

**El Paso Independent School District May 16, 2023 Amendment  
to 2021-2022 Local Innovation Plan**

**Adoption Date: May 16, 2023**

**Teacher Certification for Montessori Teachers**

Texas Education Code Sections 21.003 Certification Required, 21.044 Educator Preparation, and 21.053 Presentation and Recording of Certificates limit the District's ability to hire noncertified teachers who are trained in the execution of a Montessori Program when certified teachers trained in the Montessori program are not available. By obtaining exemption from existing teacher certification requirements for teachers in the Montessori Program, the District will have the flexibility to hire Montessori trained teachers that hold a certification from a Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education ([MACTE](#)) accredited Montessori training program. In order to provide substantial cognitive and socio-cultural benefits of education to as many students as possible, and as early as possible, the District seeks to establish its own local qualification requirements for such courses in lieu of the requirements set forth in law.