

# The Science of Teaching Reading (STR) Exam

## A new requirement for English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8 initial teacher certification.

House Bill 3, 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature established a mandate that all teachers pursuing certification in grades prekindergarten through Grade 6 demonstrate their proficiency in the science of teaching reading on a new standalone certification exam beginning January 1, 2021.

Teacher candidates pursuing certification in Core Subjects: Early Childhood – Grade 6 will be required to take the new Science of Teaching Reading certification exam for issuance of their intern, probationary or standard certificate, beginning January 1, 2021.

Beginning January 1, 2021, teacher candidates who complete all certification requirements in this field will be issued the **English Language Arts and Reading with the Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8** certificate.

### What is the Science of Teaching Reading?

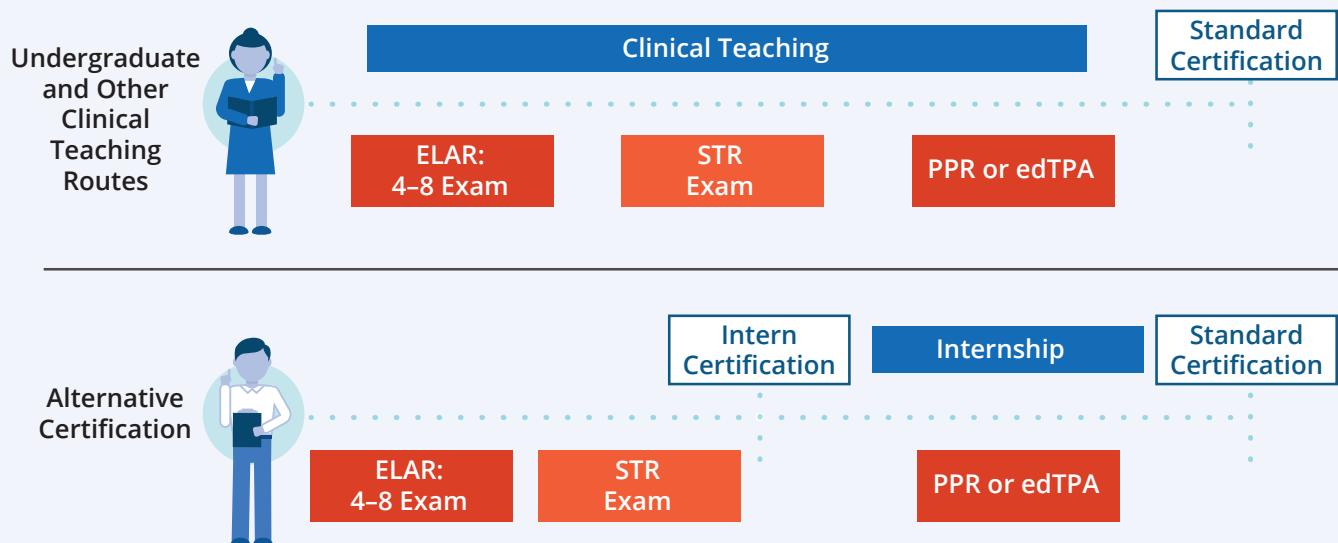
In 2017, the State Board for Educator Certification adopted the Science of Teaching Reading Standards. The STR Standards address the discipline and practice of teaching early reading. For more information about the science of teaching reading, please visit the link below:

[tea.texas.gov/str](http://tea.texas.gov/str)

### What certification exams do I need to take to earn my English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8 certificate beginning January 1, 2021?

Candidates will be required to take the 117 ELAR: 4-8 TExES, the 293 STR TExES, and the 160 PPR TExES or the edTPA for standard certification.

### Core Subjects with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 Certification Exam Requirements (Beginning January, 1, 2021)



## How do I prepare for the STR exam?

Educator preparation programs have updated their curriculum to prepare their candidates for the STR exam prior to granting test approval.

The 293 Science of Teaching Reading TExES Preparation Manual is a useful tool to support candidates in their preparation for the STR exam. The preparation manual includes the STR exam framework along with sample assessment questions. The preparation manual can be accessed at the following link:

[bit.ly/TExESPrepManual](https://bit.ly/TExESPrepManual)

## Where can I access additional information about the STR exam requirement?

Please visit the link below for additional information about the STR exam timelines, requirements, and content.

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