

Notice to Constituents of Complaint Rights

Per Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 228.70, students and constituents have the right to submit formal, written complaints about the Educator Preparation Program for investigation and resolution. The TEA staff and the SBEC **do not** have jurisdiction over complaints related to contractual arrangements with an EPP, commercial issues, obtaining a higher grade or credit for training, or seeking reinstatement to an EPP.

All complaints filed with the TEA must be in writing. The TEA does not accept complaints by phone or complaints that are submitted anonymously. A person or entity may file a written complaint with TEA by filling out the complaint form online or by mailing or faxing a hard copy to the address on the form.

Complaint form URL:

<https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/contact-us/complaints-and-investigations>

To adequately review and address a complaint, TEA needs specific details and must be able to identify a clear violation of Texas Administrative Code §§ 227, 228, 229, ethics (TAC 247), fingerprinting (TAC §§227, 232), or certification (TAC §§230, 231, 232, 239, 241, 242) to determine whether the agency has authority to act upon the allegation.

Complaints submissions should include the following:

- The reasons you believe the issues raised in your complaint are valid. You should also indicate how you believe that TEA can assist you with this matter.
- Documentation to support your claim when possible. For example, if you refer in your complaint to an educator preparation program policy, include a copy of the policy with your complaint. Helpful documentation might include letters or e-mails exchanged between the parties.

Additional support and guidance can be sought by the Office of Educator Preparation Services at 432.552.2120 or epp@utpb.edu