

Adverse Actions and the Right to Appeal

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) appeal process is a formal reconsideration requested by an Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) after an adverse action—such as the denial or revocation of accreditation following a site visit.

An adverse action is triggered when an EPP fails to meet two or more CAEP Standards, fails compliance requirements, or faces revocation/denial.

Following an adverse decision by the Program Approval Committee, the EPP receives written notice detailing its right to appeal and the required timelines. An appeal is heard by the Education Standards and Practices board chair, and the members of the program approval committee. Panel members cannot include anyone from the site visit team that made the initial adverse decision, and they must follow the ESPB Code of Conduct. The Program Approval Committee can affirm, amend, reverse, or remand the adverse decision. If the decision is sent back (remanded) to a board, the panel must outline the exact issues the board must address.

The chief academic officer of the educator preparation program will be provided with a summary of the appeal and outcome.