

# RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

## Athens State University

**WHEREAS**, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule 290-3-3-.59(3), allows a program leading to an Alabama Professional Educator Certificate to be approved through the Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) program review process; and

**WHEREAS**, Athens State University submitted their Class B programs (Biology, Chemistry, Collaborative Special Education (K-6); Collaborative Special Education (6-12); Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, English Language Arts, General Social Studies, Health and Physical Education, History, Mathematics, Physical Education, Technical Education, and Visual Arts) for review in 2022 and were granted conditional approval through June 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Athens State University was required to demonstrate progress toward implementing the requirements of the *Alabama Literacy Act* for approval of the programs in Collaborative Special Education (K-6), Early Childhood Education (P-3), and Elementary Education (K-6); and

**WHEREAS**, Athens State University is fully accredited through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP); and has its next accreditation visit in Fall 2028; and

**WHEREAS**, Athens State 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 recommendations provided by Barksdale Institute for Science of Literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the CIEP program approval review for Athens State University constituted of both a document submission and a formal visit to the institution; and

**WHEREAS**, Athens State University documented compliance with all standards for the programs submitted; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Athens State University is now 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 April 30, 2032:

Class B Biology (6-12)  
Class B Chemistry (6-12)  
Class B Collaborative Special Education (K-6)  
Class B Collaborative Special Education (6-12)  
Class B Early Childhood Education (P-3)

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Class B Elementary Education (K-6)  
Class B English Language Arts (6-12)  
Class B General Social Studies (6-12)  
Class B Health Education (6-12) and Physical Education (P-12)  
Class B History (6-12)  
Class B Mathematics (6-12)  
Class B Physical Education (P-12)  
Class B Technical Education (6-12)  
Class B Visual Arts (P-12)

Done this 10th day of April 2025