

Grantee Name: Fresno Unified School District

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Step Up Teach Fresno is the result of a partnership between Fresno Unified School District and California State University, Fresno – Teacher Recruitment Center. The aim of the project is to train and retain paraprofessionals, recent college graduates and mid-career professionals as special education, mathematics and science teachers. Activities will include recruitment, orientation, assessment/selection, enrollment into alternative certification programs, network support meetings, Saturday and summer institutes, university coursework, early field placement, internships, continuous mentoring, and participant stipends. The project will: (1) provide service to 271 unduplicated participants; (2) place 245 participants as teachers of record in high need schools; (3) ensure that 95% of participants receive certification within 3 years of enrollment; and (4) retain 96% of placements in high-need schools for at least 3 years after receiving their credential.