



State Board for Educator Certification

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Announcement

TO: THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED
FROM: Pamela B. Tackett, Executive Director
DATE: May 11, 2000
SUBJECT: MASTER READING TEACHER PROGRAMS

As you know, a bill requiring the development of a Master Reading Teacher Certificate was passed in the last Legislative session. Standards have been developed and now approved for that certificate. The Master Reading Teacher standards are listed in Attachment 1.

I encourage you to consider developing a Master Reading Teacher program. The following education professionals are eligible to receive the MRT certificate:

- Teachers holding a Reading Specialist certificate who have successfully completed an SBEC-approved Master Reading Teacher program. These teachers are not required to take the Master Reading Teacher certification examination; and,
- Teachers with three years teaching experience who have successfully completed an SBEC-approved Master Reading Teacher program. These teachers are required to pass the Master Reading Teacher certification examination.

At its May 5, 2000 meeting, the State Board for Educator Certification approved a number of entities to deliver Master Reading Teacher certification programs during the summer to individuals who will be available for assignment during the 2000-2001 school year. These programs will initially concentrate on recruiting Reading Specialists in this first summer as they are exempt from the Master Reading Teacher examination. The examination will be administered for the first time on January 27, 2001.

Attachment 2 is a chart delineating the components that should be included in a proposal for program approval, including SBEC requirements and the weight that will be assigned to each component. Attachment 3 is a matrix that may be used to further explain and exemplify the elements of the proposal for program approval. Attachment 4 is a rubric that will be used by readers to score Master Reading Teacher program proposals.

There is no specific application form for the Master Reading Teacher program proposal. However, we do request that you submit a cover letter with your application request in which you describe the collaborative nature of your program design development, and delivery as per 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Section 228.20 (see SBEC web page at <http://www.sbec.state.tx.us>). In applying for program approval, please address the elements explained in the attachments listed above. The DEADLINE for submission of a proposal for approval to deliver a program this fall is JUNE 30, 2000.

Please remember that all approved programs are subject to the rules related to the Accountability System for Educator Preparation (19 TAC 229). Should you have any questions as you develop program proposals, please call the Office of Accountability at (512) 469-3000.

We sincerely hope that the Master Reading Teacher initiative will make a difference for the children of Texas.

- Attachment 1: [Master Reading Teacher Standards](#)
Attachment 2: [Components of a Master Reading Teacher Program](#)
Attachment 3: [Master Reading Teacher Standards Matrix](#)
Attachment 4: [Scoring Rubric for Master Reading Teacher Program Proposals](#)