

Top Producers of High-Demand Endorsements

The annual Educator Preparation Report Card presents data on the State Board's key priority areas for preparing educators for Tennessee. One of these priorities is preparing candidates to teach in the areas of greatest need. Data analysis by the Tennessee Department of Education identified several subject areas with especially high demand relative to supply. These high-demand areas include Special Education (Modified, Comprehensive, and Interventionist), English as a Second Language, Secondary Math, Secondary Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics), and Spanish. This document highlights the educator preparation providers (EPPs) that trained the most new teachers in these areas over a three year period (2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20).

Please note that the numbers shown here include only teachers earning initial licensure. Teachers who returned to an EPP to earn an additional endorsement are not included in these counts.

Special Education

	Teachers in 3-Year Cohort (2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20) with Special Education
EPP Name	Endorsement
University of Memphis	123
Lipscomb University	97
Vanderbilt University	74
Western Governors University	67
Carson-Newman University	65

English as a Second Language (ESL)

	Teachers in 3-Year Cohort (2017-18, 2018-19,
EPP Name	and 2019-20) with ESL Endorsement
Lipscomb University	127
Lee University	49
University of Tennessee – Knoxville	44
Teach For America – Nashville-Chattanooga	43
Teach For America – Memphis	40



Secondary Math

EPP Name	Teachers in 3-Year Cohort (2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20) with Secondary Math Endorsement
Middle Tennessee State University	29
Lipscomb University	28
University of Tennessee – Knoxville	28
Lee University	24
Teach For America – Memphis	21
Teach For America – Nashville-Chattanooga	21

Secondary Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics)

EPP Name	Teachers in 3-Year Cohort (2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20) with Secondary Science Endorsement
Tennessee Technological University	42
Lee University	34
Middle Tennessee State University	33
Lipscomb University	32
University of Tennessee – Knoxville	31

Spanish

	Teachers in 3-Year Cohort (2017-18, 2018-19,
EPP Name	and 2019-20) with Spanish Endorsement
Middle Tennessee State University	18
University of Memphis	13
Lipscomb University	12

Note: No other EPPs had 10 or more teachers with Spanish endorsements in their 3-year cohort.