



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

College of Texas Southern University
Exit Policy

Dismissal of Candidates from the Educator Preparation Program (EPP)

TAC §228.20(h)

(h) All EPPs shall have a published exit policy for dismissal of candidates that is reviewed and signed by candidates upon admission.

Texas Southern University is committed to educating, graduating, and certifying candidates who will be effective educators. Evidence of potential effectiveness includes academic, dispositional, professional, and personal qualities. Teacher candidates are carefully assessed throughout the educator preparation program for teaching dispositions as well as teaching skills and successful course completion. If a candidate's major or overall GPA falls below the required GPA or other issues arise concerning a candidate's fitness, ability, and/or demonstration of the ability to teach, the candidate may be dismissed from the program.

Reasons candidates may be removed from the Educator Preparation Program may include, but not be limited to the following, at the discretion of the Department Chair of Curriculum and Instruction (*with the advice of the Certification Team Committee that represents the certification area being sought by the candidate). The Director of Certification, Testing Coordinator, and Admission Coordinator will serve in the decision-making capacity in lieu of the Department Chair of Curriculum Instruction for their respective programs.

- Failure to maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average both overall and in major area of the study
- Standard of Conduct/Educator Code of Ethics violation
- Criminal Background Check that precludes placement
- Failure to make continual progress towards program completion (hours or observations)
- Failure to earn a minimum of a "B" (3.0) in all teacher education courses
- Failure to become certified within one year of graduation /finishing.
- Failure to follow all attendance, dress code, and other guidelines
- After finishing the program, a significant change in the standards or test requirements for the certification field in which the student prepared, and the candidate has not successfully completed all required certification testing
- School/district refuses to accept the student for field experience/clinical teaching
- School/district requests that the candidate be removed from a field/clinical teaching assignment.

I have read, understand, and agree to the expectations for performance and Exit Policy for Dismissal from Texas Southern University Educator Preparation Program as described in this document and in accordance with **TAC §228.20(h)**

Printed Name

Signature of Candidate

Date



Department of Counseling Exit Policy for
Dismissal of Candidates from the School Counselor Education Program

TAC §228.20(h)

(h) All EPPs shall have a published exit policy for dismissal of candidates that is reviewed and signed by candidates upon admission.

Texas Southern University is committed to educating, graduating, and certifying candidates who will be effective school counselors. Evidence of potential effectiveness includes academic, dispositional, professional, and personal qualities. School Counselor Education candidates are carefully assessed throughout the educator preparation program for counselor dispositions as well as counseling skills and successful course completion. If a candidate’s major or overall GPA falls below the required GPA or other issues arise concerning a candidate’s fitness, ability, and/or demonstration of the ability to perform as a school counselor, the school counselor educator candidate may be dismissed from the program.

Reasons candidates may be removed from the School Counselor Education Preparation Program may include, but not be limited to, the following, at the discretion of the Associate Dean of the College of Education* with the advice of the Coordinator for the School Counselor Education program that represents the certification area being sought by the candidate.

- Failure to maintain a minimum 3.0 grade point average both overall and in major area of study
- Standard of Conduct/Educator Code of Ethics violation
- TSU Student Code of Conduct
- Criminal Background Check that precludes placement
- Failure to make continual progress towards program completion (hours or observations)
- Failure to earn a minimum of a “B-” in all courses for the major
- Failure to become certified within five years of graduation/finishing
- Failure to follow all attendance, dress code, and other guidelines
- After finishing the program, a significant change in the standards or test requirements for the certification field in which the student prepared and the candidate has not successfully completed all required certification testing
- School/district refuses to accept the candidate for practicum/internship experience
- School/district requests that the candidate be removed from a practicum/internship assignment

I have read, understand, and agree to the expectations for performance and Exit Policy for Dismissal from the Texas Southern University School Counselor Education Preparation Program as described in this document and in accordance with *TAC §228.20(h)*.

Printed name

Signature of Candidate

Date

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