

## Local Education Agency (LEA) responsibilities:

An LEA must visit the nonpublic school and complete the [LEA Assurance Checklist for Contracting with Nonpublic Schools/ Off-Campus Programs and Record of Annual Visits](#) to ensure that the nonpublic school meets health and safety standards, employs appropriately certified or licensed staff to provide identified services to the student, and has a written curriculum that includes the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills and is appropriate for the student. The LEA must confirm that the nonpublic school is appropriate to meet individual student needs on a case-by-case basis. For each student, the LEA must verify that the student’s assigned teaching staff are appropriately certified in the grade level and content areas applicable to the student, either by holding Texas teacher certification in the grade levels and content areas of assignment, or via alternate HOUSSE criteria as outlined by TEA state educator standards. The LEA must complete a [Teacher Certification Verification Worksheet](#) for each nonpublic/off-campus program teacher serving students from the LEA.

For additional information, please refer to the [Nonpublic and Off-Campus Program Guidance](#).