

08.02.02 – RULES GOVERNING UNIFORMITY

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Article IX, Section 2 of the Idaho Constitution and Sections 33-105, 33-107, 33-116, and 33-1612, Idaho Code.

(7-1-26)

001. SCOPE.

Uniform standards and governance by the State Board of Education pertinent to Teacher Certification, School Facilities, Accreditation, Transportation, School Release Time, Driver's Education and Juvenile Detention Centers.

(3-15-22)

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

015. IDAHO EDUCATOR CREDENTIAL.

All standard educator certificates are valid for five (5) years and are renewable, subject to the applicable renewal requirements set by the State Board of Education (SBOE) and any applicable conditions applied to an individual's certificate by the professional standards commission.

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01. Standard Instructional Certificate. A Standard Instructional Certificate makes an individual eligible to teach all grades, subject to the grade ranges and subject areas of the valid endorsement(s) attached to the certificate. A standard instructional certificate may be issued to any person who has a baccalaureate degree or higher from an accredited college or university and who meets the following requirements or successfully completes an interim certificate requirements:

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a. Minimum Credit Hours. Earned a minimum of ~~twenty (20)~~ **thirty (30)** semester credit hours in the philosophical, psychological, methodological foundations, instructional technology, and in the professional subject matter of education, which shall include demonstration of competencies as specified in the Idaho comprehensive literacy plan; and () (3-15-22)

b. Student Teaching. Complete a minimum of ten (10) undergraduate or six (6) graduate semester credit hours, of student teaching; and (3-15-22)

c. Complete a state board approved educator preparation program and receive an institutional recommendation from the program specifying the grade ranges and subjects for which the applicant is eligible to receive an endorsement; (4-6-23)

i. To receive endorsement in two (2) fields of teaching, preparation must consist of completion of at least ~~thirty (30)~~ **twenty (20)** semester credit hours in one (1) field of teaching, and completion of at least twenty (20) semester credit hours in a second field of teaching. () (3-15-22)

ii. To receive endorsement in (1) field of teaching, preparation must consist of completion of at least ~~forty-five (45)~~ **thirty-five (35)** semester credit hours in a single subject area; () (3-15-22)

d. Meet or exceed the state qualifying score on the state board approved content area and pedagogy assessments. (4-6-23)

02. Standard Pupil Service Staff Certificate. Persons who serve as school counselors, school psychologists, school social workers, and school nurses are required to hold the Standard Pupil Service Staff Certificate, with the respective endorsement(s) for which they qualify. Persons who serve as a speech-language pathologist, school audiologist, occupational therapist, or physical therapist may be required, as determined by the local educational agency, to hold a Standard Pupil Service Staff Certificate with respective endorsements for which they qualify. (4-6-23)

a. School Counselor Endorsement. To be eligible for a School Counselor endorsement, a candidate must have satisfied the following requirements. (3-15-22)

i. Hold a master's degree and provide verification of completion of an approved program of graduate study in school counseling, including sixty (60) semester credits, from a college or university approved by the Idaho SBOE or the state educational agency of the state in which the program was completed. The program must include successful completion of seven hundred (700) clock hours of supervised field experience, seventy-five percent (75%) of which must be in a K-12 school setting. This K-12 experience must be in each of the following levels: elementary, middle/junior high, and high school. Previous school counseling experience may be considered to help offset the field experience clock hour requirement; and (7-1-26)

ii. An institutional recommendation is required for a School Counselor endorsement. (3-15-22)

b. School Counselor – Basic Endorsement. (3-15-22)

i. Individuals serving as a school counselor pursuant to [Section 33-1212, Idaho Code](#), shall be granted a School Counselor – Basic endorsement. The endorsement is valid for five (5) years or until such time as the holder no longer meets the eligibility requirements pursuant to [Section 33-1212, Idaho Code](#). (3-15-22)

ii. Individuals who received their endorsement pursuant to [Section 33-1212, Idaho Code](#), prior to July 1, 2018, will be transitioned into the School Counselor – Basic endorsement. Renewal date will remain the same as the initial credential. (3-15-22)

c. School Psychologist Endorsement. The renewal credit requirement may be waived if the applicant holds a current and valid National Certification for School Psychologists (NCSP) offered through the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). To be eligible for a school psychologist endorsement, a candidate must complete a minimum of sixty (60) graduate semester credit hours which must be accomplished through one (1) of the following options: (3-15-22)

i. Completion of an approved thirty (30) semester credit hour master's degree in education or psychology and completion of an approved thirty (30) semester credit hour School Psychology Specialist Degree program, and completion of a minimum of twelve hundred (1,200) clock-hour internship within a local education agency under the supervision of the training institution and direct supervision of a certificated school psychologist; (3-15-22)

ii. Completion of an approved sixty (60) semester credit hour, master's degree program in School Psychology, and completion of a minimum of twelve hundred (1,200) clock-hour internship within a local education agency under the supervision of the training institution and direct supervision of a certificated school psychologist; (3-15-22)

