

Authority to Negotiate and Execute an Interlocal Agreement with Sam Houston State University (SHSU) Alternative Teacher Certification program that will Provide Opportunities for Internships to Teacher Certification.

BACKGROUND:

In a strategic move to bolster the pipeline of future certified teachers within the Houston Independent School District (HISD), the district is actively pursuing a partnership with SHSU Alternative Teacher Certification. This collaboration aims to integrate an internship program with HISD's Teacher Certification Pathways Department.

SHSU Alternative Teacher Certification will play a pivotal role in attracting aspiring educators from within HISD, facilitating their entry into a certification pathway while concurrently engaging as teachers within the district. Additionally, SHSU will offer comprehensive advising and support services tailored to educators holding bachelor's degrees on a bi-weekly open enrollment basis.

Participating teachers will benefit from the close coordination and progress monitoring facilitated by HISD's Alternative Certification department, further enhancing their preparation and professional development. Throughout the program, all candidates will be supervised by qualified and licensed field supervisors.

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase the number of HISD teachers working toward certification through alternative certification programs.
- Implement creative ways and means to develop highly effective teachers seeking certification.
- Remove barriers from current or future HISD teachers seeking certification by increasing windows of enrollment.