
take to earn the Educational Aide 1 certificate?

To earn the Educational Aide 1 certificate, a student must pass two or more of the following courses for three or more credits verified in writing by the superintendent of the district in which the credits were earned:

- Principles of Education and Training, as described in §127.316
- Human Growth and Development, as described in §127.311
- Child Development, as described in §127.317
- Child Guidance, as described in §127.318
- Practicum in Early Learning, as described in §127.320



Educational Aide 1 - Frequently Asked Questions

For assistance with paying online, view the [Paying for Educational Aides Online](#) document or follow the steps provided below

1. Login to your **TEAL** account and continue to **ECOS for Entities**.
2. Select **Educational Aides**, then click **Educational Aide List**.
3. Establish your search criteria.
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8. Does my district need to send a fee remittance form or purchase order?

Fee remittance forms and purchase orders are no longer accepted. Please complete all payments online.

9. What is the best way to submit fingerprinting questions?

The [Help Desk](#) is the most efficient way to submit fingerprinting questions to TEA. Fingerprinting Help Desk tickets are typically answered within four business hours.

10. Does a certificate applicant have to submit fingerprints again if they have been fingerprinted previously for a purpose other than education?

Yes, fingerprinting results for other purposes are not accessible by or transferrable to TEA. The applicant must be fingerprinted through the process facilitated by TEA to be issued an educator certification in Texas.

11. Does a certificate applicant have to submit fingerprints again if they have previously been fingerprinted to work in a school district or charter school?

If an applicant has previously been fingerprinted as a non-certified employee or substitute teacher in a Texas school district or charter school through TEA, they are not required to be fingerprinted again for issuance of an educator certification. Their previous TEA fingerprint results will transfer to their ECOS account within 24-48 hours of certification application submission.

12. Is having a Social Security Number (SSN) required to submit fingerprints?

Yes, applicants applying for issuance of a Texas educator certification must hold a valid social security number to be fingerprinted. The fingerprinting process will be blocked if TEA does not have a valid SSN on file in the educator'

