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1. **Please share in the chat:** First name, location
2. **Answer the poll:** Which best describes you? Which describes your familiarity with edTPA?

# Welcome!



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# Today's Roadmap

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Why Now?
3. What is edTPA?
4. Teachers Speak Panel
5. Call to Action

# edTPA Background and Context

April 21, 2022



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# Current State of Teacher Certification - PPR

\$116

5 hours in a testing center

100 multiple choice questions on EC-12 pedagogy



score of 240 or higher

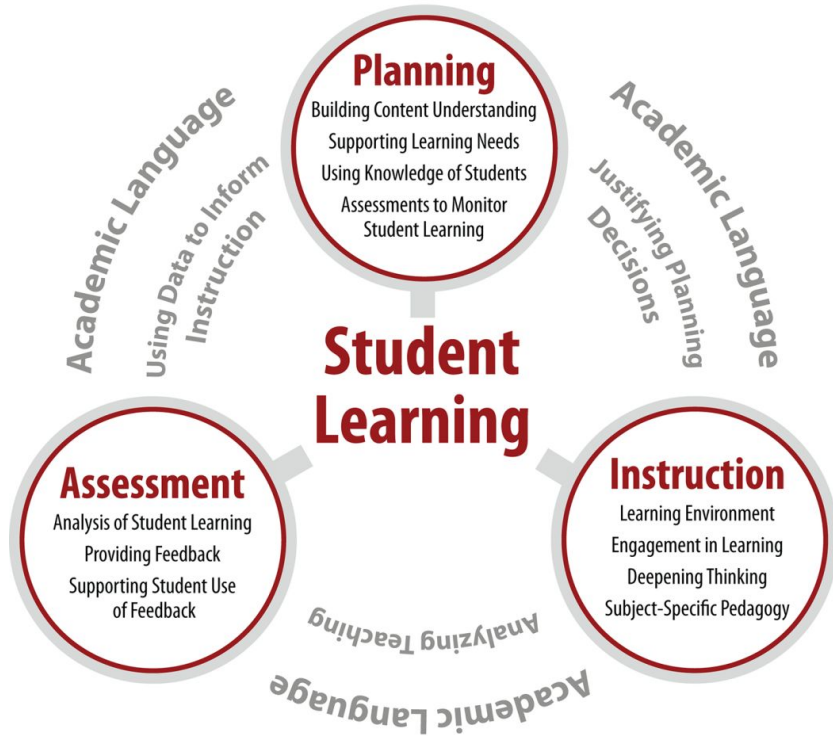
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A prepared teacher?



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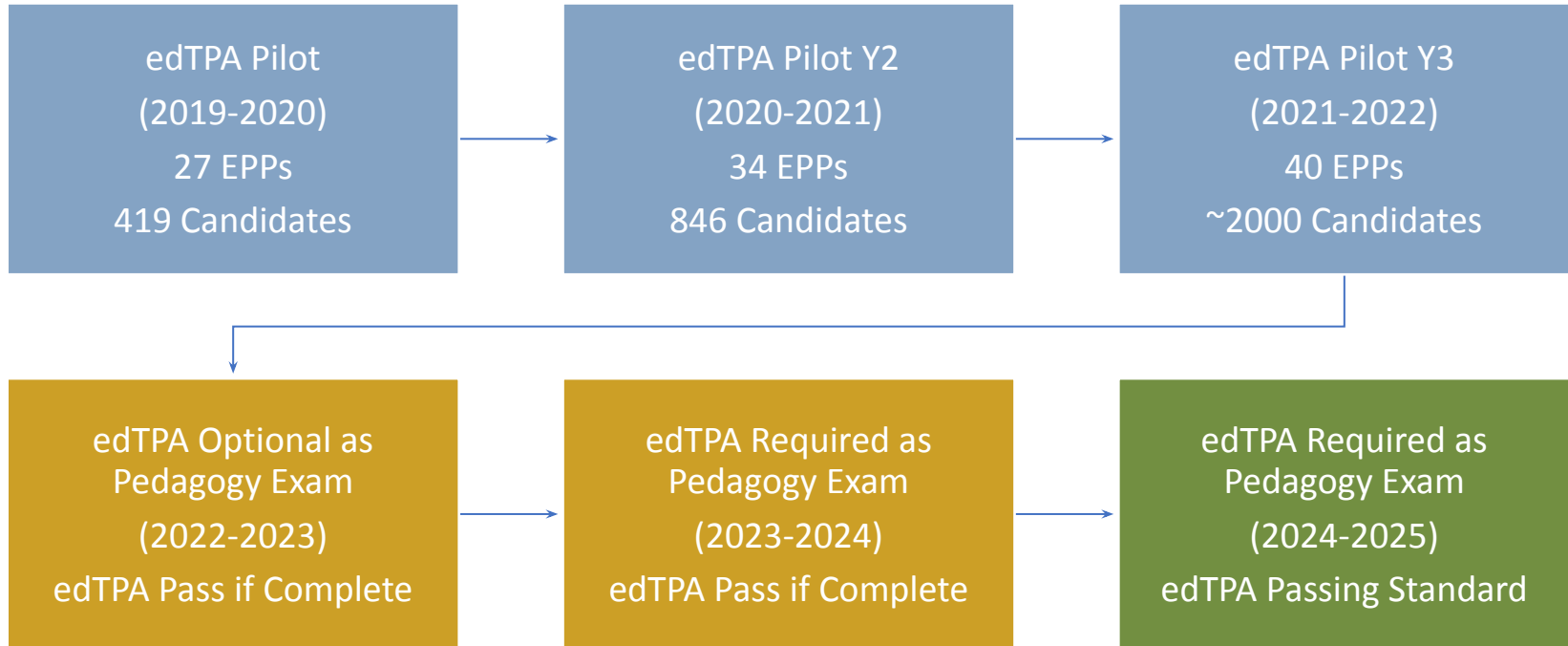
# What Makes edTPA Different?



