



Find Certification Partners from your TFA region



This list includes all of our current TFA regions, the alumni point of contact on staff there, and the state agency that oversees certification. If you are an alum and need certification verification, please reach out directly to that state agency.

TFA Region	Staff Alumni Contact	State Agency for Certification	State Agency Contact
Alabama	<u>Julia Gordon</u>	<u>Alabama State Department of Education</u>	<u>ALSDE Certification Records</u> (334) 353-8567 comm@alsde.com
Appalachia	<u>Kimberly Prijatel</u> , <u>Samantha Richardson</u>	<u>Kentucky Department of Education</u>	EPSB – Division of Educator Licensure & Quality c/o <u>Patricia Adams</u> (502) 564-4606
Bay Area	<u>Marissa Kanemura-Morin</u>	<u>California Department of Education</u>	CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing www.ctc.ca.gov credentials@ctc.ca.gov
Baltimore	<u>Amara Sillah</u>	<u>Maryland Department of Education</u>	<u>MSDE Educator Licensure</u> 410-767-0390 certinfo.msde@maryland.gov
CA Capital Valley	<u>Angelina Molina</u>	<u>California Department of Education</u>	CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing www.ctc.ca.gov credentials@ctc.ca.gov
Colorado	<u>Kirsten Duell Russell</u>	<u>Colorado Department of Education</u>	<i>TBD – please check with TFA regional staff</i>
Connecticut	<u>Krista Schroth</u>	<u>Connecticut State Department of Education</u>	<i>TBD – please check with TFA regional staff</i>

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D.C.	<u>Kelley King</u> , <u>Mark Hazelgrove</u>	<u>Washington D.C.</u> <u>State Department</u> <u>of Education</u>	1050 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002 Phone: (202) 727-6436 TTY: 711 Email: osse@dc.gov
Delaware	<u>Tamara Smith</u>	<u>Delaware</u> <u>Department of</u> <u>Education</u>	TBD - please check with TFA regional staff
Detroit	<u>Jenise Williams</u>	<u>Michigan</u> <u>Department of</u> <u>Education</u>	608 W. Allegan Lansing, MI 48933 833-633-5788 MDE- EducatorHelp@Michigan.gov
FL- Jacksonville, Central FL, Tampa	<u>Vanessa Nicholson</u>	<u>Florida Department</u> <u>of Education</u>	Office of the Commissioner Turlington Building , Ste 1514, 325 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399 Commissioner@fldoe.org Ph: 850-245-0505 Fax: 850-245-9667
FL: Miami-Dade	<u>Marques Harris</u>	<u>Florida Department</u> <u>of Education</u>	Same as FL- Jacksonville, Central FL, Tampa (above)
Greater Chicago-NW Indiana	<u>Contact Us</u>	<u>Illinois Department</u> <u>of Education</u>	TBD - please check with TFA regional staff
Greater Delta: MS & AR	<u>Kennard Speed</u>	<u>Mississippi Department</u> <u>of Education</u> , <u>Arkansas</u> <u>State Department of</u> <u>Education</u>	TBD - please check with TFA regional staff
Greater Philadelphia	<u>Claiborne Taylor</u>	<u>Pennsylvania</u> <u>Department of</u> <u>Education</u>	717-787-3356 ra- edcertquestions@pa.gov
Hawai'i	<u>Anne Weber- Yarbrough</u>	<u>Hawai'i Teacher</u> <u>Standards Board</u>	<u>Jennifer Padua</u>

