

TWU Educator Preparation Program Exit Policy

Exit Policy for Certification Programs

The state requires all educator preparation programs to have an exit policy for the dismissal of candidates that is published, reviewed, and signed by candidates when they are admitted to the program. The requirement is found in 19 TAC §228.20(h).

Dismissal from the Educator Preparation Program

Initial and professional certification candidates may be removed from the Texas Woman's University Educator Preparation Program (EPP) when candidates demonstrate behavior inconsistent with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions expected of teachers and leaders in Texas. Dismissal from the program may be based on grounds including but not limited to:

1. Failure to meet coursework requirements.
2. Failure to abide by policies and/or procedures established by the Texas Woman's University EPP and/or program requirements established by the State Board for Educator Certification as published in the Texas Administrative Code.
3. Failure to abide by the Texas Woman's University EPP's Professional Dispositions Policy.
4. Any action deemed a violation of the Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators, and/or;
5. Any action deemed a violation of the Texas Woman's University Student Code of Conduct; and/or;
6. Any action deemed a violation of school district and/or campus policy during field-based experiences, clinical teaching, internship, or practicum.

Dismissal from the program is determined by a committee composed of the TWU EPP's Council for Educator Preparation members. Dismissal may occur at any time. Candidates who are dismissed from the Texas Woman's University will be automatically dismissed from the EPP. All decisions of dismissal can be appealed following University policies. Information related to the appeal of decisions of dismissal is found in [URP: 02.220 Academic Administrative Complaints and Appeals](#).

Withdrawal from the Educator Preparation Program

A candidate who voluntarily decides to withdraw from the EPP must send a written notice of that intent from a Texas Woman's University email account and include their TWU student ID in that email. The candidate also must submit a signed Texas Education Transfer Form if they transfer to another EPP. Withdrawal from the University constitutes automatic withdrawal from the EPP.