

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Oakwood University

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(3), allows a program leading to an Alabama Professional Educator Certificate be approved through the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) program review process; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University submitted their Class B programs in Biology, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, English Language Arts, General Social Studies, Mathematics, Music—Choral, Music—Instrumental, and Physical Education for review in 2022, and was granted conditional approval until June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University had a CAEP site visit in October 2022 resulting in the institution being placed on probation until June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University had a probationary CAEP visit in November 2024, and the CAEP Council rendered a decision in April 2025 that Oakwood University was no longer on probation but had achieved full accreditation; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University decided to submit programs through the CIEP review process during the August 2023 CIEP review session; and

WHEREAS, during the program review, all programs submitted were deemed met pending a few clarifications; and

WHEREAS, a review team visited Oakwood University for discovery and clarification on January 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University was able to address all concerns during the onsite review of programs and documented compliance with all standards for the programs submitted; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University submitted a progress report in September 2023 (i.e., revised course syllabi, matrix of program progression, evidence of faculty training in the Science of Reading, evidence of newly adopted textbooks, etc.) detailing their efforts toward meeting the *Alabama Literacy Act* and the recommendations provided by Barksdale Institution for Science of Literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama literacy review team examined the evidence presented by Oakwood University and determined that significant progress has been made toward implementing the *Alabama Literacy Act* requirements and recommendations submitted by Barksdale; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood University is engaged in a process of continuous improvement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby grants approval of the following programs until July 31, 2032:

Class B Biology (6-12)
Class B Early Childhood Education (P-3)
Class B Elementary Education (K-6)
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)
Class B General Social Studies (6-12)
Class B Mathematics (6-12)
Class B Music—Choral (P-12)
Class B Music—Instrumental (P-12)
Class B Physical Education (P-12)

Done this 8th day of July 2025