

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE TEACHER PREPARATION ORGANIZATION

American Board
(American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence)

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education adopted Rule 290-3-3-.60, Alternative Teacher Preparation Organization (ATPO) as a section within the Educator Preparation chapter of the *Alabama Administrative Code*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to code regulation, American Board applied to operate within the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Alabama Board verified that they were founded in 2001, have been in operation in 14 states, and have certified over 19,000 individuals to be teachers across the United States; and

WHEREAS, American Board has indicated that they are not currently on probation or under investigation in any of the states where they are in operation; and

WHEREAS, American Board has been made aware that they must submit an annual progress report detailing the number of program completers during the year and continued compliance with Rule 290-3-3-.60; and

WHEREAS, American Board has been made aware that Alabama's test requirements for certification must be met as prescribed; and

WHEREAS, American Board has indicated how they will ensure individuals being prepared as a Collaborative Special Education Teacher will also participate in a program with intensive supervision and structured guidance, participate in high-quality professional development, and demonstrate progress toward full certification; and

WHEREAS, American Board will be required to submit data for the annual Educator Preparation Report Card; and

WHEREAS, American Board understands that training with the Educator Certification Section of the Alabama State Department of Education is required to learn about and discuss the background clearance and certification process; and

WHEREAS, based upon the review of documents, the Alabama State Superintendent recommends approval of American Board to operate in Alabama for the following programs:

6-12 Teaching Fields		
Algebra I Biology Chemistry	English Language Arts General Science General Social Science	History Mathematics Physics

4-8 Teaching Fields			
English Language Arts	General Social Science	General Science	Mathematics

K-6 Teaching Field
Elementary Education

Collaborative Special Education Teaching Field	
Collaborative Special Education Teacher Grades K-6	Collaborative Special Education Teacher Grades 6-12

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education reserves the right to require special reviews in response to the adoption of new laws, standards, significant changes to existing standards, or evidence of contributing factors:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of American Board to operate in Alabama as an ATPO until March 31, 2028, pending all requirements are met annually in the progress report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Department of Education will review the annual reports and all necessary documentation to determine if American Board should be granted continued operations within Alabama.

Done this 13th day of March 2025