




THE SPECIAL EDUCATION WEBINAR

will begin shortly. *Thank you for joining us!*

*If you are not yet enrolled with Texas Teachers, please
take 30 seconds to submit your FREE application at
<https://www.teachersoftomorrow.org/texas/apply>*

The background of the slide is a dark blue, semi-transparent image showing a teacher on the left and several students on the right, all looking down at a book or document. The text is overlaid on this image.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION WEBINAR

Special Education Webinar: Topics Covered

- **Introduction**
- **The Need for Special Education Teachers**
- **My Special Education Journey**
- **Understanding Special Education**
- **A Day in the Life of a Special Education Teacher**
- **Benefits of Becoming a Special Education Teacher**
- **How to Become a Special Education Teacher**
- **Q&A**

The Need for *Special Education* Teachers

Why Special Education Needs YOU!

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Texas spent **\$4.02 billion**
funding Special Education
for the 2019-2020 school year



49 states report a Special
Education Teacher shortage



#1 requested list by
Texas school districts
from Texas Teachers



SPED student testing
increased by **56%**



SPED students
increased by **54,710**

Texas Teachers placed
*over 1400+ SPED
teachers last year*

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Contact an advisor at (877) 888-2640 for more information on other high need areas!

Why Special Education Needs YOU!

- ✓ Thousands of classroom vacancies
- ✓ Lack of qualified teachers
- ✓ More students being placed
- ✓ Student needs not being met
- ✓ YOU can make a difference!



Contact an advisor at (877) 888-2640 to start your path to Special Education today!

My *Special Education* Journey



My Story

- Cleo White
- Behavioral Support Services Department: Program Specialist
- From Connecticut to Texas
- A Passion for People
- Social Work
- Special Education Calling
- Finding My Path

Joining Texas Teachers

1. My Pre-Service Phase
 - ✓ Substitute Teaching while completing requirements
 - ✓ Advancement to Assistant Special Education Teacher
2. My Intern Year
 - ✓ Full-time Special Education Teacher
3. Receiving my ***STANDARD CERTIFICATE***



My SPED Career

My students are my why!

1. Special Education in a Behavioral Support Services Classroom
 - ✓ District Recognition
 - ✓ Teacher Training
2. Behavioral Support Services Department: Program Specialist
3. Continuing my Journey



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Understanding Special Education



Defining Special Education

Specially designed services and support to meet the unique needs of a student with a disability.

✓ SPED Teachers ensure that the general education curriculum is accessible to students with disabilities.

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Special Education *Students*

Students with disabilities that adversely impact their educational performance.

AKA – Amazing students who learn differently!

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (2004) identified 13 categories of which students with disabilities are identified and deemed eligible for Special Education services.



Types of Special Education *Teachers*

- **Inclusion/Support Teachers**
- **Resources Teachers**
- **Self-Contained Teachers**
- **Co-Teachers**
- **Homebound Teachers**
- **Non-Public Day School Teachers**
- **Transitional Teachers**

- **Residential Teachers**
- **Pre-School Teachers**



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A Day in the Life of a *Special Education Teacher*

The 3 P's of SPED Teachers:

1

Planning

- Individual
- Group
- Cross-Collaboration



2

Preparation

- The Classroom
- Staff
- Students



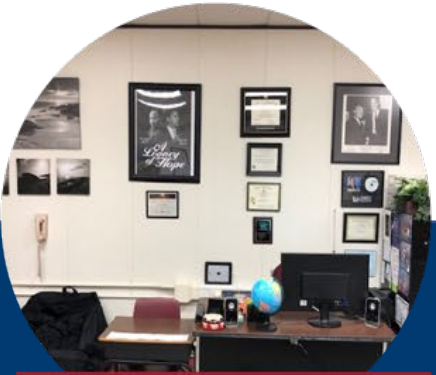
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Performance

- Instructional Performance
- PPR Performance
- Student-Teacher Relationship



My Classroom



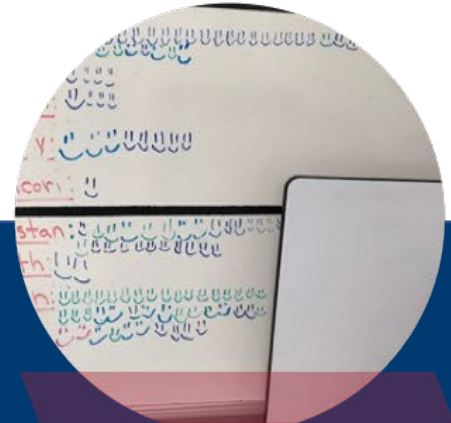
*A visual picture of
success for students*



*Behavioral support
calming corner*



*Classroom display of
excellent student work*



*Student behavioral
modification system*

My Classroom



*Integrating technology
in the classroom*



Class in session



Physical Education



Direct instruction



The Gift of Being a *Special Education Teacher*

Benefits of Becoming a SPED Teacher

Impact Lives

Knowing you played a vital role in developing the lives of your students

Collaboration

Collaborating with others in the best interest of your students

Career Growth

Promotions & Leadership



Rewarding Career

Watching the educational, behavioral, social-emotional and academic growth of your students

