

# TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS COMPETITIVE EVENTS

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL EVENTS

**Failure to follow the stated guidelines may result in disqualification of student competing.**

All students wishing to compete in TAFE or Educators Rising events must complete the following:

- Be an active paid member of Educators Rising for the current school year. To join as a National Active level member, [click here](#) to create your account and then complete the online application and purchase process. Additionally - your chapter must have paid its TAFE State Dues for the current school year. **TAFE State dues must be paid in full by November 1st.**
- Register to attend your TAFE Area Conference or the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit. **Registration for the conference does not register your students for competitive events.**
- Sign up to compete in competitive events and submit all required materials by the stated deadline on the TAFE [Guidelines & Rubrics](#) page located on the [TAFE Website](#).

## GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

**NOTE:** General rules and regulations apply to all competitive events and are in addition to each event's specific guidelines.

### Eligibility

- Competitors must be a paid active-level student member of Educators Rising prior to competing at an Area or State Conference.
- Competitors can only compete in 3 events of which no more than 2 can be national events. ELF Test, Student of the Year, and Breakout Session do not count as part of the 3 events.
- For Educators Rising National Events, the Top 10 highest scoring entries in each level will be eligible to compete at the Educators Rising National Conference. In addition to being in the Top 10, students must have earned 70% of available points at Area to advance to State and 80% of available points at State to advance to Nationals.
  - Students may only compete in one individual event and one team event at the Educators Rising National Conference. Dual events count as an individual event.

### Competitive Event Entries

- All submitted materials must reflect original work from the 2022-2023 school year. Materials that may have been created or submitted in previous years are **ineligible**. All competitors must complete a [Statement of Originality](#) form for each event they are participating in.
- Each competitive event guideline will identify what materials are required for submission prior to the conference. Failure to submit required materials by the deadline will result in disqualification. Files should be uploaded using this template for a file name: **Event.First and Last Name.School**
- All video files that are submitted in advance must be uploaded to [YouTube](#). All competitors should also have the video available offline on their computer or on a flash drive.
- Any and all presentations or presentation resources should be available for offline use. Internet access may not be available at all locations.



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## Levels of Competition

- The breakdown of grades noted below is used to designate levels for competitive event entries. Not all competitive events are open to all divisions. Please refer to the event guidelines to check the levels eligible to compete in that event. Teams consisting of students from varying grade levels should be registered in the level of the most senior member.
  - **Middle School** - Grades 7 & 8
  - **Junior Varsity** - Grades 9 & 10
  - **Varsity** - Grades 11 & 12
  - **Collegiate** - Undergraduate Students
  - **Special Edition** - This is for students who have an IEP. It is specifically designed to accommodate special needs students who require accommodations to compete.

## Conference Registration, Attendance, & Participation in Events

- Teacher leaders must login to the TAFE website and register for the conference they are attending. **Registration for the conference does not register your students for competitive events.** Please follow the instructions provided on the [TAFE Website](#) to register for competitive events. Students whose teacher leader fails to register for the conference or competitive events before the deadline will not be allowed to attend or compete.
- Competitors should observe professional dress as defined by the [Dress Code Compliance Form](#). Students will not be allowed to compete if not compliant with the dress code. By attending any TAFE sponsored event or conference, you agree to be compliant with the dress code.
- **Judges scores are final** - Teacher Leaders, Chaperones, and Parents are prohibited from approaching judges to discuss scoring or feedback. All questions or concerns should be brought to the attention of the officers and/or TAFE Staff putting on the event.
- The schedule of competitors will be followed as closely as possible. Please understand that events can run behind and ahead of schedule throughout the day. Please be sure and follow all forms of TAFE communication so you do not miss the opportunity to compete.

## Designation of Awards

- Students will receive awards based on the number of points scored on the event rubric. All those receiving a certificate will be recognized on screen during the Closing General Session at the Teach Tomorrow Summit. Awards will be given as follows. The following awards will be given at Area & State Conferences.
  - **National Qualifier** (Varying criteria - State Conference Only)
  - **State Qualifier** (Area conference Only)
  - **Gold Certificate** (90% to 100% of total points awarded only at State)
  - **Silver Certificate** (80% to 89% of total points awarded only at State)
  - **Bronze Certificate** (70% to 79% of total points awarded only at State)
  - **Did Not Place** (0% to 69% of total points awarded only at State)

## Area TAFE Conference To-Do List

- Register for your local conference (**September 30th, 2022 - October 17th, 2022**)
- Register for competitive events (**September 30th, 2022 - October 17th, 2022**)

## State TAFE Conference To-Do List

- Register to attend the 2023 TAFE State Conference (**December 12th, 2022 - January 27th, 2023**)
- Register for a time to compete at the 2023 TAFE State Conference (**January 30th, 2023 - February 3rd, 2023**)



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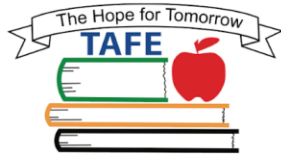
## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FUNDAMENTALS (ELF)

