

Closing the Year Strong

Newsletter



Teach Us

A NOTE FROM OUR STAFF

This newsletter highlights the exceptional events and accomplishments of Teach Us' teacher candidates, partners, and staff. Our team firmly believes that our success is directly attributed to your support and active participation!

*Contact us at info@teachus.com so we can include your shoutout in an upcoming newsletter.

Special Education Exam Update

If you are not yet in internship or clinical practice, your exam pathway has now shifted from the TExES Special Education (161) to the new TExES Special Education Specialist (186). You already have access to updated test preparation resources, designed to guide your study plan and build confidence for exam day. If you don't see your test prep access or are unsure about your transition status, simply reach out to your cohort leader—we'll make sure everything is in place so you can move forward smoothly.

Texas Reading Academy 2026 – Applications Open!

Applications are now open for the Texas Reading Academy with Teach Us (October 1 – November 30, 2025).

Why Apply?

- *Meets the state requirement for K–3 & Special Education teachers*
- *Built into Teach Us coursework — no extra cost*
- *Gain a hiring advantage by completing before your first year of teaching*

Program runs January–December 2026. Limited to 15 candidates in the January cohort. Full details and informational session dates are posted in Canvas Announcements.

End-of-Year Candidate To-Dos

As we wrap up the year, make sure you're on track for certification success. Here are three important steps to complete before the holiday break.

Tip: Knock these out early so you can enjoy your break with peace of mind!

1. **Complete Coursework Hours:** Double-check your progress in Canvas and complete any remaining coursework hours. Staying on pace now ensures you meet district deadlines and prevents a stressful start to the new year.
2. **Review Field-Based Experiences (FBEs):** Log into your FBE course and confirm that your FBE hours are entered and verified. If any experiences are missing or need corrections, update them promptly so they count toward your requirement.
3. **Complete Test Preparation:** Stay consistent with your test prep modules. Work through practice questions, review content, and use the resources available to you to build confidence for your exam.
4. **Schedule Benchmark and/or TExES Exam:** If you are eligible, make sure you have scheduled your benchmark and, if cleared, your TExES exam. Getting your test dates set now ensures you're on track for certification and helps you plan your study schedule.

Two Clinical Practice Pathways Available with Teach Us Texas

At Teach Us Texas, we know every future teacher's journey looks a little different. That's why we offer **two clinical practice pathways**—**Clinical Teaching** and **Internship**—so candidates can choose the option that best fits their needs. t us at partnerships@teachus.com.

What They Have in Common

Both pathways provide the hands-on classroom experience required for Texas certification. In either model, candidates receive mentoring, coaching, and support from Teach Us Texas and their campus leaders. Both ensure candidates are fully prepared to lead their own classroom with confidence.

How They Differ

- **Clinical Teaching:** A shorter, unpaid placement (approximately 14 weeks) where candidates work alongside an experienced, certified teacher. This option mirrors a traditional student teaching model and provides intensive daily feedback and practice before becoming a teacher of record.
- **Internship:** A year-long, paid position where candidates serve as the teacher of record in their own classroom while completing certification requirements. Interns receive mentoring and ongoing support while gaining real-world, full-time experience.

Which Path Is Right for You?

- Choose **Clinical Teaching** if you prefer to learn in a gradual, guided setting before taking full responsibility for your own class.
- Choose **Internship** if you are ready to step into the classroom as the lead teacher while earning a full salary.

Both options are designed to prepare you for long-term success in education. No matter which pathway you choose, Teach Us Texas will walk beside you every step of the way.

We are all here to support YOU!

If you have questions about your coursework, need assistance navigating program requirements, or seek advice on your career path, please reach out to your friendly, responsive academic advisor by emailing academicadvising@teachus.com