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Indianapolis	<u>Randy Pease</u>	<u>Indiana Department of Education</u>	Educator Licensing https://www.in.gov/department-of-education/educator-licensing/ 317-232-9010
Nevada	<u>Doris V. Guvar</u>	<u>Nevada Department of Education</u>	Licensure Department (702) 486-6458 license@doe.nv.gov
Los Angeles	<u>Kelsey Gilliland</u>	<u>California Department of Education</u>	CA Commission on Teacher Credentialing credentials@ctc.ca.gov
LA: Greater New Orleans	<u>Daimont Staples</u>	<u>Louisiana Department of Education</u>	<u>Louisiana Department of Education's Educator Certification Portal:</u> https://ldoe.my.site.com/s/
LA: Greater Baton Rouge	<u>Sabreen Thorne</u>	<u>Louisiana Department of Education</u>	<u>Louisiana Department of Education's Educator Certification Portal:</u> https://ldoe.my.site.com/s/
Massachusetts	<u>Emily Crump</u>	<u>Massachusetts Department of Education</u>	TBD - please check with TFA regional staff
Metro Atlanta	<u>Tamara Rice, Gabrielle Newton</u>	<u>Georgia Professional Standards Commission</u>	<u>404-232-2500</u> <u>1-800-869-7775</u>
Milwaukee	<u>Andrez Munoz</u>	<u>Wisconsin Department of Education</u>	TBD - please check with TFA regional staff
MO: Kansas City	<u>Katie Bubalo</u>	<u>Missouri Department of Education</u>	Educator Certification 573-751-0051 certification@dese.mo.gov

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MO: St. Louis	<u>Dan Huebner</u>	<u>Missouri Department of Education</u>	<u>Educator Certification</u> 573-751-0051 certification@dese.mo.gov
New Jersey	<u>Charles Youn</u>	<u>New Jersey Department of Education</u>	TBD - please check with TFA regional staff
New Mexico	<u>Lana Brown</u>	<u>New Mexico Public Department of Education</u>	<u>Licensure Unit</u> 505-827-5800 LicensureUnit@ped.nm.gov
New York	<u>Imani Hope</u> <u>Emanne Saleh</u>	<u>New York Department of Education</u>	TBD - please check with TFA regional staff
North Carolina: Charlotte, ENC, Piedmont Triad	<u>Contact Us</u>	<u>North Carolina Department of Public Instruction</u>	<u>Educator Licensing System</u> 800-577-7994 or (919) 716-1800
Oklahoma	<u>Parisa Pilehvar</u>	<u>Oklahoma Department of Education</u>	TBD - please check with TFA regional staff
Ohio	<u>Sarah Carpenter</u>	<u>Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness</u>	855-983-4868 educator.licensure@sboe.ohio.gov
Pacific Northwest: Idaho	<u>Casey DeFord</u>	<u>Idaho State Department of Education</u>	TBD - please check with TFA regional staff
Pacific Northwest: Washington	<u>Eri Higashi</u> <u>Durnell</u>	<u>Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction</u>	<u>Certification Customer Service Form</u>

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Phoenix	<u>Tony Best</u>	<u>Arizona State Department of Education</u>	<u>Maria Moreno Verdugo, Education Program Specialist</u>
Rhode Island	<u>De Andre Woods-Walker</u>	<u>Rhode Island Department of Elementary & Secondary Education</u>	<u>Office of Educator Excellence and Certification Services</u> eqac@ride.ri.gov (401) 222-4600
San Diego	<u>Elsie Franco</u>	<u>California Department of Education</u>	<i>TBD - please check with TFA regional staff</i>
South Carolina	<u>Tess Holt, Christine Culp</u>	<u>South Carolina Department of Education</u>	<u>Kimberly Kelso</u> Program Coordinator Office of Educator Services kkelso@ed.sc.gov
South Dakota	<u>Josie Green</u>	<u>South Dakota Department of Education</u>	<i>TBD - please check with TFA regional staff</i>
TN: Memphis	<u>Jamesha Hayes, James Larkin</u>	<u>Tennessee Department of Education</u>	<u>Melanie Hines Knapp</u>
TN: Nashville-Chattanooga	<u>Jeffrey Takiue, Kyla Cretekos</u>	<u>Tennessee Department of Education</u>	<i>TBD - please check with TFA regional staff</i>
Texas: DFW, San Antonio, RGV, Houston, Austin	<u>Contact Us</u>	<u>Texas Education Agency</u>	<u>Texas Teacher Certificate Lookup</u>
Twin Cities	<u>Kevin Hebert</u>	<u>Minnesota Department of Education</u>	<i>TBD - please check with TFA regional staff</i>

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Additional Certification Resources

- [Teacher Certification Requirements by State](#)
- [School Leader Certification Requirements by State](#)
- [Self-Service Corps Verification Letter](#)
- [Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\)](#)
- [AmeriCorps Verification](#)
- [Interstate Agreements & Reciprocity](#)



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