Teaching you to inspire them.

COOPER, FUTURE FIREFIGHTER

AGE 7, CLEAR CREEK ISD
Path To Teacher Certification

APPLY

10 Business Days

PROGRAM BEGINS EACH MONTH

PRESERVICE TRAINING

3–5 Months

Content Exam(s)

INTERNERSHIP

Minimum 10 Months

or

CLINICAL TEACHING

12 Weeks

PPR Exam

JAYLA, FUTURE METEOROLOGIST

AGE 9, LAMAR GSD
Preparing confident educators who inspire children in Texas to develop their potential is our priority. We believe that if you are confident in your skills, then your students will be confident in you. If your students believe in you, then you can push them to reach their true potential, and that will make the world a better place. If you believe in their future, then you have come to the right place.
Why INSPIRE TEXAS?

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

The ability to inspire our children to succeed makes all the difference as they grow up, just as others encouraged you to do well in school when you were younger.

We challenge you—yes, we will inspire you—to educate students and help them reach their goals. These students, in turn, will inspire others, and that adds up to a more promising future for the great state of Texas.

Approved by the Texas Education Agency in 1990, INSPIRE TEXAS (previously known as Region 4 ACP) has built a strong reputation for producing highly qualified teachers and administrators—more than 16,000 to date.

INSPIRE TEXAS STANDS OUT as one of the only certification programs statewide that supports every stage of your career in education—teacher, counselor, principal, and superintendent.

INSPIRE TEXAS IS CONNECTED to Region 4 Education Service Center (Region 4). We are more than just a certification program. We provide professional development, products, and services to more than 1.1 million students, 91,000 educators, and 1,500 campuses.

INSPIRE TEXAS OFFERS FLEXIBILITY by offering online as well as in-person training to accommodate your schedule and your learning preferences.

INSPIRE TEXAS PROVIDES SUPPORT at every level, including mentor teachers and field supervisors.

INSPIRE TEXAS PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS to candidates who demonstrate promise in education and pursue certification in high-demand fields. For more information, go to INSPIRETEXAS.NET/SCHOLARSHIPS.

INSPIRE TEXAS HOSTS THE STATE’S LARGEST TEACHER JOB FAIR in conjunction with Region 4. Preferred access is granted to INSPIRE TEXAS candidates.

Visit INSPIRETEXAS.NET to learn more.
Teacher Certification Areas

ALL LEVELS:
EARLY CHILDHOOD–GRADE 12
• Art
• Health
• LOTE (Languages Other Than English): Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese
• Music
• Physical Education
• Special Education
• Technology Applications
• Theatre Arts

EARLY CHILDHOOD–GRADE 6
• Core Subjects
• Core Subjects/Bilingual
• Core Subjects/ESL

GRADES 4–8
• Core Subjects
• Core Subjects/Bilingual
• Core Subjects/ESL
• Math
• Science
• Social Studies
• English Language Arts and Reading
• English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies
• Math/Science

GRADES 6–12
• Agricultural Science and Technology
• Business Education
• Family and Consumer Sciences
• Physical Science
• Technology Education

GRADES 7–12
• Chemistry
• English Language Arts and Reading
• History
• Journalism
• Life Science
• Math
• Math/Physics
• Science Composite
• Social Studies Composite
• Speech

GRADES 8–12
• Computer Science
• Dance
• Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences
• Human Development and Family Studies
• Marketing
The desire to teach—like the desire to learn—comes from within. If you have what it takes to be a teacher, you understand that it includes more than showing students how to read, write, and do math. With INSPIRE TEXAS, you will be trained to share your expertise in developing the minds and interests of our children.

Our teacher certification program has an experienced staff that possesses the know-how to make your goal of certification a reality. With our flexible and convenient training formats—online or in person—we can help you become a teacher in Texas.

**REQUIRES:** BACHELOR’S DEGREE WITH MINIMUM 2.75 GPA

**INTERNSHIP:** After completing your preservice training, you will apply for a salaried position at an accredited Texas public, charter, or private school of your choice. You will lead a classroom for an entire school year as you work toward completing your certification requirements.

**CLINICAL TEACHING:** After completing your preservice training, you will teach alongside an experienced certified teacher as a clinical teacher for 12 weeks. Clinical teaching is a guided assignment that allows you to practice before you teach. Clinical teaching is unpaid; however, it is a shorter route than an internship to certification.

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**COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION**

The best listeners are among the most effective counselors. Assessing student strengths and advising students about their goals are essential skills. Encouraging the interests of students is crucial to their development.

Our 1-year online training program emphasizes critical thinking and problem-solving skills. As a counselor candidate, you will have the opportunity to gain experience in the field at an accredited Texas public, charter, or private school. At INSPIRE TEXAS, we are passionate about preparing counselors who make a difference in the lives of our children while helping them support their dreams.

**REQUIRES:** MASTER’S DEGREE, VALID TEACHER CERTIFICATE, AND AT LEAST 2 YEARS OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**A DESIRE TO HELP STUDENTS REACH THEIR POTENTIAL UNDERScores INSPIRE TEXAS AS THE PREFERRED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AMONG PROSPECTIVE EDUCATORS.**
**Principal Certification**

Lead the next generation.

The ability to handle relationships with students, faculty, parents, and community leaders is essential to the success of a principal.

As an INSPIRE TEXAS principal candidate, you will have the advantage of training at an accredited Texas public, charter, or private school as an intern guided by experienced administrators.

During our 1-year program, you will gain the tools necessary to further develop strong leadership skills and lead the next generation with authority.

**Requires:** Master's degree, valid teacher certificate, at least 2 years of teaching experience, and demonstrated leadership skills

**Classes Begin in Jan., April, July, and Oct.**

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**Superintendent Certification**

Build the foundation.

Understanding the big picture in leading a school district in Texas requires a range of administrative skills with a keen eye for what is best for students. We seek out leaders who are committed to academic success for all students, strategic leadership, stewardship of resources, and community relations.

Join a cohort of like-minded individuals in our comprehensive 1-year training program. Whether looking to secure superintendency or a senior central office position, you will gain one-on-one access to prominent practicing superintendents from across the state in a series of discussion panels and the invaluable opportunity to network with other school district administrators.

**Requires:** Master's degree, valid principal or mid-management certificate, and demonstrated leadership skills

**Classes Begin in September**

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**An Alum’s Experience**

“There is a very personable side to the program that is amazing. This isn’t something you do on your own and they just mail you a certificate. They walk you through, they make you feel comfortable, they encourage you, they invite questions, and it makes all the difference.”

— Stephanie, Inspire Texas Graduate

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**Projected Teacher Employment**

2022: 4.5 Million

2012: 4.1 Million

▲ According to the US Department of Labor, the number of teaching positions is projected to grow by 10.4%, or 430,000 new jobs, during the next decade.
AGE 8, HOUSTON ISD

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