iii. Completion of an approved sixty (60) semester credit hour, School Psychology Specialist degree program which did not require a master's degree as a prerequisite, with laboratory experience in a classroom, which may include professional teaching experience, student teaching or special education practicum, and completion of a minimum twelve hundred (1,200) clock-hour internship within a local education agency under the supervision of the training institution and direct supervision of a certificated school psychologist; and (3-15-22)

iv. Earn a current and valid National Certification for School Psychologists (NCSP) issued by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). (3-15-22)

d. Interim Certificate – School Psychologist Endorsement. This certificate will be issued to those who do not meet the educational requirements but hold a master's degree or higher in psychology and are working toward a standard pupil service staff certificate with school psychologist endorsement. This certificate will be issued for three (3) years while the applicant is meeting the educational requirements or obtaining the applicable experience leading to certification. If the educational requirements cannot be met within the three (3)-year time frame of the certificate, the employing LEA may request one (1)-time renewal of this interim certificate for the applicant. (3-15-22)

e. School Nurse Endorsement. To be eligible for a school nurse endorsement, a candidate must

complete one (1) of the following options: (3-15-22)

i. Possess a valid professional nursing (RN) license issued by the Idaho State Board of Nursing, and a baccalaureate degree in nursing, education, or a health-related field from an accredited institution. (3-15-22)

ii. Possess a valid professional nursing (RN) license issued by the Idaho State Board of Nursing; have two (2) years of full-time (or part-time equivalent) school nursing, community health nursing, or any other area of pediatric, adolescent, or family nursing experience. (3-15-22)

f. Interim Certificate - School Nurse Endorsement. This certificate will be issued to those who do not meet the educational and/or experience requirements but who hold a valid professional nursing (RN) license in Idaho. This non-renewable certificate will be issued for three (3) years while the applicant is meeting the educational or experience requirements. (3-15-22)

g. Speech-Language Pathologist Endorsement. To be eligible for a speech-language pathologist endorsement, a candidate must possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in a speech/language pathology program approved by the SBOE. The renewal credit requirement may be waived if the applicant holds a current and valid Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology offered through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and/or a current and valid speech-language pathologist license issued by the appropriate Idaho state licensing board. (7-1-26)

h. Interim Certificate - Speech-Language Pathologist Endorsement. This certificate will be issued to those who do not meet the educational requirements but hold a baccalaureate degree in speech-language pathology and are pursuing a master's degree. This certificate will be issued for three (3) years while the applicant is meeting the educational requirements. If the educational requirements cannot be met within the three (3)-year timeframe of the certificate, the employing LEA may request one (1)-time renewal of this interim certificate for the applicant if the applicant holds a valid occupational license or is supervised by a speech-language pathologist with a standard pupil service certificate. (3-15-22)

i. Audiology Endorsement. To be eligible for an audiology endorsement, a candidate must possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in an audiology program approved by the SBOE. The renewal credit requirement may be waived if the applicant holds a current and valid Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology offered through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and/or a current and valid audiologist license issued by the appropriate Idaho state licensing board. (7-1-26)

j. School Social Worker Endorsement. To be eligible for a school social worker endorsement, a candidate must meet the following requirements: (3-15-22)

i. A master's degree in social work (MSW) from a postsecondary institution accredited by an organization recognized by the SBOE. The program must be currently approved by the state educational agency of the state in which the program was completed; and (7-1-26)

ii. An institutional recommendation from a state board approved program; and (3-15-22)

iii. The successful completion of a school social work practicum in a preschool through grade twelve 12 (Pre-K-12) setting. Post-LMSW extensive experience working with children and families may be substituted for the completion of a school social work practicum in a Pre-K-12 setting; and (3-15-22)

iv. A current and valid social work license pursuant to [chapter 32, title 54, Idaho Code](#), and the rules of the State Board of Social Work Examiners. (3-15-22)

k. Occupational Therapist Endorsement. To be eligible for an occupational therapist endorsement, a candidate must have a current and valid occupational therapy license issued by the Occupational Therapy Licensure Board of Idaho. The candidate must maintain current and valid occupational therapy licensure for the endorsement to remain valid. (3-15-22)

I. Physical Therapist Endorsement. to be eligible for a physical therapist endorsement a candidate must have a current and valid physical therapy license issued by the Idaho Physical Therapy Licensure Board. The candidate must maintain current and valid physical therapy licensure for the endorsement to remain valid. (3-15-22)

03. Standard Administrator Certificate. Persons who serve as superintendent, director of special education, secondary school principal, or principal of an elementary school with eight (8) or more teachers (including the principal), or are assigned to conduct the summative evaluation of certified staff are required to hold an Administrator Certificate. The certificate may be endorsed for service as school principal, superintendent, or director of special education. Assistant superintendents are required to hold the Superintendent endorsement. Assistant principals or vice-principals are required to hold the School Principal endorsement. Directors of special education are required to hold the Director of Special Education endorsement. Possession of an Administrator Certificate does not entitle the holder to serve as a teacher at a grade level for which the educator is not qualified or certificated.

