• General Requirements (230.11.b)
  o 18 years old
  o Criminal history review
  o Support and defend the US and Texas constitutions
  o English language proficiency
  o Successfully complete appropriate exams
  o Complete an approved EPP and receive certification recommendation

• Assessments
  o An exam may only be taken 5 times (230.21.a)
  o After 5th unsuccessful attempt, a waiver must be requested and approved by TEA staff (230.21.a.1)
  o Examination requirements can be found in Figure 19 TAC 230.21(e)
  o Candidates with a hearing impairment may request exemption from examinations (230.25)

• Classes of Certificates (230.33)
  o Superintendent
  o Principal
  o Classroom teacher
  o Reading specialist
  o Master teacher
  o School librarian
  o School counselor
  o Educational Diagnostician

• EPP must provide ongoing support to a candidate until (228.35.c.2.C.VI):
  o A standard certificate is issued
  o The candidate is not employed by the school or district
  o The candidate is released from the EPP
  o The candidate resigns from the EPP

• Standard certification (230.13)
  o Bachelor’s degree (teacher)
  o Master’s degree (non-teacher)
  o Completion of all EPP requirements
  o Pass all exams required for certification class and field
  o Advanced certifications: 2 years teaching experience (3 for Ed Diag)

• Preliminary Certifications and Permits (230.31)
  o May be issued for any class (230.36.a.1)
  o May not serve for more than three 12-month periods while holding a combination of preliminary certifications (230.36.c.4)
  o Candidates participating in an internship must either obtain an intern or probationary certification

  o Intern Certification (230.36)
    ▪ Valid for 12 months maximum (230.21.c.4.A)
    ▪ Bachelor’s degree
    ▪ Participating in an EPP
    ▪ Teachers: Pass all of the appropriate certification content examinations (230.36.d.1)
    ▪ Non-teachers: Meet all requirements established by the EPP (230.36.e.1)
    ▪ Advanced certifications: 2 years teaching experience (3 for Ed Diag)
    ▪ 3 observations in 1st half | 2 observations in 2nd half

  o Probationary (230.37)
    ▪ Valid for one 12-month period
    ▪ Limited to two 12 month periods maximum (230.21.c.4.B)
    ▪ Bachelor’s degree
    ▪ Participating in an EPP
    ▪ Teachers: Pass all of the appropriate content and PPR certification examinations (230.37.d.2)
    ▪ Advanced certifications: 2 years teaching experience (3 for Ed Diag)
    ▪ Non-teachers: Pass the appropriate certification examination (230.37.c.3)
    ▪ 3 observations—One in each 3rd

  o Approval of additional year(s) of internship under probationary certification
    ▪ First internship was not successful (228.35.c.2.C.v.I)
    ▪ First internship was successful and candidate is making satisfactory progress toward completing EPP requirements (228.35.c.2.C.v.II)