

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Professional Educators' Council

February 19, 2026

1:30-3:00

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Zoom



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Stephen F. Austin State University

Educator Preparation Program

Challenging Minds, Changing Lives -
One Lumberjack at a Time



Welcome

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Approval of November 2025 Summary Notes
 - Reorganization Updates
- Daphne Curl, Director of Testing Services
 - Testing Center Updates
- Dr. Nerren, Ed Studies Department Chair
 - Ed Studies Updates





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**LIFELONG
LEARNING
CONFERENCE**

JUNE 26, 2026

Janice A. Pattillo Early Childhood Research Center

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**STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
STATE UNIVERSITY**

Department of
Education Studies

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

**CALL FOR
PROPOSALS:**

Jan. 19-March 13



Lifelong Learning Conference

- June 26, 2026
- Registration opens March 30, 2026.
- The conference is a collaborative platform for local educators and SFA alumni to immerse themselves in a learning community that shares innovative teaching practices and emerging research.
- We encourage submissions from all perspectives, including educators, practitioners and leaders.
- <https://www.sfasu.edu/edstudies/lifelong-learning-conference>

Lumberjack Teacher Graduation Celebration

- Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 10:00 am
- Grace Bible Church Auditorium
- Students and faculty will line up at 9:30 am.
- Presentation of Lumberjack Teacher stoles
- Presentation of awards



Student Members

- Nomination: Superintendent Program, Tyler Vernon, Ingleside ISD



Assessment and Accountability



TEA Updates

- Changes to certification exam score reporting



Pearson Score Reporting Schedule

Exam	Reporting Date
116 – Science 4-8	within 7 days
118 – Social Studies 4-8	within 7 days
151 – Reading Specialist	within 7 days
177 – Music EC-12	within 7 days
178 – Art EC-12	within 7 days
180 – Theatre EC-12	within 7 days
181 – Deaf and Hard of Hearing	within 7 days
182 – Visually Impaired	within 7 days
195 – Superintendent	within 7 days
200 – Family and Consumer Sciences	within 7 days
215 – Mathematics 4-8	within 7 days
232 – Social Studies 7-12	within 7 days
233 – History 7-12	within 7 days
235 – Mathematics 7-12	within 7 days
237 – Physical Science 6-12	within 7 days
238 – Life Science	within 7 days
240 – Chemistry 7-12	within 7 days
272 – Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources 6-12	within 7 days

Exam	Reporting Date
279 – Dance 6-12	within 7 days
391 – Core Subjects EC-6	within 7 days
072 - TASC	within 28 days
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283 – Braille	within 28 days
253 – Educational Diagnostician	within 28 days
331 – English Language Arts and Reading 7-12	within 28 days
257 – Health EC-12	within 28 days
258 – Physical Education	within 28 days
268 – Principal as Instructional Leader	within 28 days
293 – Science of Teaching Reading	within 28 days
186 – Special Education Specialist EC-12	within 28 days
613 – Languages Other Than English (LOTE) Spanish	within 28 days
217 – English Language Arts and Reading 4-8	within 28 days
368 – Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL)	May 15th Resubmit – July 7th



240 Tutoring

- One free month of 240 Tutoring
 - February 2026
- Email sent to candidates and program coordinators



Proposed EPP Fee

\$185



Fall 2026 edTPA Discussion

- TEA requires teacher candidates not on the new enhanced certification pathway to pass either edTPA or the PPR
- edTPA: \$311, no grant, students absorb full cost
- PPR: \$117, \$194 difference per student
- SFA would be the only program in Texas on edTPA w/o vouchers
- Statewide enrollment declining across all programs
- New state test approximately more than a year out



Fall 2026 edTPA Discussion

- To say edTPA is the better assessment is a controversial topic but there is agreement PPR is not a great measure. We have been using edTPA since 2019 w grant money to pay for it. Our students score well on both. Our pass rate has not created accreditation problems with either exam.
- PPR is the more accessible choice. We don't get both right now.
- Can we justify being the sole program in Texas charging students the highest exam cost during a period of statewide enrollment decline ?



Fall 2026 edTPA Discussion

- Switching now means transitioning twice in 1 or more years when a new state exam is implemented. That's a real faculty burden worth naming — but so is asking students to absorb costs no peer institution is requiring.
- I'm asking for your recommendation, not just your reaction.
- Faculty ownership of the outcome matters for implementation regardless of which direction you go.



Fall 2026 edTPA Discussion

<https://tinyurl.com/4nwss4wc>

or



Candidate Data & Monitoring

Initial GPA Requirement (Undergraduate and MAT)

- Students enrolled in SFA courses for the first time in Fall 2025 or after must meet the **2.75 GPA** requirement for admission to the EPP
- Students must maintain a 2.75 GPA while in the EPP
 - 2.50 if first courses at SFA were taken prior to Fall 2025