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a. School Principal Endorsement. To be eligible for the School Principal endorsement, a candidate must meet the following requirements: (3-15-22)

- i.** Hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university. (3-15-22)
- ii.** Have four (4) years of full-time certificated experience working with students, while under contract in an accredited school setting. (3-15-22)
- iii.** Complete an administrative internship in a state-approved program, or have one (1) year of experience as an administrator. (3-15-22)
- iv.** Provide verification of completion of a state-approved program of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours of graduate study in school administration for the preparation of school principals at an accredited college or university. This program shall include the demonstration of proficiency in conducting instructional and pupil service staff evaluations based on the statewide framework for evaluation, and competencies in the Idaho Standards for School Principals. (3-15-22)

v. Receive an institutional recommendation for a School Principal endorsement. (3-15-22)

b. Superintendent Endorsement. To be eligible for the Superintendent endorsement, a candidate must meet the following requirements: (3-15-22)

- i.** Hold an education specialist or doctorate degree or complete a comparable post-master's sixth year program at an accredited college or university. (3-15-22)
- ii.** Have four (4) years of full-time certificated/licensed experience working with students while under contract in an accredited school setting. (3-15-22)
- iii.** Complete an administrative internship in a state board approved program for the superintendent endorsement or have one (1) year of out-of-state experience as an assistant superintendent or superintendent. (3-15-22)
- iv.** Provide verification of completion of an approved program of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours, of post-master's degree graduate study for the preparation of school superintendents at an accredited college or university. This program in school administration must include demonstration of proficiency in conducting instructional and pupil service staff evaluations based on the statewide framework for evaluation, and demonstration of competencies in the Idaho standards for superintendents and the Idaho Standards for School Principals. (3-15-22)

v. Receive an institutional recommendation for a Superintendent endorsement. (3-15-22)

c. Director of Special Education Endorsement. To be eligible for the Director of Special Education endorsement, a candidate must meet the following requirements: (3-15-22)

- i. Hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university; (3-15-22)
- ii. Have four (4) years of full-time certificated/licensed experience working with students Pre-K-12, while under contract in a school setting; (3-15-22)
- iii. Provide verification of a state board approved program of graduate study of school administration for the preparation of directors of special education at an accredited college or university. This program shall include demonstration of proficiency in conducting instructional and pupil service staff evaluations based on the statewide framework for evaluation, and demonstration of competencies in the Idaho Standards for Directors of Special Education and the Idaho Standards for School Principals. Coursework shall include knowledge and competence in understanding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, utilizing the Idaho Special Education Manual, special education funding and fiscal accountability, results-driven leadership and accountability in special education, and instructional, behavioral, and management strategies for supporting students in the least restrictive environment. (3-15-22)
- iv. Have completed an administrative internship in the area of administration of special education; and (3-15-22)
- v. An institutional recommendation is required for Director of Special Education endorsement. (3-15-22)

04. Career Technical Certification Requirements. Teachers of career technical courses or programs in secondary schools must hold an occupational specialist certificate and an endorsement in an appropriate occupational discipline. All occupational certificates must be approved by the Division of Career Technical Education regardless of the route an individual is pursuing to receive the certificate. (3-15-22)

a. Standard Degree Based Career Technical Occupational Certificate. Persons who hold a degree based career technical certificate are eligible to teach in a career technical area, subject to the grade range(s) and subject area(s) of the valid endorsement(s) attached to the certificate. All degree based career technical certificates require candidates to meet the Idaho Core Teaching Standards. The degree based career technical certificate is valid for five years. A degree based career technical certificate may be issued to any person who has a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university and meets the following requirements: (3-15-22)

i. Earned a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours in the philosophical, psychological, methodological foundations, instructional technology, and in the professional subject matter of education, which shall include demonstration of competencies as specified in the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan; (3-15-22)

ii. Earned a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours in career technical education foundation coursework to include principles and philosophies of career technical education, evaluation and assessment in career technical education, leadership and career technical student organization leadership, career guidance and transition, occupational analysis and curriculum development, and lab safety; (3-15-22)

iii. ~~Accumulated one thousand (1,000) clock hours of~~ Equivalent related industry experience, ~~or practicum~~ as approved by the Board ~~higher education institution,~~ in the respective field of specialization as authorized by section 33-2205, Idaho code; (3-15-22)

iv. Completed a total of at least ~~ten (10) undergraduate~~ six (6) semester credit hours ~~or six (6) graduate semester credit hours of~~ student teaching; (3-15-22)

v. Completed a state board approved educator preparation program and received an institutional recommendation specifying the grade ranges and subjects for which the person is eligible to receive an endorsement; (3-15-22)

(1) To receive endorsement in two (2) fields of teaching, preparation must ~~consist of at least thirty (30) meet the~~ semester credit hours ~~in one (1) field of teaching and completion of at least twenty (20) semester credit hours~~

