East Greenbush Central School District

Teaching Assistant Certification Guide



Creating a TEACH Account

- Why do you need a TEACH account?
 - To apply for Level I Teaching Assistant certification
- Go to the Office of Teaching Initiatives
 Website to create your account
 - http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/
- Click on TEACH online services
- Select "Create a NY.gov TEACH account"
 - Complete the necessary questions to create the account

Login to TEACH

TEACH is compatible with Google Chrome and Internet Explorer 11.

Forgot your Username or Password? Click Here

TEACH Help Links

Create a NY.gov TEACH account

If you do not have a NY.gov TEACH account, create one here Add TEACH to a NY.gov account

If you have a NY.gov account with another State Agency,

Employer, Administrator & College Access

Public School Districts,
Private School Administrators,
and New York
College/University access to
Nv.gov TEACH

Level I Teaching Assistant Certification

Mandatory Requirements

- Education High School Diploma or GED
- Workshop Child Abuse Identification
- Workshop School Violence Intervention and Prevention
- Workshop Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)
- Fingerprint Clearance
- New York State Teacher Certification Exam ATAS

*Note: Some college coursework is necessary for Level II Teaching Assistant Certification

Education Requirement

You must submit documentation to the New York State Education Department

- High School Diploma, GED or HSE
 - You must hold at least a high school Diploma or high school equivalency diploma (GED). You may verify this requirement in one of the following ways: 1. copy of a high school diploma (must include identifying information written on diploma), 2. high school transcript must be an official transcript received in a sealed school envelope with identifying information on the transcript, 3. Copy of GED diploma or copy of HSE diploma or transcript.

Child Abuse and School Violence Workshops

- Workshop Child Abuse Identification
 - For detailed information go to: http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/ca.html
- Workshop School Violence Intervention and Prevention
 - For detailed information go to: http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/save.html

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) Workshop

- The training addresses harassment, bullying, and discrimination prevention and intervention in schools.
- DASA is a six (6) hour training
- To register for the DASA training please contact Regional Certification
 Officer, Denise Geyer, at Questar III BOCES
 - Contact information: dgever@questar.org or 518-477-8771

Assessment of Teaching Assistant Skills (ATAS) Exam

- The New York State Assessment of Teaching Assistant Skills test consists of multiple-choice questions
- Candidates for certification as a Level I, II, III or Pre-Professional teaching assistant must achieve a qualifying score on this test
- The test assesses the knowledge and skills of teaching assistant candidates in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, and instructional support
- Preparation materials for the exam are available online
- For more information about how to register for the ATAS exam, go to http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/

Fingerprint Clearance

All candidates must be cleared by the New York State Education
 Department through a fingerprint-supported criminal history background check

• Fee: \$101.75

Questions

 Please contact the Office of Human Resources at 518-207-2526 if you have questions regarding certification

