

## Office of Educator Preparation

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**From:** Office of Educator Preparation  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2023 5:34 PM  
**Cc:** Office of Educator Preparation  
**Subject:** Important Information – Pre-Student Teaching Assignments  
**Attachments:** Pre-Semester Start-Up Assignments.pdf; Student Teaching Syllabus SPRING.pdf

**Importance:** High

Hello,

We hope your break is going well. We want to inform you of important steps for the upcoming spring semester. These pre-student teaching assignments will help you prepare for your first seminar and student teaching experience this Spring. These must be reviewed before your first orientation seminar (Orientation seminar) scheduled with your assigned faculty supervisor during the week of January 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Plan to be available during this week for the required orientation seminar.

### 1. Pre-Student Teaching Assignments:

- Attached to this email are assignments to be completed **before** the Orientation Seminar. Please follow the steps of the 4 outlined assignments.
- Alternatively, you can find the assignments on this [\[link\]](#).

### 2. Review Items for your Certification Exams:

Following the successful completion of your Fall coursework, we urge you to prioritize taking the required certification exams. Aim to complete these exams by the end of the spring semester to enhance your professional development and job search prospects. Familiarize yourself with the content of these resources so that you can actively participate in and contribute to the discussions during the first seminar.

- Apply for test approval on the OEP website ([link](#)).
- Explore valuable resources on our OEP website ([link](#)).
- Explore preparation tips and exam information on the following [link](#).
  - Under the “Prepare” dropdown list find your preparation manual for your TExES exam (careful not to select the PACT exam) and familiarize yourself with the content covered in each domain and competency on your exam.

### 3. Booksmart:

Starting Fall 2023, TXST introduced Booksmart, a \$249-per-semester textbook program included in tuition. **EDST doesn't require textbooks.**

- If EDST is your only course or you choose not to use Booksmart, you can opt out.
- The deadline to opt-out is the **Census Day** for each term.
- Follow these steps: [\[Opt-out link\]](#)
- Questions? Visit [\[BOOKSMART FAQs\]](#).

Best regards,



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