~~in a second field of teaching requirement identified for the specific endorsement as approved by the Board.~~
() (3-15-22)

(2) To receive endorsement in one (1) field of teaching, preparation must consist of completion of at least ~~forty-five (45)~~ thirty (30) semester credit hours in a single subject area. () (3-15-22)

vi. Met or exceeded the state qualifying score on the state board-approved content area ~~and pedagogy~~ assessments. (3-15-22)

vii. The renewal credits required in Section 060 may be waived if the applicant holds a current, valid certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards ~~or holds a current professional license in good standing~~ at the time of renewal. Credits must be earned during the validity period of the certificate. (4-6-23)

b. Career Technical Education Program Standard Administrator Certificate. The career technical education program administrator certificate is required for an individual serving as an administrator, director, or manager of career technical education programs in Idaho public schools. Individuals must meet one (1) of the two (2) following prerequisites to qualify for the career technical education program administrator certificate. The certificate is valid for five (5) years and must meet the renewal requirements pursuant to Section 060 of these rules to renew.
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i. Qualify for or hold ~~an~~ standard or advanced occupational specialist certificate or hold an occupational endorsement on a degree based career technical certificate; provide evidence of a minimum of four (4) years teaching, three (3) of which must be in a career technical education discipline; hold a ~~master's baccalaureate~~ degree; and complete ~~at least fifteen (15) semester credits of~~ administrative course work to include ~~required credits in~~ education finance, administration and supervision of personnel, and legal aspects of education. Remaining coursework may be selected from: administration and supervision of occupational programs; instructional supervision; administration internship; curriculum development; curriculum evaluation; research in curriculum; school community relations; communication; teaching the adult learner; coordination of work-based learning programs; and/or measurement and evaluation. () (3-15-22)

ii. Hold a superintendent or principal endorsement on a standard administrator certificate and provide evidence of either a minimum of four (4) years teaching, three (3) of which must be in a career technical discipline; or successful completion of a Division of Career Technical Education career technical education ~~leadership institute~~ administrative coursework; or completion of course work including credits in: principles and foundations of career technical education, career technical student organizations, occupational analysis, curriculum design, one or more externships with career technical education industry advisor partners totaling 100 hours, and ongoing participation in technical advisory committee meetings associated with the school's career technical education programs. (4-6-23)

c. Industry-Based Occupational Specialist Certificate. Persons who hold an occupational specialist career technical certificate are eligible to teach in a career technical program pathway(s), subject to the grade range(s) and pathway areas(s) of the valid endorsement(s) attached to the certificate. All occupational specialist career technical certificates require candidates to meet the core teaching standards of the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. An occupational specialist career technical certificate may be issued to an experienced industry expert entering the teaching profession who: and meeting the following eligibility requirements:
(3-15-22)

i. Possesses either a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate; meets provisions of Idaho Code; and, has verifiable technical skills obtained through work experience, industry certification or testing ~~as listed below~~. When applicable, ~~requirements of occupationally related state agencies~~ licensing requirements must also be met. ~~Since educational levels and work experiences vary, a~~ Applicants may will be determined qualified under any one (1) of the following ~~three (3)~~ options: (3-15-22)

____ (1) Have three (3) years or six thousand (6,000) hours of recent, gainful employment in the occupation for which certification is requested, at least half of which must have been during the immediate previous five (5) years;
or _____ (3-15-22)

~~_____ (2) _____ Have a baccalaureate degree in the specific occupation or related area, plus one (1) year or two thousand (2,000) hours of recent, gainful employment in the occupation for which certification is requested, at least half of which must have been during the immediate previous five (5) years; or~~ Meets the professional experience hours requirements established by the Board pursuant to section 33-2205, Idaho code. () (3-15-22)

(32) Hold or have held an industry certification in a field closely related to the content area in which the individual seeks to teach as approved by the Division of Career Technical Education. (3-15-22)

ii. Limited Occupational Specialist Certificate. This certificate is issued to individuals who are new to teaching in Idaho public schools or new to teaching in career technical education in Idaho public schools. The certificate is an interim certificate and is valid for three (3) years and is non-renewable. ~~Applicants must meet all of the minimum requirements established in Subsection 015.06.a. of these rules.~~ Individuals on a limited occupational specialist certificate must complete one (1) of the two (2) following pathways during the validity period of the certificate: () (3-15-22)

(1) Pathway I - Coursework: Within the three-year period of the Limited Occupational Specialist Certificate, the instructor must satisfactorily complete the pre-service training prescribed by the Division of Career Technical Education and demonstrate competencies in principles/foundations of occupational education and methods of teaching occupational education. Additionally, the instructor must satisfactorily demonstrate competencies in two (2) of the following areas: career pathways and guidance; analysis, integration, and curriculum development; and measurement and evaluation. (3-15-22)

