promoting the most effective and appropriate technologies to support teaching and learning within a school environment.

Standard 3.0: A building-level education leader applies knowledge that promotes the success of every student by ensuring the management of the school organization, operation, and resources through monitoring and evaluating the school management and operational systems; efficiently using human, fiscal, and technological resources in a school environment; promoting and protecting the welfare and safety of school students and staff; developing school capacity for distributed leadership; and ensuring that teacher and organizational time is focused to support high-quality instruction and student learning.

Standard 4.0: A building-level education leader applies knowledge that promotes the success of every student by collaborating with faculty and community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources on behalf of the school by collecting and analyzing information pertinent to improvement of the school's educational environment; promoting an understanding, appreciation, and use of the diverse cultural, social, and intellectual resources within the school community; building and sustaining positive school relationships with families and caregivers; and cultivating productive school relationships with community partners.

Standard 5.0: A building-level education leader applies knowledge that promotes the success of every student by acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner to ensure a school system of accountability for every student's academic and social success by modeling school principles of self-awareness, reflective practice, transparency, and ethical behavior as related to their roles within the school; safeguarding the values of democracy, equity, and diversity within the school; evaluating the potential moral and legal consequences of decision making in the school; and promoting social justice within the school to ensure that individual student needs inform all aspects of schooling.

Standard 6.0: A building-level education leader applies knowledge that promotes the success of every student by understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context through advocating for school students, families, and caregivers; acting to influence local, district, state, and national decisions affecting student learning in a school environment; and anticipating and assessing emerging trends and initiatives in order to adapt school-based leadership strategies.

Standard 7.0: A building-level education leader applies knowledge that promotes the success of every student through a substantial and sustained educational leadership internship experience that has school-based field experiences and clinical internship practice within a school setting and is monitored by a qualified, on-site mentor.

Principal Standards TAC 241.15

(a) Principal Certificate Standards. The knowledge and skills identified in this section must be used by an educator preparation program in the development of curricula and coursework and by the State Board for Educator Certification as the basis for developing the examinations required to obtain the standard Principal Certificate. The standards also serve as the foundation for the individual assessment, professional growth plan, and continuing professional education activities required by §241.30 of this title (relating to Requirements to Renew the Standard Principal Certificate).

(b) School Culture. The principal:

(1) ensures that a positive, collaborative, and collegial school culture facilitates and enhances the implementation of campus initiatives and the achievement of campus goals;

(2) uses emerging issues, recent research, demographic data, knowledge of systems, campus climate inventories, student learning data, and other information to collaboratively develop a shared campus vision;

(3) facilitates the collaborative development of a plan in which objectives and strategies to implement the campus vision are clearly articulated;

(4) supports the implementation of the campus vision by aligning financial, human, and material resources;

(5) establishes processes to assess and modify the plan of implementation to ensure achievement of the campus vision;

(6) acknowledges, recognizes, and celebrates the contributions of students, staff, parents, and community members toward the realization of the campus vision;

(7) models and promotes the continuous and appropriate development of all learners, including faculty and staff, in the campus community;

- (8) uses strategies to ensure the development of collegial relationships and effective collaboration of campus staff;
- (9) develops and uses effective conflict-management and consensus-building skills;
- (10) establishes and communicates consistent expectations for staff and students, providing supportive feedback to ensure a positive campus environment;
- (11) implements effective strategies to systematically gather input from all campus stakeholders, supporting innovative thinking and an inclusive culture;
- (12) creates an atmosphere of safety that encourages the social, emotional, and physical well-being of staff and students; and
- (13) ensures that parents and other members of the community are an integral part of the campus culture.

(c) Leading Learning. The principal:

- (1) creates a campus culture that sets high expectations, promotes learning, and provides intellectual stimulation for self, students, and staff;
- (2) prioritizes instruction and student achievement by understanding, sharing, and promoting a clear definition of high-quality instruction based on best practices from recent research;
- (3) routinely monitors and improves instruction by visiting classrooms, engaging in formative, evidence-based appraisal processes and conferences with teachers, and attending grade or team meetings;
- (4) facilitates the use of sound research-based practice in the development and implementation of campus curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular programs to fulfill academic, developmental, social, and cultural needs;
- (5) facilitates campus participation in collaborative school district planning, implementation, monitoring, and curriculum revision to ensure appropriate scope, sequence, content, and alignment;
- (6) implements a rigorous curriculum aligned with state standards, including college and career readiness standards;
- (7) analyzes the curriculum to ensure that teachers align content across grades and that curricular scopes and sequences meet the particular needs of their diverse student populations;
- (8) monitors and ensures staff uses multiple forms of student data to inform instruction and intervention decisions to maximize instructional effectiveness and student achievement;
- (9) ensures that effective instruction maximizes growth of individual students and student groups, supports equity, and eliminates the achievement gap;
- (10) ensures staff have the capacity and time to collaboratively and individually use classroom formative and summative assessment data to inform effective instructional practices and interventions; and
- (11) facilitates the use and integration of technology, telecommunications, and information systems that enhance learning.

