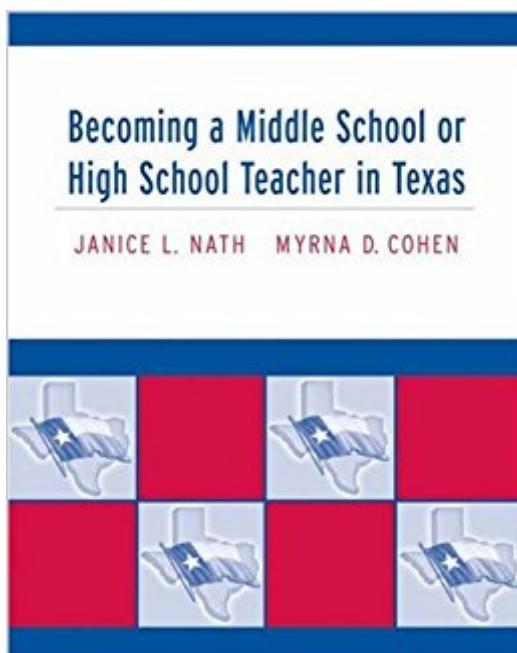


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# Becoming A Middle School Or High School Teacher In Texas



## **Synopsis**

BECOMING A MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER IN TEXAS helps students master the competencies that will be tested on the new Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities (PPR) Texas Examination of Educator Standards (TExES), but it is more than just a test preparation guide: it provides a comprehensive introduction to the core topics that every Texas middle school and high school teacher must be familiar with, including adolescent development, how to meet the needs of a culturally-diverse population, planning, learning theory, technology, classroom management and assessment.

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IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS. Myrna D. Cohen is a faculty member in the Department of Urban Education at the University of Houston--Downtown and serves as Director of the Center for Professional Development and Technology. She is currently chair-elect of the Consortium of State Organizations of Texas Teacher Educators (CSOTTE). She is past president of Texas Directors of Field Experience and has served as an officer and board member of CSOTTE. She also served for several years as co-editor of the Texas Teacher Education Forum and as a board member of Texas Teacher Educators (TTE). Dr. Cohen was Director of Field Experiences and Coordinator of Secondary Education in her previous position at the University of Houston--Main Campus. Her areas of interest include teacher education, second language education, and student-centered strategies such as cooperative learning. She is co-author of the assessment monograph for the Reconstructing Texas Teacher Education Series published for the Texas State Board for Educator Certification. In addition to undergraduate and graduate university-level teaching, Dr. Cohen has had fifteen years of classroom teaching experience encompassing grades 2-12.

In preparing for the TEXES PPR, I used a couple of prep books, and of all of them, this was the most comprehensive in terms of information. It is also well-organized and addresses all four domains. Under each domain, the competencies are addressed, e.g.:Domain I (Designing Instruction and Assessment to Promote Student Learning):Competency 1Competency 2Competency 3Competency 4Domain II (Establishing a Positive Classroom Climate)Competency 5Competency 6Domain III (Implementing Effective, Responsive Instruction and Assessment)Competency 7Competency 8Competency 9Competency 10Domain IV (Fulfilling Professional Roles and Responsibilities)Competency 11Competency 12Competency 13Each chapter provides an in-depth discussion of key terms correlating with the domains and competencies. For example, Chapter 1 discusses the theories of growth and development as relating to middle school and high school students. Each chapter also ends with a summary of main ideas, a glossary, suggested activities, practice PPR questions, web links, and references. The theories and core competencies covered are extremely detailed, making this a must-have resource in preparing for the 4-8 and 8-12 PPR exam. I would advise allocating between 1-2 months in order to gain the maximum benefit from this book and in preparing for the PPR exam. The book can also be used as an invaluable resource for beginning middle school/ high school teachers and educators in general.

Brand new book for school at a great price

This book gives a run down of the competencies involved in becoming a teacher in Texas; I remember reviewing them when I was trying to become a teacher. I remember wondering why is common sense being packaged as something more than it is? This book is detailed as if the world is perfect and your students are perfect; common sense tells you everything will not be perfect and that the book you're reading is setting you up for failure.

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