

Application Overview:

The application submitted to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) must include an evaluation of how the district will transition to certification during the delay of teacher certification requirements. As part of this application process, districts are required to do the following:

- **Identify the total number of uncertified individuals currently assigned to teach foundation curriculum courses in 2025-2026 as of the date of submission.**
- **Specify at least one EPP partner who will support certification efforts and reduce the district's percentage of uncertified teachers.**
- **Enter the date of approval by the district board of trustees to submit the application for commissioner of education approval.**
- **Provide the web page link to the district board of trustees' meeting agenda where the plan for the delay of teacher certification requirements was approved.**
- **Provide the webpage link to the board-approved plan.**

Information Regarding the District Plan to Address Uncertified Teachers:

Prior to submitting the application, districts must create a plan for how they will meet the statutory guidelines for teacher certification requirements. The plan must include a reasonable timeline and strategy for how the district plans to come into compliance with the requirements before the start of the 2029-2030 academic year. Proposed strategies may include targeted goals to decrease the percentage of uncertified teachers annually, including by grade level/subject, strategies to support uncertified teachers in completing certification, and plans for recruiting future pipelines of certified teachers. As a part of this plan, districts should identify at least one educator preparation program (EPP) partner to support the effort.

Once the district has developed their plan to address uncertified teachers, the district board of trustees must approve the plan. The board-approved plan should be posted in an easily accessible location on the district website. TEA will then issue final approval through the application process.

Information Regarding Pittsburg ISD:

Pittsburg ISD is proud to be one of the few 'A'-rated districts in Texas. Our top priority is making sure every student has the best learning opportunities possible. Pittsburg ISD believes that each child should receive instruction from teachers who are highly qualified in their subject areas and are actively working toward completing all certification requirements if