

## **Organization's History**

Founded in 2001 by Dr. Timothy P. Scott, the aggieTEACH-Science (formerly aggieTEACH) program is housed in the College of Science in the Center for Math and Science Education (CMSE). At the turn of the twenty-first century, the Texas A&M College of Education and Human Development dissolved its traditional 4-year secondary undergraduate teacher preparation program and funneled all prospective secondary teachers to the Post-Baccalaureate and Alternative certification programs. While the Post-Baccalaureate and Alternative certification programs were viable options for some prospective math and science teachers, Dr. Scott believed the state of Texas would lose valuable, talented, highly-qualified math and science teachers by abolishing the traditional secondary undergraduate teacher preparation program. The state of Texas, and the nation, was facing (and still is facing) a shortage of qualified math and science teachers. Eliminating one route to secondary teacher certification would exacerbate the problem and put Texas (and the nation) in a worse position. Offering as many routes to secondary math and science teacher certification would help correct the teacher shortage problem and thus aggieTEACH-Science program was formed in the Center for Math and Science Education (CMSE) in the Dean's Office in the College of Science. Administrators at Texas A&M University support the aggieTEACH-Science program. They believe aggieTEACH-Science is important for Texas A&M University, for math and science teacher production, and for education in the state of Texas.

## **Same Purpose, New Leadership and Partners**

In 2019 the aggieTEACH program moved under the administration of the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) at Texas A&M University. CEHD is the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) entity at Texas A&M University - as defined by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Under the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §228.10-14, with the endorsement of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC), the CEHD is an approved EPP entity and has the authority to recommend candidates in one or more educator certification [classes or categories](#). As an EPP entity, CEHD has the legal authority to offer certifications for initial teacher, professional, and secondary teacher education programs. aggieTEACH is the new brand name that honors the secondary education programs at Texas A&M University.

The aggieTEACH program has expanded to several colleges and universities across Texas A&M University (see the full list of participating College [here](#)). CEHD, through the Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture (TLAC), now offers three (3) pathways for non-education majors to seek a secondary teacher certification through the aggieTEACH program.

Upon graduation and completion of the program, aggieTEACH students are ready to teach in Texas public schools. Further, the STEM minor [STEM minor](#) will be officially changed to the secondary education (SEED) minor in 2021.

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