**EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM**

**EXIT POLICY\***

It is a chief aim of Texas A&M University’s School of Education and Human Development’s Educator Preparation Program (EPP) to graduate and certify students who will be successful educators in the state of Texas. Occasionally there are circumstances that warrant the termination of student in the TAMU EPP. When such action is deemed necessary, there are specific reasons and procedures that should be taken into consideration by all parties involved.

Per Texas Administrative Code 19 TAC 228.20(h), the reasons for termination from an EPP are noted below.

**Reasons for Termination**

* Undergraduate GPA falls below 2.75.
* Graduate Program GPA falls below 2.75.
* Mutual consent and agreement for termination by the public-school partner Administrator and University Supervisor for reasons of illness, injury or other unforeseen personal circumstances.
* Violation of the Texas Professional Code (Code of Ethics) or Texas Education Code regulations.
* Failure by the student to establish and maintain a satisfactory performance level in classroom instruction and management.
* Failure by the TAMU EPP student to abide by the policies of the TAMU EPP program, public school partner and/or school district.
* Unprofessional conduct towards school personnel or students.
* Failure to address the requirements of a growth plan and show consistent progress.
* Non-renewal of teaching contract for interns.
* Failure to pay fees in a timely manner.

Students who choose to withdraw from the TAMU EPP prior to graduation or certification will be required to complete a written statement via academic advisor or program director. The document outlines reasons for withdrawal, and understanding of graduation without TEA Certification. Re-entry into the program will be considered on an individual basis.

*Paid fees will not be refunded if a participant is withdrawn or dismissed from the program.*

If the participant does not agree with the decision of program dismissal, s/he may appeal to the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs within 5 business days in writing.

**\*Pending CEPP approval.**