

SPED Teachers and Paraprofessional Reporting

Section 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that each state submit data about children with disabilities who receive special education and related services under Part B of IDEA in two age groups:

- [Students ages 3 through 5](#), and
- [Students ages 6 through 21](#)

The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) requires states to report the *unduplicated* number of children served and the full-time equivalents (FTEs) of Certified/Non-Certified Special Education Teachers or Paraprofessionals.

Prior to the 2020-2021 school year, TEA utilized the PR1500, Equity Data Survey, provided for Title I reporting from eGrants to obtain the required data, however, this data is no longer reported for Title I. Due to the discontinuation of the PR1500, a new data element was added in addition to adding existing data elements to be collected in the PEIMS Fall Submission.

Paraprofessional Certification Status

Question: What are paraprofessional certifications? How can LEAs verify an individual's certification status?

Certification Resources

There are three (3) levels of Educational Aide Certification that can be obtained per §231.641 of the Texas Administrative Code. More information can be found here:

[Becoming an Educational Aide in Texas](#)

Certifications can be searched for on the SBEC site here:

[SBEC Online Certification Search Tool](#)

Texas Educator Certificate
This certifies that
[Redacted Name]
*has fulfilled requirements of state law and regulations of the
State Board for Educator Certification
and is hereby authorized to perform duties as designated below:*

STANDARD			
Description	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Status
Educational Aide Educational Aide I	08/19/2016	04/30/2022	Valid

Official Record of Certification
Thursday, June 25, 2020

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