Entries Per School	No limit
Type of Event	Individual
State Competition	Yes
National Competition	No
National Education and Training Career Cluster Knowledge and Skill Statements	ESS01, ESS02, ESS06, ESS07, ESS08, ESS09, EDC01, EDC02, EDC03, EDC05, EDC06, EDC07, EDC08, EDC09, EDC10, EDPC01, EDPC02, EDPC03., EDPC04
Principles of Education and Training TEKS	b4, 3A-B
Human Growth and Development TEKS	b4, 2A-E; 4A-F; 5A-F; 6A-F; 7A-D; 8A, C, D, F; 12 A-C
Instructional Practices in Education and Training TEKS	b4, 2A-E; 3A-D; 4A-B; 5A-E; 6A-D; 7A-B; 8A-C; 9A-C; 10A-D
Practicum in Education and Training TEKS	b4, 1 A-C; 2 A-D; 4A-B; 5A-G; 6A-D; 7A-C; 8A-C; 9A-B; 10A-D; 11A-C; 13A-B
Child Development TEKS	b4, 5A; 6A-C; 7A-E; 8A-H
Child Guidance TEKS	b4, 1 A-E; 2A-F; 3A-B, D; 4A-E; 5A, B
College and Career Readiness Skills TEKS	ELA I A: Social Studies I A-E, II A-B, V A

**NOTE:** The TEKS were selected from the Education and Training Career Cluster and the Human Services Career Cluster (specifically child development and child guidance) that were most applicable regardless of the specific project/topics selected for each event. However, depending on the specific projects, other TEKS might also apply.

**OBJECTIVE:** Prepare students for content knowledge related to teacher certification. Develop students’ content knowledge in the areas of leadership theory and best practices. Recognize students that have demonstrated excellent acquisition of content knowledge related to teaching.

**OVERVIEW:** This is an individual event. Students will be tested over Educational Leadership Fundamentals (ELF). Participants will prepare for the **test** by studying the online study guide posted on the TAFE website. Test questions for the state assessment may be tied to information found in books on leadership. The suggested reading list will also be posted on the website.



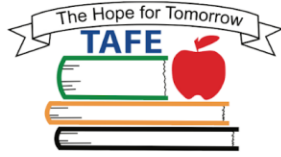
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## COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

- **Area**
  - Based on the availability of accommodations, Area Presidents have the discretion to limit the number of participants per school.
  - One student per test.
  - Chapters must indicate on their conference registration form the number entering this event.
  - Registration will be handled according to each area's guidelines.
  - Tests will be in a multiple-choice format.
  - Students who qualify to take the state ELF test will be given a thirty (30) minute multiple choice test. Questions on the test will come from the study guide posted online.
  - The contestants will have thirty (30) minutes to take the test and should be stopped at the end of the thirty (30) minutes. The timekeeper will give a five (5) minute warning and a 1-minute warning to inform the testers that time is almost over.
  - Room will be set up with computers, tables and chairs, no cell phones, bags, or purses may be taken into the testing room.
  - Students scoring a 70 or above at the area level will be allowed to take the state assessment given at the TAFE Teach Tomorrow Summit.
  
- **State**
  - Students who qualify to take the state ELF test will be given 1 hour to take the test. The test will consist of two parts. The first part is fifty (50) multiple choice questions. The second part is an essay where students will be asked to respond to an education-related topic. All students scoring 90-100 on the test will have their essay scored.
  - Questions on the test will come from the study guide that is posted online.
  - Test times will be posted on the Teach Tomorrow Summit website.
  - All those receiving a certificate will be recognized on the screen during the Closing General Session at the Teach Tomorrow Summit.
  - The person with the highest combined score on the essay and the ELF test will receive a plaque on stage at the Teach Tomorrow Summit.

## CONTEST JUDGES' INFORMATION

- **Both Area and State:**
  - ELF testers should report to the testing area 15 minutes prior to their testing time.
  - Testers who arrive after testing has started will not be allowed to test.
  - Contest facilitators are responsible for proctor orientation at time indicated in the program.
  - At the time the test is to start, the contest facilitator will close the door and check roll. Those not present should be marked NS for no show.
  - After roll is called, and tests are handed out, the testing time will begin.
  - The proctor panel will consist of 3 adults proctoring testers.
  - One of the proctors will also need to be the timekeeper.
  - The contest facilitator will then sort the data according to score and take the Score Sheet and all supplies back to headquarters.



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- **Area: (Test Only)**
  - Facilitators will follow the guidelines set up by their area.
  - The contestants will have 30-minutes to take the test and should be stopped at the end of the 30-minutes. The timekeeper will give a 5-minute warning and a 1-minute warning to inform the testers that time is almost over. Contestants will be stopped at the end of 30 minutes. No essay at area.
  - At area, all students receiving a score of 70-100 will be a state qualifier
  
- **State: (Test and Essay)**
  - Facilitators will follow the General Instructions for Facilitators.
  - Judges will follow the General Instructions for Judges.
  - The contestants will have 30-minutes to take the test. The timekeeper will give a 5-minute warning and a 1-minute warning to inform the testers that time is almost over. The test will time out at the end of the 30 minutes. The contest facilitator will give directions and monitor the essay writing.
  - All students scoring 90-100 on the multiple-choice portion of the test will have their essay scored by a panel of 3 judges. The judges read and score each essay, and then they will rank the 5 top essays.
  - The contest facilitator will then sort the data according to score and take the Score Sheet and all supplies back to headquarters.
  - Contest facilitator will put the appropriate seal on the certificates. All silver and bronze certificates will be placed in the school envelopes and all gold certificates will be kept separate to be recognized on stage.