Personal & Professional Growth

Life-long Learning

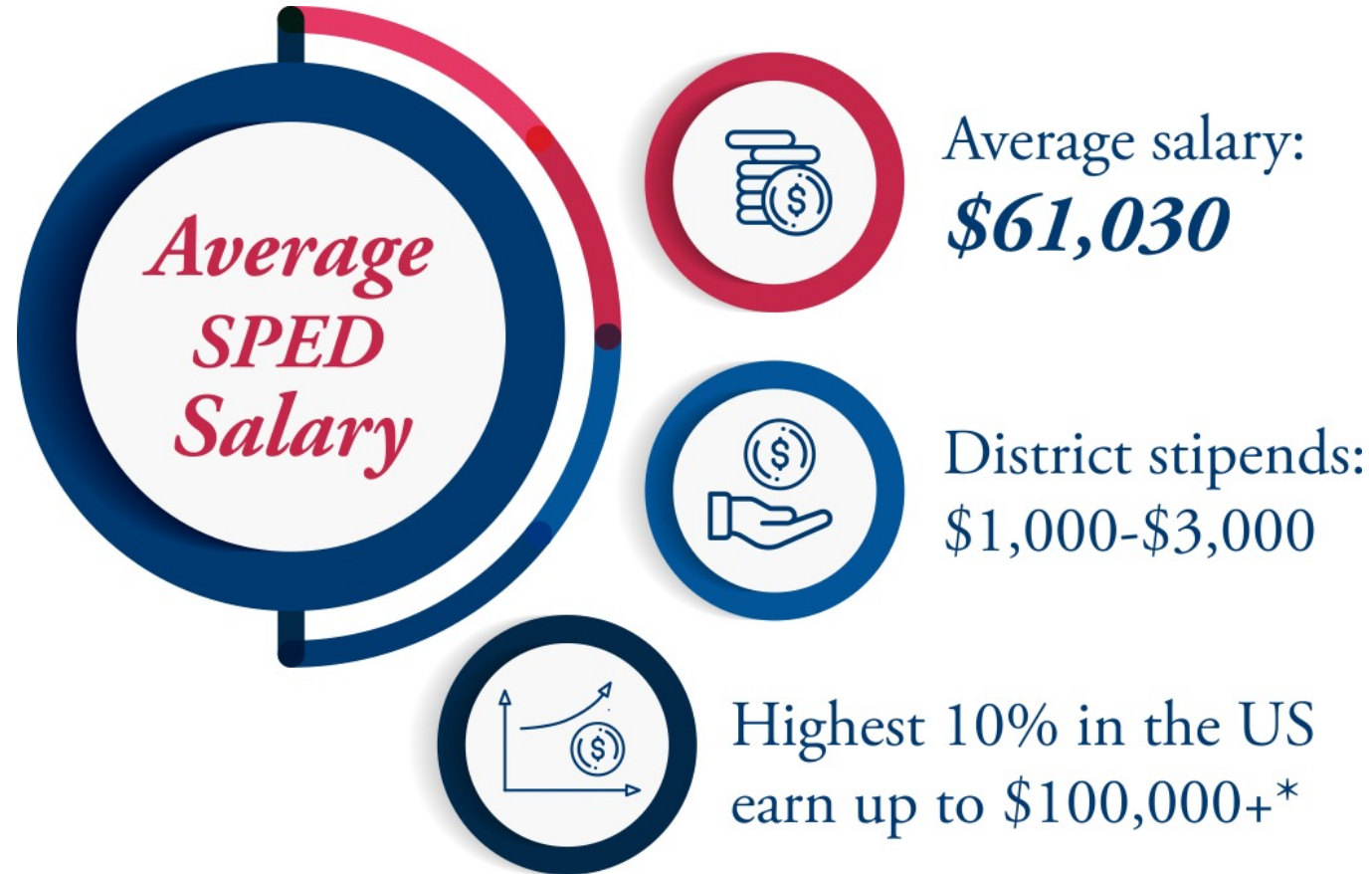
Job Opportunities

Being certified in a high-need area offers many job opportunities

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Special Education Teacher Salaries



*US Bureau of Labor Statistics

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How to Become a *SPED Teacher*

Steps to Become a SPED Teacher: *For Applicants*

01

APPLY FOR FREE

teachersoftomorrow.org/texas/apply

02

SEND TRANSCRIPTS

You must have a Bachelor's Degree.
Transcripts must be official

Email: transcripts@texasteachers.org

03

CONTACT AN ADVISOR

Speak with an advisor and create your personalized path to becoming a Special Education teacher!

Email: enroll@texasteachers.org
Call: (877)888-2640 (option 3)

**If you've been offered or accepted admission, please contact an advisor for next steps.*

Steps to Become a SPED Teacher: *For Currently Enrolled Candidates*

01

REQUEST EXAM APPROVAL
& TEST PREP

161 Special Education EC-12
Email: teach@texasteachers.org
Call: (877)888-2640 (option 2)

02

COMPLETE THE PRE-SERVICE
REQUIREMENTS

Testing, online training, and
observation hours

03

APPLY FOR POSITIONS
AND GET HIRED!

Free Texas Teachers Resources

SPED Testing: 161 Special Education EC-12

SPED Only

Works with another teacher

Does not deliver core content

Reinforces & adapts content
provided by teacher of record

SPED + Content

Teacher of record

Delivers core content

Caters instruction to different
learning styles & disabilities

Highly Recommended!

**Upcoming TEA changes*

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