(2) Pathway II - ~~Cohort Training~~ Division training program: Within the first twelve (12) months, the holder must enroll in the Division of Career Technical Education sponsored education pedagogy training and complete all requirements within the three-year validity period of the interim certificate. () (3-15-22)

iii. Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate. (3-15-22)

(1) This certificate is issued to individuals who have held a limited occupational specialist certificate and completed one (1) of the pathways for renewable certification. (3-15-22)

(2) The Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate is valid for five (5) years and must meet the renewal requirements pursuant to Section 060 of these rules to renew. Credit equivalency will be based on verification of forty-five (45) hours of participation at approved technical conferences, institutes, or workshops where participation is prorated at the rate of fifteen (15) hours per credit; or one hundred twenty (120) hours of approved related work experience where hours worked may be prorated at the rate of forty (40) hours per credit; or any equivalent combination thereof. () (4-6-23)

iv. Advanced Occupational Specialist Certificate. This certificate is issued to individuals who are eligible for the Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate; and provide evidence of completion of an teacher training degree approved educator preparation program; or eighteen (18) semester credits ~~of approved by the~~ Division of Career Technical Education approved education; or content-related course work in addition to the twelve (12) ~~semester~~ credits required for the Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate (a total of thirty (30) semester credits). The Advanced Occupational Specialist Certificate is valid for five (5) years ~~and must meet the renewal requirements pursuant to Section 060 of these rules to renew~~ and is renewable under the same provisions as the Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate. (4-6-23)

05. Postsecondary Specialist Certificate. A Postsecondary Specialist certificate will be granted to a current academic faculty member whose primary employment is with any accredited Idaho postsecondary institution. To be eligible to teach in the public schools under this postsecondary specialist certificate, the candidate must supply a recommendation from the employing institution (faculty's college dean). The primary use of this state-issued certificate is for distance education, virtual classroom programs, and public and postsecondary partnerships. (3-15-22)

a. To renew this certificate, the renewal application must be accompanied with a new written

recommendation from the postsecondary institution (faculty's college dean level or higher). (3-15-22)

b. The candidate must meet the following qualifications: (3-15-22)

i. Hold a baccalaureate degree or higher in the content area being taught; (3-15-22)

ii. Be currently employed by the postsecondary institution in the content area to be taught; and (3-15-22)

iii. Complete and pass a criminal history background check as required by [Section 33-130, Idaho Code](#). (3-15-22)

06. American Indian Tribal Language Certificate. The five (5) federally recognized tribes of Idaho shall provide to the State Department of Education the names of those highly and uniquely qualified individuals who have been designated to teach tribal language(s) in accordance with [Section 33-1280, Idaho Code](#). To be eligible for an American Indian Tribal Languages certificate an applicant designated to teach tribal language(s) shall submit a complete application. If approved the certificate shall be issued for five years and is renewable. (3-15-22)

07. Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps (Junior ROTC) Instructors. () ~~(3-15-22)~~

a. **Junior ROTC Instructor Certificate.** To be eligible for a five (5) year renewable Junior ROTC Instructor ~~C~~ertificate, an applicant shall submit a ~~complete application and provide a~~ copy of their certificate(s) or letter of completion ~~of from~~ an armed forces Junior ROTC training program. () ~~(3-15-22)~~

b. ~~If approved the certificate shall be issued for five years and is renewable.~~ Interim Junior ROTC Instructor Certificate. A three (3) year interim certificate shall be issued to those who are enrolled in the Junior ROTC Instructor training program. The applicant shall submit a complete application, a letter of recommendation from their hiring school district or public charter school, and a copy of their Junior ROTC Instructor initial qualification letter issued by an armed forces Junior ROTC training program. Upon completion of the Junior ROTC training program, an applicant can apply for the five (5) year renewable Junior ROTC Instructor Certificate. () ~~(3-15-22)~~

08. Additional Renewal Requirements. In addition to specific certificate or endorsement renewal requirements, applicants must meet the following renewal requirements as applicable: (3-15-22)

a. Administrator certificate renewal. In order to recertify, holders of an administrator certificate must complete a course consisting of a minimum of three (3) semester credits in the Idaho framework for teachers' evaluation pursuant to [Section 33-1204, Idaho Code](#). Credits must be earned through an approved educator preparation program and include a laboratory component. The laboratory component must include in-person or video observation and scoring of teacher performance using the statewide framework for teacher's evaluation. The approved course must include the following competencies: (3-15-22)

i. Understanding professional practice in Idaho evaluation requirements, including gathering accurate evidence and artifacts, understanding and using the state framework for evaluation rubric with fidelity, proof of calibration and interrater reliability, ability to provide effective feedback for teacher growth, and understanding and advising teachers on individualized learning plan and portfolio development. (3-15-22)

ii. Understanding student achievement and growth in the Idaho evaluation framework, including understanding how measurable student achievement and growth measures impact summative evaluation ratings and proficiency in assessment literacy. (3-15-22)

016. ~~IDAHO~~ INTERIM CERTIFICATION~~E~~, NON-TRADITIONAL ROUTES, AND CERTIFICATE REINSTATEMENT.