24-25 Initial Certification Recommendations

Certificate Area	Recommended	Certificate Area	Recommended
Ag Food Nat Res 6-12	9	JTCH - Life Science 7-12	1
AFNR 6-12 (ACP)	1	Life Science 7-12 (ACP)	0
Art EC-12	6	Math 4-8	9
Art EC-12 (ACP)	3	JTCH - Math 7-12	5
Core Subjects 4-8	8	Math 7-12 (ACP)	1
Core Subjects EC-6	149	Music EC-12	46
Dance 6-12	5	PE EC-12	20
Dance 6-12 (ACP)	2	PE EC-12 (ACP)	2
DHH EC-12	8	Science 4-8	4
ELAR 4-8	1	Social Studies 4-8	6
ELAR 7-12	12	Social Studies 7-12 (ACP)	1
FCS 6-12	1	Special Education EC-12	16
History 7-12	6	Theatre EC-12	16
History 7-12 (ACP)	2		

Total Initial Recommendations = 340

Undergraduate recommendations = 328

ACP recommendations = 12

24-25 Professional Certification Recommendations

Certificate Area	Recommended
Ed. Diag. EC-12	21
Principal as Inst. Leader EC-12	34
Reading Specialist EC-12	1
School Counselor EC-12	2
Superintendent EC-12	6
TSVI EC-12	10

Total recommendations = 74

Fall 2025 Initial Certification Recommendations

Certificate Area	Recommended	Certificate Area	Recommended
Ag Food Nat Res 6-12	3	History 7-12	2
AGNR 6-12 (ACP)	1	Life Science 7-12	1
Art EC-12	4	Life Science 7-12 (ACP)	0
Art EC-12 (ACP)	0	Math 4-8	1
Chemistry (8-12)	0	Math 7-12	1
Core Subjects 4-8	2	Music EC-12	7
Core Subjects EC-6	44	PE EC-12	7
Dance 6-12	2	PE EC-12 (ACP)	0
DHH EC-12	2	Science 4-8	1
ELAR 4-8	1	Social Studies 4-8	2
ELAR 7-12	2	SPED EC-12	13
ELAR 7-12 (ACP)	0	Theatre EC-12	1
FCS 6-12	0	Theatre EC-12 (ACP)	0

Total Initial Recommendations = 97
 Undergraduate recommendations = 96
 ACP recommendations = 1

Fall 2025 Professional Certification Recommendations

Certificate Area	Recommended
Ed. Diag. EC-12	0
Principal as Inst. Leader EC-12	11
Reading Specialist EC-12	0
Superintendent EC-12	5
TSVI EC-12	6

Total recommendations = 22

Clinical Teaching, Residency, Practicum Updates

- Paid Clinical Teaching and Residency
- LASO Applications and ISD Notification of Funds
- Fall 2026 Clinical Teaching and Residency Information



Paid Clinical Teaching/Residency Update Spring 2026

- Number of students in paid Clinical Teaching Positions – 31 (15 Districts)
- Total being paid to Clinical Teachers Appx \$232,500 for the Spring 2026 semester
- Total being paid as Paraprofessionals- 29 (26 Districts) Appx \$232,000
- Number of students in paid Residency Positions 20 of our 30 YLR are being paid (8 Districts)
- Total being paid to Residents \$200,000 per semester totaling \$400,000 for the year



LASO Applications and ISD Notification of Funds

- LASO 4 District Selection List :
<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/laso-cycle-4-selection-list>



LASO- YLR Prep Allotment Districts

Beaumont ISD	Lufkin ISD
Blum ISD	Pineywoods Community Academy
Brazosport ISD	Mesquite ISD
Bryan ISD	Nacogdoches ISD
Center ISD	Red Oak ISD
Chapel Hill ISD	Rusk ISD
Corrigan-Camden ISD	SFA Charter
Diboll ISD	Spring Hill ISD
Grapeland ISD	Terrell ISD
Humble ISD	Waskom ISD
Huntington ISD	Westwood ISD
Jacksonville ISD	Woden ISD
Jasper ISD	
Livingston ISD	



YLR Districts not in LASO

Alto ISD	Self-funding
Central Heights ISD	Self-funding
Elkhart ISD	TSS Grant ESC 7
Rusk ISD	TSS Grant ESC 7
Klein ISD	Self-funding



Spring 2026 Meet the Districts

- Meet the Districts Event
 - Approximately 125 students attended
 - Districts in Attendance- 40



Spring 2026 Meet the Districts



Fall 2026 Clinical Teaching and Residency Numbers

- 85 students applied for Fall 2026 Clinical Teaching
 - 19 of the 85 students working as paraprofessionals
- 43 students applied for Fall 2026 Residency
- Fall 2026 testing deadline:
 - EC-6 and MLGE
 - May 8th
 - SEED, SPED, DFHH and JCTH
 - July 24th
- Estimated **\$874,500** in the pockets of our SFA students!



Important Information

- Spring 2027 Clinical Teaching and Residency Application
 - Opens July 1, 2026
 - Closes September 15, 2026
- Education Studies Graduation Reception and Clinical Teaching/Residency Awards
 - May 7, 2026, at 10:00 am
 - Grace Bible Church Auditorium
- Next Meet the Districts event
 - September 3, 2026, 9:00 am – Noon
 - ECRC 1st and 2nd floor common areas



A purple flag with the letters 'GTA' in a stylized, outlined font is flying on a pole. The background is a clear blue sky. Another similar flag is visible in the lower part of the image.

Items from the Floor

Next Meeting

April 23rd

1:30-3:00

Questions?



Adjourn

THANK YOU!

