

ACTION

TCP 3 – Adding Teaching Areas Based on 24 Semester Hours of Coursework

Policy Implications: SBE Policy # TCP-A-001, TCP-A-003

Presenter(s): Dr. Rebecca Garland (Associate State Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer, Academic Services and Instructional Support)

Description:

The proposed policy change will enable all teachers who have a clear license to apply to the Licensure Section of DPI to add teaching areas to their license upon completion of 24 semester hours of coursework, in which they earn a C or better in a subject area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board approve the proposed changes to policies TCP-A-001 and TCP-A-003.

Discussion/Comments:

- TCP Committee Chair Shirley Harris reported that Dr. Garland presented this item for consideration. Initially, the Committee began to look at this policy in response to the new guidelines for exceptional teachers, but this policy speaks to all teachers who complete the requirements.
- There was no further discussion.

Upon motion by Ms. Shirley Harris, and seconded by Mr. John Tate, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed changes to TCP-A-001 and TCP-A-003. (See Attachment TCP 3)

Attachment TCP 3:

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Policy Identification

Priority: Twenty-first Century Professionals

Category: Licensure

Policy ID Number: TCP-A-001

Policy Title: Policies on General Licensure Requirements

Current Policy Date: 04/02/2009

Other Historical Information: 01/05/1997, 07/09/1998, 01/13/1999, 07/01/1999, 07/13/2000, 09/14/2000, 10/04/2001, 01/09/2003, 2/6/2003, 06/05/2003, 08/07/03, 09/11/2003, 11/22/2004, 5/05/2005, 6/30/2005, 8/04/2005, 10/06/2005, 11/03/2005, 12/1/2005, 01/05/2006, 05/04/2006, 06/01/2006, 07/06/2006, 01/04/2007, 06/07/2007, 12/06/2007, 02/07/2008, 04/03/2008, 09/11/2008, 10/02/2008, 12/04/2008

Statutory Reference: PL 107-110, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Reference Number and Category:

Note: Only relevant sections of the policy have been included in this attachment.

1.00 Licensure Required

Any person employed by a Local Education Agency (LEA) in a professional educator position must hold a professional educator's license. In addition, all persons teaching core academic subjects at the elementary, middle school, or high school levels must be "highly qualified" as specified by PL 107-110, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and 1.01 and 1.02 below. Each applicant shall file an application in the form prescribed by the Licensure Section with appropriate supporting documentation and the required processing fee.

1.25 Adding Teaching Areas to Existing Teacher Licenses

Individuals who hold a clear teaching license in one area can add an additional teaching area to the license by completing an approved teacher education program in the additional area and meeting the federal requirement to be "highly qualified" in the additional teaching area or by satisfying Praxis II testing requirements for the additional area or by completing 24 semester hours in the subject area with a grade of C or better in the subject area. Individuals who hold a clear teaching license can also add a language area to the license by earning a rating of at least "Intermediate High" proficiency on the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Oral Proficiency Test, and, if available, the Writing Proficiency Test.

1.30 Temporary Permit

Temporary permits may be issued to individuals who have not met testing requirements but otherwise qualify for a license. The permit is valid for the school year during which the license is established. The permit may be extended for a second year of teaching provided the individual has at least taken the required exam(s) during the first year of teaching. Effective June 30, 2006, temporary permits will no longer be issued for the elementary grades level or at the middle and high school levels in license areas required for teaching the core academic subjects.

At the request of the employing LEA, an individual whose license was not issued for a third year due to not having met testing requirements may be granted a one-year extension for the 2003-04 school year. In requesting the extension, the LEA shall document the efforts of the individual to satisfy testing requirements, provide evidence of the performance of the individual in the classroom, and identify the support the individual will be provided to satisfy testing requirements during the year.