01. Interim Certificate. A three (3) year interim certificate may be issued to an applicants who holds a valid certificate or license from another state or other entity that participates in the National Association of State

Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Interstate Agreement pursuant to [Section 33-4104, Idaho Code](#), or who ~~is~~[are](#) engaged in or completed a non-traditional route or alternative authorization to certification as ~~prescribed herein~~[approved by the State Board of Education](#). An interim certificate gives the holder the same rights and responsibilities as an individual with a standard certificate. ~~()~~[\(4-6-23\)](#)

~~a. 01. Interim Certificate Not Renewable.~~ Interim certification is only available on a one (1) time basis except under extenuating circumstances approved by the State Department of Education or Division of Career Technical Education.

~~b.~~ ~~An applicant~~[Interim certificate holders](#) must meet the requirements of the [State Board of Education](#) ~~and the applicable alternate authorization route or non-traditional route~~ to obtain a standard ~~Idaho Educator Credential certificate~~ during ~~or at the conclusion of~~ the term of the interim certificate. ~~()~~[\(3-15-22\)](#)

~~i. All interim instructional certificate holders, excluding those with limited occupational specialist certificates, must complete a state board approved Idaho Comprehensive Literacy course or assessment as a one-time requirement prior to applying for a standard certificate.~~

~~ii. All interim certificate holders with an All Subjects (K-8) endorsement, any mathematics endorsement, Exceptional Child Education endorsement, Blended Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education endorsement, or Administrator certificate must complete the state board approved Teaching for Mathematical Thinking, course, as a one-time requirement prior to applying for standard certification.~~

02. Non-Traditional Route to ~~Teacher~~-Certification. An individual ~~who possesses a baccalaureate degree or higher from an institution of higher education accredited by an entity recognized by the Board~~ may acquire ~~interim~~-certification through a state board approved non-traditional ~~route to teacher certification~~ program. ~~Non-traditional programs must ensure candidates meet content, pedagogy, and performance criteria per section 017.01.~~ The non-traditional route may be used for first-time certification, subsequent certificates, and additional endorsements. ~~()~~[\(3-15-22\)](#)

~~a. Individuals who possess a baccalaureate degree or higher from an institution of higher education accredited by an entity recognized by the SBOE may receive an interim instructional certificate. To receive the interim certificate, the individual must:~~ ~~(7-1-26)~~

~~i. Complete or enroll in a state board approved program; and~~ ~~(3-15-22)~~

~~ii. Pass the state board approved pedagogy and content area assessment.~~ ~~(3-15-22)~~

~~b. Standard certification. Upon completion of the non-traditional route the applicant must complete a two (2) year state board approved teacher mentoring program and receive two (2) years of Idaho evaluations with a summative rating of proficient or better.~~ ~~(4-6-23)~~

~~03. Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course.~~ All Idaho teachers working on an interim certificate (alternate authorizations, nontraditional routes, reinstatement, or coming from out of state) must complete a state board approved Idaho Comprehensive Literacy course or assessment as a one time requirement for standard instructional certificate. ~~(3-15-22)~~

~~04. Teaching For Mathematical Thinking.~~ All Idaho teachers or administrators with an interim certificate (alternate authorizations, nontraditional routes, reinstatements or coming from out of state), with an All Subjects (K-8) endorsement, any mathematics endorsement, Exceptional Child Education endorsement, Blended Early Childhood/Early Childhood Special Education endorsement, or Administrator certificate must complete the state board approved Teaching for Mathematical Thinking, course, as a one time requirement for full certification. ~~(4-6-23)~~

035. Reinstatement of Expired Certificate.

a. An individual with an Idaho standard certificate expired for one (1) year or less who did not meet the six (6) credit renewal requirement may apply for reinstatement and be issued an interim certificate. During the validity period of the interim certificate, the applicant must complete any outstanding credits to meet the renewal requirement to be eligible for a five (5) year renewable certificate. ()

a.b. An individual holding with an expired standard Idaho certificate expired for over one (1) year may apply for and be issued an interim certificate. During the validity period of the interim certificate, the applicant must meet the following requirements to obtain be eligible for a standard five (5) year renewable certification during the term of the interim certificate: () (7-1-26)

ia. Two (2) years of Idaho evaluations, as applicable to the type of certification, with a summative rating of proficient or better; (4-6-23)

iib. Measured annual progress on specific goals identified on the applicant's Individualized Professional Learning Plan; (3-15-22)

iiie. Completion of the six (6) credit renewal requirement; and () (4-6-23)

ivd. Completion of the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Course or Assessment and the Teaching for Mathematical Thinking as provided herein if applicable per section 016.01.b. () (3-15-22)

e. Individuals holding an expired certificate that was in good standing at the time the certificate expired, may have the certificate reinstated within one (1) year of the time the certificate expired by completing any outstanding professional development requirements that were pending at the time the certificate expired. (4-6-23)

06. Codes of Ethics. All laws and rules governing standard certificated staff with respect to conduct, discipline, and professional standards shall apply to all certified staff serving in an Idaho public school, including those employed under an interim certificate. (3-15-22)

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021. ENDORSEMENTS.

