

**Sec. 4.9.1. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS**

A person employed by **TEXAS LEADERSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS (TLPS)**, as a Principal or teacher must hold at least a baccalaureate degree. *Education Code 12.129.*

**Sec. 4.9.2. PRE-EMPLOYMENT AFFIDAVIT**

Beginning September 1, 2017, an applicant for employment as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor must submit, using a form adopted by the Texas Education Agency, a pre-employment affidavit disclosing whether the applicant has ever been charged with, adjudicated for, or convicted of having an inappropriate relationship with a minor.

An applicant who answers affirmatively concerning an inappropriate relationship with a minor must disclose in the affidavit all relevant facts pertaining to the charge, adjudication, or conviction, including whether the charge was determined to be true or false.

An applicant is not precluded from being employed based on a disclosed charge if **TLPS** determines based on the information disclosed in the affidavit that the charge was false.

A determination that an employee failed to disclose information required to be disclosed by an applicant is grounds for termination of employment.

**Sec. 4.9.3. NOTICE TO PARENTS – QUALIFICATIONS**

The Superintendent or designee shall provide to the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in **TLPS** written notice of the qualifications of each teacher employed by **TLPS** *Education Code 12.130.*

Parents may also request, and **TLPS** will provide in a timely manner, information regarding the professional qualifications of their student’s classroom teachers. Information provided in response to a parent request will include, at a minimum:

1. Whether a child’s teacher(s) have met state qualification and licensing criteria for their grade levels and subject areas;
2. Whether a child’s teacher(s) are serving under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
3. Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher; and
4. Whether a child receives services from paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

**Sec. 4.9.4. ACCESS TO EMPLOYEE RECORDS**

Custodians of personnel records shall adhere to the requirements of the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA).

Information in a personnel file is accepted from the requirements of the TPIA if the disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

A **TLPS** employee shall choose whether to allow public access to information in **TLPS** custody that relates to the employee's home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, Social Security number, or that reveals whether the person has family members. *Gov't Code 552.024, 552.102(a)*. The Superintendent shall develop procedures for employees to opt-out of having the above information released.

**Sec. 4.9.5. EMPLOYEE RIGHT OF ACCESS**

All information in the personnel file of a **TLPS** employee shall be made available to that employee or the employee's designated representative as public information is made available under the TPIA. An employee or an employee's authorized representative has a special right of access, beyond the right of the general public, to information held by **TLPS** that relates to the employee and that is protected from public disclosure by laws intended to protect the accessing employee's privacy interests. **TLPS** may assert as grounds for denial of access other provisions of the TPIA or other laws that are not intended to protect the accessing employee's privacy interests.