



Leading Educators (through) Alternative Pathways Application for 2024-2025 Cohort

Cooperative Educational Services' *Leading Educators (through) Alternative Pathways (LEAP)* is a rigorous and intensive teacher preparation program in the areas of foundational teaching, special education, and the acquisition of reading in a yearlong cohort. Alternative licensed educators, and current educators, seeking a K-8, 6-12 Secondary, and/or Special Education license, who have been recommended by their Superintendent or Human Resources Director, are encouraged to apply for a one-year (July 2024 to June 2025) cohort program which includes a blend of face-to-face instruction, online modules, and practicum experiences required.

Eligible applicants meet the following criteria:

- Bachelor's Degree or higher
- Current teachers seeking a second license (Special Education, K-8, 6-12 Secondary)
- School district recommendation with intent to hire from Superintendent and/or Human Resources representative.
- Demonstrates a commitment to community, children, and content (resume and recommendation letter should reflect this commitment).
- Required: Passing of the NES Essential Skills Tests or passage of EPP Portfolio before program conclusion, along with licensure-required Praxis Content Area Tests.
 - To receive a certificate of completion from LEAP, all teacher tests must be passed within the year.

The application includes the following requirements for submission:

- Application fee - \$50
- Uploaded copy of this application signed and dated
- An unofficial transcript showing a conferred bachelor's degree or higher
- District intent to hire letter (on letterhead) or teaching contract for 24-25
- An updated and current professional resume
- Two letters of reference
- One written letter of interest

The LEAP application process and required documents must be submitted in the LEAP Applicant Portal. Candidates will be contacted after completed applications are reviewed.

Name: _____

Select desired Teaching License:

K-8 Elementary

6-12 Secondary

Special Education

District/School/Grade/Subject: _____

Principal/HR Supervisor: _____

School Site Mentor (if/when assigned): _____

Candidate Phone (best contact): _____ Email: _____

If accepted, and I begin the LEAP program, I commit to the upfront \$1500 per semester fee and understand that I will not be reimbursed after two weeks of the start of each semester. I understand that if I do not maintain a 90% attendance rate to all sessions, at least an 85% on all assignments and assessments, and remain in good standing employed with the school district as a teacher-of record, that I will be exited from the program and not reimbursed my semester fee. _____(initials)

I accept all LEAP Requirements: Your Signature: _____ Date: _____