Holders of an Instructional Certificate or Occupational Specialist Certificate must have one (1) or more endorsements attached to their certificate as applicable to the type of certification. Instructional staff are eligible to teach in the grades and content areas of their endorsements. Idaho educator preparation programs shall prepare candidates for endorsements in accordance with these certification requirements and the standards approved by the board. An official statement from the college of education of competency in a content area or field is acceptable in lieu of required credits if such statements are created in consultation with the department or division of the accredited college or university in which the competency is established and are approved by the director of teacher education of the recommending college or university. Statements must include the number of credits the competency evaluation is equivalent to. To add an endorsement to a certificate, an individual must complete the credit hour requirements as established by the SBOE and meet or exceed the state qualifying score on a board approved content, pedagogy or performance assessment. (7-1-26)

01. Clinical Experience Requirement. All standard endorsements require supervised clinical experience in the relevant content area, or a State Department of Education or Division of Career Technical Education approved alternative clinical experience as applicable to the area of endorsement. (4-6-23)

02. Alternative Authorization - Teacher to New Endorsement. This alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request additional endorsement for a candidate. This authorization is valid for one (1) year and may be renewed for two (2) additional years with evidence of satisfactory progress on one (1) of the following options: (4-6-23)

a. Option I -- An official statement of competency in a teaching area or field from the college of education of an accredited college or university is acceptable in lieu of courses if the statement is created in consultation with the department or division in which the competency is established and is approved by the director

of teacher education of the recommending college or university.

(3-15-22)

b. Option II -- Master's degree or higher. By earning a graduate degree in a content specific area, candidates may add an endorsement in that same content area to a valid instructional certificate. Successful completion of a one (1) year, state board approved mentoring program must be completed during the first year to maintain the endorsement. (4-6-23)

c. Option III -- Content area assessment and mentoring. A candidate may add an endorsement by successfully completing a state board-approved content areas assessment and a one-year, state board-approved mentoring program within the first year of authorization. (3-15-22)

d. ~~For all candidates moving to an initial certification in a career technical education endorsement area, the candidate will be required to complete or have completed coursework in principles and foundations of career technical education and career technical student organizations, training in occupational analysis and curriculum design, and a minimum of two hundred (200) internship/externship hours in the career technical education endorsement area.~~ Option IV –Occupational specialists may add endorsements through the completion of industry professional experience or internship/externship hours equivalent to the required professional hours established by the Board pursuant to section 33-2205, Idaho code. () (4-6-23)

03. National Board Certification. An applicant holding an instructional certificate and current national board certification may add an endorsement in a corresponding content-specific area. (3-15-22)

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

042. ALTERNATIVE AUTHORIZATION.

Alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request certification for a candidate. This authorization grants an interim certificate that allows individuals to serve as the teacher of record while pursuing standard certification. Evidence of satisfactory progress toward standard certification must be provided each year. Individuals who hold a current instructional certificate may obtain additional endorsements through an alternative authorization as prescribed in Subsection 021 of these rules. Individuals seeking an alternative authorization for an occupational specialist certificate must also meet the minimum industry hours for the content area as established by the State Board pursuant to section 33-2205, Idaho code. () (4-6-23)

01. Alternative Authorization -- Teacher to New Certification. This alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request additional certification for a candidate who already holds a current Idaho certificate in good standing to add an additional type of certificate in a new certification area. (4-6-23)

a. Prior to application, the candidate must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher and a current and valid Idaho certificate. The local education agency must attest to the candidate's ability to fill the position. (3-15-22)

b. The candidate must participate in a state board- approved educator preparation program. (3-15-22)

i. The candidate will work toward completion of a state board-approved educator preparation program. The candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credits annually to maintain continued eligibility for the interim certificate; and (4-6-23)

ii. The participating educator preparation program shall provide procedures to assess and credit equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life/work experiences toward program completion requirements. (4-6-23)

02. Alternative Authorization -- Content Specialist. This alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request an interim certificate for an individual who possesses distinct content knowledge and skills to teach in a content area. (4-6-23)

a. Initial Qualifications. (3-15-22)

i. A candidate must hold a baccalaureate degree or have completed all of the requirements of a baccalaureate degree except the student teaching portion; and (3-15-22)

ii. Prior to entering the classroom, the local education agency shall ensure the candidate is qualified to teach in the content area. The candidate shall meet or exceed the state qualifying score on the appropriate state board-approved content or pedagogy assessment, including demonstration of content knowledge through a combination of employment, experience, and education. (3-15-22)

b. State Board Approved Educator Preparation Program. (3-15-22)

