CERTIFICATION INFORMATION
FOR STUDENT TEACHERS

You can expect an email from the new certification officer in the next few weeks.

If you have immediate questions:

208 Heaton Hall
979-845-5360
CertOffice@tamu.edu
You must go in for advising

- Suite 115 Heaton Hall
- 979-845-5312
- make an appointment on Sundial

You must be enrolled

Local Placement - Section 500
Distance Placement - Section 550

TLAC:
- TEFB 426 (EC-6)
- MEFB 497 (MG)
- MEFB 497 or TEFB 429 (aggieTEACH & University Studies)
- TEED 425 (12 hr.)
PROFESSIONALISM

✓ Only ONE ‘First Impression’
✓ You are a guest in the classroom/district
✓ 12-week job interview
✓ Professional dress
✓ Punctuality
✓ Contact cooperating teacher before the break
✓ Finish strong – cooperating teacher and supervisor are references
✓ Many districts will web-search before hiring
✓ Be cautious what you post on social media
The Spring 2015 Student Teaching Handbook is being revised. An email will be sent when it is available online.

http://tlac.tamu.edu/student-teaching-handbook
STUDENT TEACHER HANDBOOK

✓ On-line reference for student teacher, cooperating teacher, and university supervisor

✓ Download and read over the break

✓ Must provide Acknowledgement of ST Handbook to supervisor at orientation (pg. 4 in handbook)
Objectives of the student teaching experience

- To be immersed in teaching experiences that allow for a smooth transition from the role of a student at Texas A&M University to the role of a classroom teacher.
- To observe the behavior and learning styles of students in a world of diverse cultures and expectations.
- To develop high levels of teaching competence through guided teaching experience.
- To engage in self-evaluation and professional goal setting.
- To be of mutual assistance to the cooperating school and the teacher preparation program by establishing cooperative relationships through open communication and the pursuit of common goals.
Handbook Overview

Components
- Observing, Assisting, Teaming, Teaching
- Lesson Plans
- Full Responsibility
- Three-way Mid-point and Summative Conference

Policies
- Length of semester – TEA required 60 days
- Absences must be made up at end of semester
- Supervisor Seminars
- Work
Handbook Overview

- Assignments
  - Semester Projected Teaching Schedule
  - Weekly Student Teaching Schedule
  - Student Teaching Notebook
    1) Lesson Plans
    2) Handbook
    3) Other forms - Calendars/Evaluations
    4) Journal – self-reflection
Handbook Overview

Assignments

- e-Campus online discussions throughout semester
- 4 online reflections following each formal observation by supervisor
- 2 online reflections following the midpoint and final evaluations
- Evaluation of Cooperating Teacher and Supervisor at the end of the semester
Cooperating Teacher Responsibilities
- Provide weekly written feedback to students
- Participate in mid-point and summative 3-way conference

University Supervisor Responsibilities
- Orientation for student and cooperating teacher by first day of student teaching
- At least 4 (45-minute) FORMAL observations with written feedback
- Facilitate midpoint and summative 3-way conference
Handbook Overview

- Student teachers serving as substitute teachers guidelines
  - Individual school district decision
  - May only serve as substitute for assigned cooperating teacher

- Termination of ST Assignment/Appeal Procedure
Handbook Overview

Supplements

- Sample Forms
  - Observation Suggestions
  - Lesson Plans
  - Pacing Schedules
  - Semester Projected Schedule
  - Weekly Student Teaching Schedule
  - Cooperating Teacher Information

- Code of Ethics

- Disposition Statement/Growth Contract
EDUCATION CAREER FAIR

Monday – April 13, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Brazos Expo Center

Registration will be available in February.
Liability insurance is available through:

- Texas Classroom Teachers Association
  https://tcta.org

- Association of Texas Professional Educators
  http://www.atpe.org

- Texas State Teacher Association/National Education Association
  http://www.tsta.org
TLAC T-SHIRTS

If you have not received your NEW TLAC t-shirt, please stop by the Undergraduate Advising Office in 115 Heaton Hall.