

# Item 12: Request to Approve a New Educator Preparation Program: Katy ISD TEA+CH Alternative Certification Program

## DISCUSSION AND ACTION

### SUMMARY:

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The statutory authority related to the approval of educator preparation programs are the Texas Education Code, §21.0443 and §21.044.

The full text of statutory citations can be found in the statutory authority section of this agenda.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon SBEC approval with enrollments to begin Fall 2024 and candidates to begin coursework in January 2025.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION:** The SBEC approves all EPPs. The EPP prepares and completes an extensive application addressing the SBEC-required ten components below. While the elements of the application were reviewed according to the legacy EPP, SBEC approves all



<p><b>Admission</b> (19 TAC §§227.10 and 227.17)</p>	<p>Pertaining to admission criteria and formal admission required of all applicants seeking initial certification in any class of certificate.</p>
<p><b>3. Educator Preparation Curriculum</b> (19 TAC §228.30)</p>	





**ATTACHMENT**

**Executive Summary**

**Introduction**

The Katy ISD TEA+CH Alternative Certification Program (ACP), located at 438 FM 1463, Katy, TX 77494, seeks to serve applicants in Katy and the surrounding areas, including Harris, Fort Bend, and Waller counties. The program will offer certifications in the following high needs areas: Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading (STR) EC-6 and Core Subjects w/STR 4-8. Currently, both Waller and Fort Bend Counties are experiencing rapid population growth and are underrepresented in Educator Preparation Programs. In addition, Katy ISD is experiencing the impacts of the national teacher shortage, sustaining 200 teaching vacancies for the past two years. Professional resignations have increased, moving from 593 in 2020 to 1130 in 2022. The program anticipates 100 candidates in each cohort and is committed to providing a paid internship position in Katy ISD schools for each candidate admitted into the program. The program cost will be \$3,000, of which the program will refund \$1,500 upon completion of the first-year teaching in Katy ISD on an Intern/Probationary Certificate, and with a signed contract of agreement to remain teaching in Katy ISD for two school years. The program is anticipated to begin January 7, 2025. The Katy ISD TEA+CH ACP will create teachers who are successful in the classroom and will

**Component 1: Governance of Educator Preparation Programs**

Katy ISD TEA+CH ACP has created a nine-member Advisory Committee, which has met three times. Members represent Katy ISD teachers and administrators, Iteach Texas, University of



