



Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation Acknowledgement

In accordance with Texas Education Code §22.0831 and 19 TAC §227.1(d), all applicants must be informed that certain criminal offenses may disqualify individuals from earning Texas teacher certification, even if they meet all academic requirements. Although admission to the BAAS ECET/WC EPP is based on qualifications reviewed by Weatherford College, final certification eligibility is determined by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) following a required national fingerprint-based background check. To support informed decision-making, the TEA offers a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation (PCHE). This is a non-binding, optional service (for a fee) that allows applicants to have their criminal history reviewed before entering an educator preparation program. The WC EPP strongly recommends completing a PCHE prior to enrollment if you have ever been arrested, charged, or convicted of a crime (even if dismissed or expunged). Students who decline to pursue a PCHE do so at their own risk.

More information and PCHE instructions: [Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation FAQs](#)

Candidate Acknowledgement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have been informed of:

- The TEA's fingerprinting and national criminal history background check requirements for Texas educator certification
- My option to submit a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation (PCHE) to the Texas Education Agency
- The possibility that certain criminal offenses may affect my eligibility for certification, regardless of admission status
- The possibility that certain criminal offenses may affect my eligibility for employment as a professional educator in Texas public schools
- My responsibility to seek legal guidance or request a PCHE if I have concerns about past criminal history

Printed Name

WC Student ID Number

Signature

Date