



CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

Please read and sign this page. Your signature indicates that you understand the information about criminal background checks and that you are aware of your option to have your records reviewed by State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) staff for an evaluation of your eligibility for certification.

1. Concordia University does not perform criminal background checks on students. However, our education program is heavily field-based (i.e. delivered in area schools). Most school districts require background checks before allowing college students to work in their classrooms. Some districts will not approve students with any “hits,” including DUIs or public intoxication. If you have a record, it will be best for you to disclose this to your advisor. By doing so, we can try to arrange placements in a district that performs “case by case” reviews.

2. Fingerprinting and background checks are required in the application process for teacher certification. Felony convictions or misdemeanors involving moral turpitude result in denial of certification. If you have a criminal record and would like it evaluated as to eligibility for certification, you may request this service from SBEC. The fee is \$50.00 and is non-refundable. Application procedures are found at:

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147486679>

The evaluation is based on and limited to the information that you provide. You will receive a preliminary criminal history evaluation letter by email.

I have read the information on criminal background checks and am aware of my options.

Student Signature

Date

Student Printed Name

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