



# NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWSLETTER

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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes the current and upcoming activities related to higher education, with a particular focus on the preparation of educators. This newsletter, past newsletters, and a subscription link are available online on the [OHE website](#).

## NEW YORK STATE TEACHER CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS (NYSTCE) TEST FEES AND REFUND POLICY

The fees for almost all [NYSTCE tests](#) decreased effective August 31, 2021. For example, the fees decreased for the Education All Students (EAS) test from \$92 to \$80, single-subject Content Specialty Tests (CSTs) from \$134 to \$122, and multi-subject tests (all three parts, single administration) from \$179 to \$161. The fees for the Assessment of Teaching Skills-Written (ATS-W) and edTPA remain the same.

The [refund policy for NYSTCE tests](#) also changed. For candidates who registered for a test on or before August 30, 2021, if they withdraw their registration before they have scheduled their test appointment or if they cancel their test appointment at least 24 hours before their scheduled testing time and then withdraw their registration, they will receive a partial refund of their test fees. For candidates who registered for a test on August 31, 2021 or after, if they withdraw their registration before they have scheduled their test appointment or if they cancel their test appointment at least 24 hours before their scheduled testing time and then withdraw their registration, they will receive a full refund of their test fees.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE

The New York State Board of Regents launched an initiative to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in schools across New York State. As first steps in the initiative, the Board released a [policy statement](#) and a [draft framework and call to action](#) for all schools and institutions of higher education in New York State to develop policies that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion as a

## EDTPA WEBINARS

The [edTPA 101 and Deep Dive](#) and [edTPA Coordinators](#) webinar series for educator preparation program faculty and staff are being offered in September. Webinars for faculty and staff are posted on the [Faculty Tab](#) of the edTPA website.

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EDUCATION SERVICES

The New York State Education Department's NYSED Office