edTPA is a portfolio-based performance assessment that requires a candidate to demonstrate their ability to plan, instruct, and assess through the develop of a portfolio consisting of artifacts and reflection.



# TEA Implementation Timeline



# TEA Current Data

edTPA pilot results show increased performance in all groups and no meaningful differences in performance by candidate race/ethnicity groups.

edTPA		
Group	19-20 Mean Scaled Score	20-21 Mean Scaled Score
Asian	35.6	Low N
African American	34.5	38.2
Hispanic	36.9	38.7
White	36.6	38.9

This indicates that edTPA is a significantly more equitable exam pathway than the current PPR exam.

PPR		
Group	18-21 Mean Scaled Score	Passing Percentage
Asian	258	85%
African American	252	77%
Hispanic	255	83%
White	264	93%



# Key Takeaways from Pilot Programs

## Alignment

- Most EPP staff agree that the core content of edTPA is aligned to their program, but that the academic language is not. This seems to be more of an obstacle for some programs than for others.
- Most EPP staff also believe that supporting students on the edTPA will require changes to their program or curriculum. Some welcome these changes; others do not.

## Bright Spots and Challenges

- Many EPP staff identified positive changes associated with implementing the edTPA, noting that the process increased communication across stakeholders and made their teacher candidates more reflective on their own practice.
- Major (non-COVID) challenges cited included a lack of time to prepare before implementing the edTPA, faculty buy-in, and communication with K-12 partners.
- Alternative route programs face specific challenges as their candidates try to balance the responsibilities of being a teacher of record with completing the edTPA.
- While interviewees did not notice disparities in participation or completion of the edTPA by race, they did note language and financial challenges that might disproportionately impact candidates of color.

# Common Concerns



Concern  
Cost - \$181 is just too much for candidates

- Response
- Potential for need-based assistance with costs
  - Opportunities to fold into program costs to make eligible for financial aid



Concern  
Impact of edTPA across demographic groups

- Response
- While a small sample size, Year 2 of the pilot showed near parity across demographic groups.
  - Smaller gaps than current multiple-choice assessments
  - More authentic opportunities to show what candidates can do



Concern  
Impact on teacher shortages

- Response
- Long timeline for implementation
  - Better-prepared teachers are more likely to be retained
  - The reasons for underlying shortages are far more significant than the test and have been around well before edTPA.



