

Preparing For the Principal, School Librarian, School Counselor, Reading Specialist, and Superintendent TExES

There are many resources to help you prepare for and be successful on the state professional certification exams (TExES).

1. The first resources you should become familiar with are the free Educational Testing Service (ETS) preparation materials.
 - Preparation Manual for all Texas educator certification tests.* Go to www.texas.ets.org/prepMaterials/ to find the manual specific to the exam for which you are preparing. These manuals give you the best idea of the type of material that is covered in the actual TExES, with several practice questions for each competency.
 - **Tests at a Glance**—these documents give you a quick overview of the test. Go to <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/tests-at-a-glance/>.
 - **Test Familiarization Videos** provide information about how to get ready to take a TExES and what it's like to take one. Go to <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/test-familiarization-videos/>.
 - **Strategy and Tips** include booklets containing general information about preparing for and taking a test, including reducing test anxiety. Go to <http://cms.texas-ets.org/texas/prepmaterials/strategy-and-tips/>.
2. The next step in preparing for your state exam is to take a full-length practice exam, developed by TEA

and ETS. The State Assessments Coordinator administers these practice exams about once a month. Check the state exams bulletin board outside the SOE Advising Office, Bayou 1231, for the most current dates for these practice tests, or go to <http://www.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/SOE/>.

Note: There is no ETS full-length practice exam for the Reading Specialist certification.

3. Your program might have review sessions a week or two before the practice test administrations. Check with your faculty for review session information.
4. If you feel you need additional preparation for an exam, you might want to use one of the resources from the following list. Some of these resources are free, some are not. They are not listed in any particular order and none are recommended over any others.
 - ***ETS Preparation Manuals for all content tests.** <http://www.texas.ets.org/prepMaterials/>
 - **XAMonline, Inc.** test prep books for Principal, Reading Specialist, School Librarian, and School Counselor certifications. Go to www.xamonline.com.
 - **Free Certifyteacher.com/Simulados** software—computer-administered exam prep for Principal, Superintendent, School Counselor, and Reading Specialist certifications. Principal practice test loaded onto 1 workstation in Bayou 3608 and 2 workstations in SSCB 2201. Supt., School Counselor, and Reading Specialist practice tests loaded onto 2 workstation in Bayou 3608.
 - **Mometrix Test Preparation** resources—Principal, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, School Librarian, and Superintendent. Go to www.mometrix.com/texas.
 - **TExES Flash Cards, Quizlet:** Go to <http://quizlet.com/subject/texas/> for flash cards, games, and practice tests in the following areas: Principal, School Librarian, School Counselor, Reading Specialist, and Superintendent.

- **Passing the Principal TExES Exam.** E. Wilmore, Corwin Press, 2003. Available at Neumann Library reserve desk
- **Pass the TExES**, by EdPublishing. Print and eBooks for Reading Specialist, School Librarian, and School Counselor exam prep. Go to www.passthetexas.com.
- **Test prep questions** for Principal, School Counselor, Reading Specialist, and School Librarian. Go to www.testprepreview.com/texas_practice.htm.
- **TExES Principal exam prep documents**, Lamar University. Go to <https://sites.google.com/site/edld5352ea1273/texas-prep-documents>.
- **TExES Principal exam study cards.** Go to <http://www.cram.com/flashcards/texas-principal-exam-study-cards-1275264>.
- **Review materials for the Principal TExES.** Go to <http://faculty.sulross.edu/sullivan/texas.html>.
- **TExES Tutoring Services**—exam prep for Principal, Superintendent, Reading Specialist, School Counselor, and School Librarian. Go to http://www.texaspreparation.com/texas_exam.html.
- **TExES Study Sessions.** Study guide for Principal, School Librarian, Reading Specialist, and School Counselor TExES. Go to www.texasstudy.com
- Many more TExES prep books can be found through an internet search for the particular exam for which you are preparing.