(d) Human Capital. The principal:

- (1) invests and manages time to prioritize the development, support, and supervision of the staff to enhance student outcomes;
- (2) ensures all staff have clear expectations that guide them and by which they are assessed, including the use of and familiarity with evidence-based appraisal rubrics, where applicable;

(3) uses data from multiple points of the year to complete accurate appraisals of all staff, using evidence from regular observations, student data, and other sources to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers and staff;

(4) coaches and develops educators by conducting conferences, giving individualized feedback, and supporting individualized professional growth opportunities;

(5) facilitates the campus's professional learning community to review data, processes, and policies in order to improve teaching and learning in the school;

(6) creates opportunities for effective staff to take on a variety of leadership roles and appropriately delegates responsibilities to staff and administrators on the leadership team;

(7) collaboratively develops, implements, and revises a comprehensive and on-going plan for professional development of campus staff that addresses staff needs based on staff appraisal trends, goals, and student information;

(8) ensures the effective implementation of a continuum of professional development by the appropriate allocation of time, funding, and other needed resources;

(9) implements effective, legal, and appropriate strategies for the recruitment, selection, assignment, and induction of campus staff; and

(10) plans for and adopts early hiring practices.

(e) Executive Leadership. The principal:

(1) reflects on his or her practice, seeks and acts on feedback, and strives to continually improve, learn, and grow;

(2) engages in ongoing and meaningful professional growth activities to further develop knowledge and skills and to model lifelong learning;

(3) uses strong communication skills, understands how to communicate a message in different ways to meet the needs of various audiences, and develops and implements strategies for effective internal and external communications;

(4) develops and implements a comprehensive program of community relations, which uses strategies that will effectively involve and inform multiple constituencies;

(5) establishes partnerships with parents, businesses, and other groups in the community to strengthen programs and support campus goals;

(6) demonstrates awareness of social and economic issues that exist within the school and community that could impact campus operations and student learning;

(7) gathers and organizes information from a variety of sources for use in creative and effective campus decision making;

(8) frames, analyzes, and creatively resolves campus problems using effective problem-solving techniques to make timely, high-quality decisions;

(9) develops, implements, and evaluates change processes for organizational effectiveness;

(10) uses effective planning, time management, and organization of work to maximize attainment of school district and campus goals; and

(11) keeps staff inspired and focused on the campus vision while supporting effective change management.

(f) Strategic Operations. The principal:

(1) assesses current campus needs, reviewing a wide set of evidence to determine the campus's priorities, and sets ambitious and measurable school goals, targets, and strategies that form the campus's strategic plan;

- (2) outlines and tracks meaningful goals, targets, and strategies aligned to a school vision that continuously improves teacher effectiveness and student outcomes;
- (3) allocates resources effectively (e.g., staff time, dollars, and tools), aligning them to the school priorities and goals, and works to access additional resources as needed to support learning;
- (4) establishes structures to regularly monitor multiple data points with leadership teams to evaluate progress toward goals, adjusting strategies to improve effectiveness;
- (5) implements appropriate management techniques and group processes to define roles, assign functions, delegate authority, and determine accountability for campus goal attainment;
- (6) implements strategies that enable the physical plant, equipment, and support systems to operate safely, efficiently, and effectively to maintain a conducive learning environment;
- (7) applies local, state, and federal laws and policies to support sound decisions while considering implications related to all school operations and programs;
- (8) collaboratively plans and effectively manages the campus budget;
- (9) uses technology to enhance school management;
- (10) facilitates the effective coordination of campus curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular programs in relation to each other and other school district programs; and
- (11) collaborates with district staff to implement district policies and advocates for the needs of district students and staff.

(g) Ethics, Equity, and Diversity. The principal:

- (1) implements policies and procedures that encourage all campus personnel to comply with Chapter 247 of this title (relating to Educators' Code of Ethics);
- (2) models and promotes the highest standard of conduct, ethical principles, and integrity in decision making, actions, and behaviors;
- (3) ensures that reports of educator misconduct, including inappropriate relationships between educators and students, are properly reported so appropriate investigations can be conducted;
- (4) models and promotes the continuous and appropriate development of all learners in the campus community;
- (5) ensures all students have access to effective educators and continuous learning opportunities;
- (6) promotes awareness and appreciation of diversity throughout the campus community;
- (7) implements special campus programs to ensure that all students are provided quality, flexible instructional programs and services to meet individual student needs;
- (8) articulates the importance of education in creating engaged citizens in a free democratic society;
- (9) communicates productively with all audiences through strong communication skills and understands how to communicate a message in different ways to meet the needs of various audiences; and
- (10) treats all members of the community with respect and develops strong, positive relationships with them.

