Rio Salado College’s Teacher Prep Program (TPP) is based on Arizona standards, ALL students in this program are required to provide evidence of classroom eligibility through a background investigation prior to participation in any field experience and/or student teaching experience. Proof of this clearance is required again as part of the certification process; all candidates for teacher certification in Arizona must provide a copy of an Arizona IVP Fingerprint card with their application. However, RSC understands that states or school districts outside of Arizona may have different requirements or methods for completing and documenting background investigations of persons interacting with students.

In an effort to ensure the safety of all children, RSC adheres as closely as possible to the Arizona requirements, regardless of where the Teacher Prep student resides. Thus, if you reside outside Arizona, you must verify your eligibility to participate in field experience and/or student teaching in one of the following ways. Please indicate which option is valid in the state where you will fulfill your field experience and/or student teaching requirements, and have the appropriate authority sign this document. Finally, ensure you sign the document yourself. If your state of residence changes, a new form is required.

1. The state where I will fulfill my field experience and/or student teaching placement requires me to be fingerprinted or to undergo a background check, but the clearance information may be retained by the school/district.* By his/her signature, the following School/District Official verifies my eligibility based on the district process. My eligibility will continue until the expiration date indicated. (*Note: A new form is required if student later requests placement in a different district.)

   Print Name __________________________ Signature __________________________
   Title __________________________ School District __________________________
   City/State __________________________

Student Eligibility/Clearance Expiration Date __________________________

☐ 2. Neither the state nor the school/district where I will fulfill my field experience and/or student teaching placement requires a background check or fingerprint clearance. The following State/School Official verifies my eligibility without documentation.

   Print Name __________________________ Signature __________________________
   Title __________________________ School/State __________________________

   Through my signature, I confirm the statements checked above are true and that the Official’s signature is valid. I understand that misrepresentation of information on this document is grounds for permanent removal from Rio Salado College’s Teacher Preparation Program. I also acknowledge that if I plan to obtain an Arizona Teaching Certificate, it is my responsibility to get an Arizona IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card as part of the requirement for obtaining my Arizona Teaching Certificate.

Student’s Printed Name __________________________ Student’s Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Return form with a clear copy of a Photo ID (example: Driver’s license, etc.) to Teacher Education, Rio Salado College, 2323 W. 14th St., Tempe, AZ 85281 or Fax form to 480-377-4713