Here is the TAC rule to support that students need to clean up their act or they won't get a certificate:

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**Texas Administrative Code**

**TITLE 19**  
**EDUCATION**

**PART 7**  
**STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION**

**CHAPTER 230**  
**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION**

**SUBCHAPTER M**  
**CERTIFICATION OF EDUCATORS IN GENERAL**

**RULE §230.413**  
**General Requirements**

(a) The only credits and degrees acceptable for certification of educators are those earned from and conferred by institutions of higher education that at the time were accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. All credit hour requirements for certification are semester credit hours or their equivalent.

(b) An applicant for a Texas educator certificate must:

1. be at least 18 years old;
2. successfully resolve any criminal history and not be disqualified or the subject of a pending proceeding under Chapter 249 of this title (relating to Disciplinary Proceedings, Sanctions, and Contested Cases);