

# Authorization for Background Check for Entry into the East Tennessee State University Teacher Education Program

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*Tennessee Code Annotated §49-5-5610 requires that any student wishing to enter an approved teacher education program must undergo a criminal history check and fingerprinting by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. The law also requires the student to sign an authorization and release form authorizing a qualified Tennessee Licensed private investigation company to complete a criminal history records check, if necessary.*

*Payment of any reasonable costs incurred by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in conducting fingerprinting and background investigation is the responsibility of the student. **This disclosure form and the background check remain in effect until a student graduates unless the student is not enrolled in a semester, then a new background check and disclosure form is required.***

## REPORT OF ARREST OR CONVICTION

1. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If yes, indicate dates, the nature and final disposition of ALL offenses:

*By signing this form, I certify under penalty of law that the statements made in this form are true, correct and complete. I understand that false statements herein, including, without limitation, any failure to accurately report any arrest or convictions shall subject me to disciplinary action, up to and including removal from the Teacher Education program, as well as possible criminal prosecution. **I agree to notify the Director of Teacher Education and Field Experience within 48 hours of any arrests/convictions after the date of the most recent background check.** I agree to release and hold harmless East Tennessee State University from all liabilities associated with information or actions associated with this information.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_