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| CSOTTE%20Final%20No%20Outline%20in%20TX | Statement of Purpose |

**The Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education (CSOTTE)** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the continual support and refinement of preparation and development programs for certificated school personnel in Texas.

**CSOTTE** serves as a coordinating organization of organizations for teacher education through which the member groups may:

* conduct continuing collaborative study of professional developments, concerns, problems, and issues of special significance to their members;
* engage in productive dialogue regarding matters of common interest;
* cooperate in such services as publications, meetings, research, and administration;
* devise common professional positions and joint strategies for implementing them; and
* undertake collective action.

**CSOTTE** also functions as an umbrella organization for the promotion of quality programs in teacher education by:

* preparing and disseminating ideas, practices, and programs;
* encouraging, supporting, initiating, conducting, and reporting programs of development and research;
* providing leadership through speaking out in support of teacher education;
* developing preparation guidelines for the profession and working with official policymaking groups and individuals to frame and promote professionally sound legislation, rules regulations, and structures for teacher education in Texas; and
* promoting the integration of individual teacher educators and the teacher education enterprise into full-fledged membership and component status, respectively, in the teaching profession.

**Our Purpose**

**CSOTTE** is dedicated to the support and refinement of professional preparation and development programs for all certified school personnel in Texas. **CSOTTE** will serve as the state voice of the education profession in all matters related to state and national educator preparation and certification.