

Student Organizations for Future Educators



Association for Creative, Gifted, and Talented Education

All stakeholders interested in creative, gifted and talented education are welcome. The purposes of ACGTE are to: serve as a regionally organized, public advocate for gifted individuals, caretakers of gifted individuals, educators of gifted education, and gifted education programming; foster a forum for exchange of information, research, and ideas related to gifted education and creativity for its members, the university, and surrounding school districts; promote awareness of the needs of creative, gifted, and talented students and adults; and support, encourage, and disseminate research-based information concerning programming and resources to communities, local schools, and other interested persons. There is no membership fee.

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Bilingual Education Student Organization

BESO is a professional Development Organization that was founded at Texas State University in 1980 and is affiliated with the Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE). BESO provides opportunities for students to exchange ideas, practices, and information about bilingual education on a local, state, and national level and promotes bilingual-bicultural education. The organization makes every effort to develop support groups, to grow professionally, and to serve the local bilingual community through various volunteer activities. Additionally, BESO provides a means for recruitment of new bilingual education teachers, which is one of the highest-need teaching fields in Texas and throughout the nation. There is a \$20.00 membership fee, which includes membership with TABE.

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Curriculum & Instruction Ambassadors

C & I Ambassadors is a leadership organization. We are a group of education majors that want to inform current and prospective students about Texas State University and the College of Education. We also focus on building stronger relationships with the CI department, the Future Teacher Living-Learning Community, and surrounding school districts. Our main goal as an organization is to increase community here in C&I, recruit and retain students, and to spread the word about Texas State University and its incredible education program. Members are selected annually through an application process and are required to take part in service hours. There is no membership fee.

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Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi (KDP) is an honor society and professional organization in education that recognizes academic excellence and provides ongoing professional development to its members. Founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois, KDP has 35,000 members and 665 chapters across the nation. Famous past KDP members include Albert Einstein, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jean Piaget, and George Washington Carver. Chartered in 1951, the local chapter has 300 active members who participate in leadership opportunities, professional development, and service projects. The national organization regularly recognizes the local chapter for its exemplary programming. Members pay a fee of \$72 for honor cords for graduation and membership to the national organization.

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San Marcos Student Reading Council



The San Marcos Student Reading Council is an organization dedicated to promoting literacy. This student organization is affiliated with the Texas Association of Literacy Education (TALE) and the International Literacy Association (ILA). Each semester, the Reading Council sponsors a read aloud event with San Marcos Public Library, sharing our literacy teaching with local children, and engaging in crafts and play. At Reading Council meetings students hear experienced teachers and highly-qualified speakers who address topics such as classroom diversity, literacy pedagogy, reading across the curriculum, and student motivation. The membership fee for this organization is \$15.00.

**This organization is currently on a hiatus.*

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Student Council for Exceptional Children

The purpose of this chapter is to advance the education of individuals with exceptionalities and to promote related educational, scientific, and charitable purposes. Specifically, the chapter intends to assist and provide support to the Texas unit of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) in all its efforts on behalf of persons with exceptionalities, and to participate in all appropriate governance activities of CEC subject to the general supervision and control of CEC. There is no membership fee.

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Texas State Teacher Association

The Texas State Teachers Association will unite, organize and empower public education advocates to shape public education in Texas thus providing a quality public school for every child. The Texas State University TSTA-Student Program joins a strong network of other TSTA student programs and practicing educators all around the state who are working in public education and advocacy. The TSTA is the oldest organization of teachers in the state and is part of the National Education Association. You will have access to premier professional development sessions and networking, resources for new teachers, teaching tips, professional liability insurance, legal defense funds and consultation, and discounts on various services. There is an annual membership fee of \$25.00.

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