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies and Use of Technology:

Assignments

Assignments are embedded into the content of the course within each module. Specific due dates and points for each assignment can be found in this sections below. As a principal, you will need to organize your time and plan your activities. In this course you will be expected to organize your

work and develop timelines to complete all activities and other requirements by the assigned due dates and prior to the end of the course.

Please refer to dropbox for exact details about the assignments below.

IV. Evaluation/Grading:

Due Date	Assignment	Where is it?	Possible Points
9/8	Compensatory Education Discussion	Discussion	20
9/8	Compensatory Education Quiz	Quizzes	10
9/8	Compensatory Ed/SSI Assignment	Dropbox	50
9/22	CTE Assignment	Dropbox	50
9/29	Side by Side Assignment	Dropbox	50
10/13	Special Education Quiz	Quizzes	10
10/13	Dispute Resolution Assignment	Dropbox	50
10/20	Common Sense Guide Discussion	Discussion	20
10/27	504 Assignment	Dropbox	50
11/3	Literacy Discussion	Discussion	20
11/17	Dyslexia Quiz	Quizzes	10
11/17	Gateway Course Assignment	Dropbox	50
11/24	ELL, Bilingual, ESL, LPAC Assignment	Dropbox	50
12/8	Title Programs Quiz	Quizzes	10
12/8	Title Programs Assignment	Dropbox	50

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All assignments must be completed in order to receive an A in the course.

Assignments not completed by the due date may only receive up to 80% of the total grade. For example, if you would have otherwise made a 100 on a late assignment, then you will receive an 80. Had you made a 90, then you will receive a 72.

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

The course outline is found in the D2L material.

- A. Each student in this course is expected to take an active part in the discussion pieces as well as complete all assignments in a timely manner.
- B. Participation-Should a medical emergency or death in the family occur, it is the responsibility of the student to immediately notify the professor.

AED 513 “Administration of Special Services” (3 credits; fully online) spans 15 weeks. The course contains extensive written content that includes the same information if presented in a face-to-face lecture course, requiring students to engage the online modules for at least three hours per week. Primary source readings are woven into the content to support key concepts or provide perspective on historical events. In addition, students are required to read at multiple short texts during the semester, complete quizzes/discussions over the course content, and complete multiple writing assignments that evaluate their ability to think critically, interpret scenarios, and respond to a variety of situations. For every hour a student spends engaging with the content, he/she spends at least two hours completing associated activities and assessments.

VI. Readings:

Required Texts:

Walsh, J. (2012). *The Common Sense Guide to Special Education Law: Ten Steps Toward a More Effective Special Education*. (available in Kindle version). Austin, Texas: Park Place Publications.

VII. Course Evaluations:

Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the COE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including:

- 1) Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation;
- 2) Instruction evaluation purposes;
- 3) Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention.

As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the PCOE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical!

In the Perkins College of Education, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information:

Class Attendance and Excused Absence: Policy 6.7

Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and, if indicated in the syllabus, submission of completed assignments are expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which the student is registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student's attendance and participation as well as note this information in required reports and in determining final grades. Students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. However, students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for excusable absences. Whether absences are excused or unexcused, a student is still responsible for all course content and assignments. Students with accepted excuses may be permitted to make up work for up to three weeks of absences during a semester or one week of a summer term, depending on the nature of the missed work. Make-up work must be completed as soon as possible after returning from an absence.

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 6.6

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to <http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilitiyservices/>.

Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1

Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or;
- helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one's own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and/or,
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

Penalties for Academic Dishonesty

Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, re-submission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university

Student Appeals

A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6).

Withheld Grades: Policy 5.5

At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor's ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the iCare: Early Alert Program at SFA. Information regarding the iCare program is found at <https://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp> or call the office at 936-468-2703.

Additional Information:

To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings, you will be required to:

1. Undergo criminal background checks for field or clinical experiences on public school campuses; the public school campuses are responsible for the criminal background check; YOU are responsible for completing the information form requesting the criminal background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may not be allowed to complete field or clinical experiences on public school campuses. At that point, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

2. Provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, driver's license, state or providence ID cards, a national ID card, or military ID card to take the TExES exams (additional information available at www.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/ <<http://www.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/>>). YOU must provide legal documentation to be allowed to take these mandated examinations that are related to certification/licensing requirements in Texas. If you do not have legal documentation, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.
3. Successfully complete state mandated a fingerprint background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

For further information concerning this matter, contact Katie Snyder Martin 936-468-1740 or snyderke1@sfasu