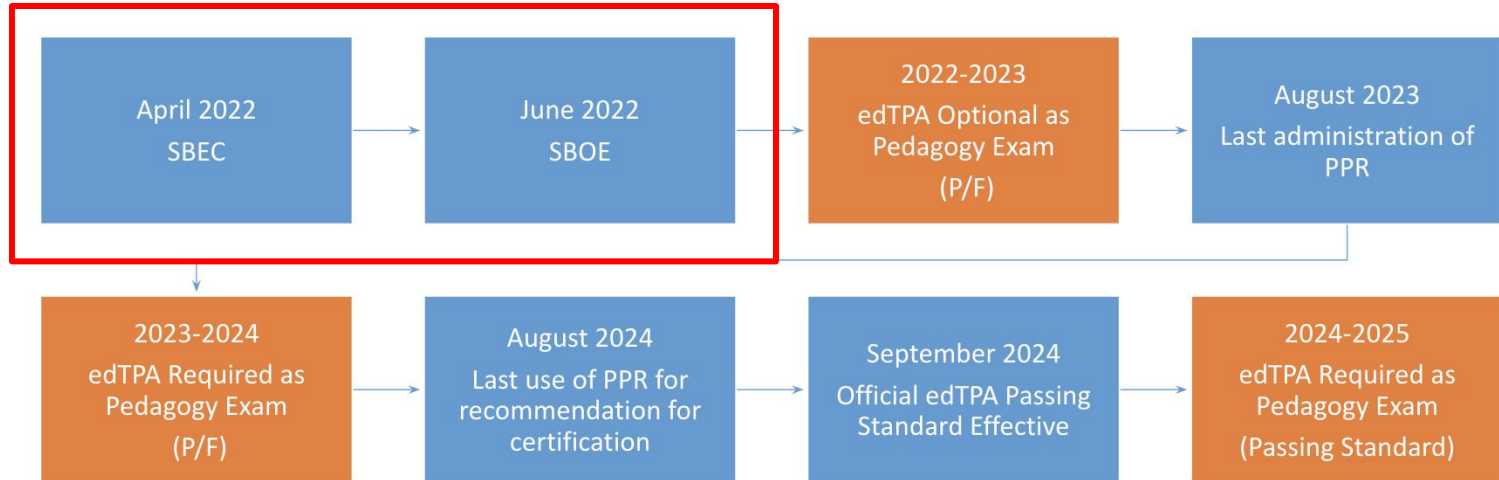
Concern  
National test

- Response
- Content of all edTPA tasks is from the TEKS
  - Authentic to what teachers are being asked to teach in the real world

# Proposed timeline



## Updated Proposed edTPA Implementation Timeline based on Stakeholder and SBEC Feedback



# State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC)

## Classroom Teachers

**Josue Tamarez Torres**  
*Dallas ISD*

**Bob Brescia**  
*Ector County ISD*

**Jean Streepey**  
*Highland Park ISD*

**Melissa Isaacs**  
*Buffalo ISD*

## Counselor

**Bena Glasscock**  
*Hereford ISD*

## Administrators

**Andrew Kim**    **Scott Muri**  
*Comal ISD*    *Ector County ISD*

## Citizens

**Tommy Coleman**    **Julia Dvorak**    **Courtney Boswell**    **Rex Gore**  
*Livingston*    *Plugerville*    **MacDonald**    *Austin*  
*Kerville*

## Non-Voting Members

**Alma Rodriguez**  
*Dean of College of  
Education Rep  
(UT-RGV)*

**Andrew Lofters**  
*Texas Higher Education  
Coordinating Board rep*

**Veronica Galvan**  
*Alternative Education  
Prep Program rep (EiT)*

**Kelvey Oeser**  
*Texas Education Agency  
rep*

**July 2019**

Adopted edTPA pilot

**April 29**    Vote expected on edTPA adoption

**6**    Majority of voting members required

# State Board of Education (SBOE)

District 1



Georgina C. Pérez  
El Paso  
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Ruben Cortez, Jr.  
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**Committee on School Initiatives**  
(responsible for SBEC rules review)

**6** Votes required to ratify SBEC decision

**June 14** Vote expected on edTPA  
ratification

# Ways to Advocate

- Sign-up to provide testimony to SBEC by Wed., April 27
- Sign-up to provide testimony to SBOE in June
- Meet with your SBOE representative
- Author an OpEd or share your story with a reporter
- Contact your organization's leadership to express support
- Contact SBEC and SBOE members using this Phone2Action campaign (and share with friends!): <https://p2a.co/l2Y8zej>

# Don't wait. Take action now!

## Ensuring All New Teachers Get the Preparation and Support to Succeed

As the challenges of teacher vacancies and students' unfinished learning come into focus, it has never been more important for new teachers to receive high-quality preparation to stay and thrive in the profession. Every year, 25,000 new teachers enter Texas classrooms - more likely serving students of color and students from low-income backgrounds - and too often without the coaching and support they want and their students need. Our state must do more to prepare and retain a diverse teacher workforce and cannot afford to choose between quantity and quality.

One strategy endorsed by state leaders is to replace the multiple-choice Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities exam (PPR) currently required for full teacher certification with edTPA, a performance-based licensure assessment that better evaluates and develops the practical skills new teachers need to be successful. Following a successful three-year pilot with thousands of Texas teacher candidates, the State Board for Educator Certification and State Board of Education must now vote to adopt edTPA for statewide implementation over the next three years.

Send an email to your officials with one click!

Title \* ▼

Full Name \*

Address \*

Zip \* city and state not required

Phone \*

Email \*

 **Send Email**

Subject: Now is the time for Texas to adopt edTPA

Thank you for your leadership and service to the students and teachers of Texas. I am writing to urge you to vote to affirm adoption of edTPA. As our state confronts the challenges of teacher vacancies and students' unprecedented need for effective educators, it has never been more important to ensure new teachers receive the high-quality preparation they need to stay and

# Additional resources

- [About the Texas edTPA pilot](#) (TEA)
- [About edTPA implementation](#) (TEA)
- [edTPA Community of Practice resources](#) (Educate Texas)
- [Upcoming edTPA webinars \(including 101 on May 18\)](#)
- [Texas' 'wild west' teacher prep landscape could make teacher shortage worse](#) (Dallas Morning News)
- [Too big to fail? Texas' largest teacher prep program riddled with problems, state finds](#) (Dallas Morning News)