i. Prior to authorization, a consortium comprised of a state board-approved educator preparation program representative, a local education agency representative, and the candidate shall determine the preparation needed and develop a plan to meet the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. The educator preparation program shall provide procedures to assess and credit: equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life or work experiences. The plan must include a state board-approved mentoring program. While teaching under the alternative authorization, the mentor shall provide a minimum of one (1) classroom observation per month, which will include feedback and reflection. The plan must include annual progress goals that must be met for continued eligibility; (4-6-23)

ii. The candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credit hours or its equivalent of accelerated study in education pedagogy prior to the end of the first year of authorization. The number of required credits will be specified in the consortium developed plan; and (3-15-22)

iii. At the time of authorization the candidate must enroll in and work toward completion of the plan. The candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credits or equivalent annually to maintain eligibility for the interim certificate. The candidate must complete the plan to move to a standard instructional certificate. (4-6-23)

c. Career Technical Education Industry-based Route Plan. Local education agencies with candidates seeking a limited occupational specialist certification may request approval, with an approved division of career technical education alternative authorization route plan, to meet the program requirements. (4-6-23)

03. Alternative Authorization - Pupil Service Staff. This alternative authorization allows a local education agency to request interim certification and endorsement for a candidate when a position requiring the Pupil Service Staff Certificate cannot be filled. (4-6-23)

a. Initial Qualifications. The applicant must complete the following: (3-15-22)

i. Prior to application, a candidate must hold a baccalaureate degree or higher; and (3-15-22)

ii. The local education agency must attest to the ability of the candidate to fill the position. (3-15-22)

b. Educator Preparation Program. (3-15-22)

i. At the time of authorization the candidate must enroll in and work toward completion of a state board approved educator preparation program through a participating college or university and the local education agency. The educator preparation program must include annual progress goals. (4-6-23)

ii. The candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credits or equivalent annually to maintain eligibility for the interim certificate. (4-6-23)

iii. The participating educator preparation program will provide procedures to assess and credit equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life/work experiences. (3-15-22)

iv. The candidate must meet all requirements for the endorsement/certificate as provided herein. (3-15-22)

043. -- 059. (RESERVED)

060. APPLICATION PROCEDURES / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

To obtain a new, renew, or reinstate an Idaho Educator Credential, the applicant must submit an application on a form supplied by the State Department of Education or the Division of Career Technical Education as applicable to the type of certificate. All applications for new, renewed, or reinstated occupational specialist certificates must be submitted to the Division of Career Technical Education. The following requirements must be met to renew or reinstate an Idaho Educator Credential. (3-15-22)

01. State Board of Education Requirements for Professional Development. All certificated personnel must complete at least six (6) semester credit hours or equivalent professional development within the five (5) year validity period of the certificate being renewed. Pursuant to subsection 015.04 of these rules, standard occupational specialist may use industry experience to meet these requirements. () (3-15-22)

02. Credit. Graduate or undergraduate credit will be accepted for renewal. Credit must be transcribed and completed through a college or university accredited by an entity recognized by the state board of education. (3-15-22)

a. At least three (3) semester credits shall be taken for postsecondary credit and verified by official or unofficial transcript. Individuals found to have intentionally altered transcripts used for verification, who would have not otherwise met this renewal requirement, will be investigated for violations of the Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators. Any such violations may result in disciplinary action. (3-15-22)

b. Credits taken for certificate renewal must be related to the individualized professional learning plan or the professional practice of the applicant. (3-15-22)

i. Credits must be specifically tied to content areas and/or an area of any other endorsement; or (3-15-22)

ii. Credits must be specific to pedagogical best practices or for administrative/teacher leadership; or (3-15-22)

iii. Credits must be tied to a specific area of need designated by local education agency administration. (3-15-22)

iv. Credits must be taken during the validity period of the certificate. (3-15-22)

c. All requests for equivalent in-service training to apply toward renewal, except occupational specialist certificates, must be approved by the local education agency. Individuals holding Occupational Specialist Certificates must make requests through the Division of Career Technical Education. Applicants must receive approval for in-service training and course work prior to applying for renewal. All in-service training must be aligned with the applicant's individualized professional learning plan or related to professional practice. Fifteen (15) contact hours are equivalent to one (1) semester credit. (3-15-22)

d. Pupil service staff certificate holders who hold a professional license through the appropriate Idaho state licensing board may use renewal of their professional license toward the renewal of their pupil service staff certificate in lieu of the requirements herein. (3-15-22)

e. Renewal credits may not be carried over from one (1) renewal period to the next. (3-15-22)

03. Professional Development Plans. Local education agencies will have professional development plans. (3-15-22)

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100. OFFICIAL VEHICLE FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

01. The Official Vehicle for the Approval of ~~Traditional~~ Educator Preparation Programs. ~~Traditional~~ Educator preparation programs will be accredited by an accrediting body that approves educator preparation programs and is recognized by the state board of education and meets the board approved Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. The Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel will be posted on the state board of education and state department of education websites. All standards will include an implementation date. () (4-6-23)

~~**02. Non-Traditional Educator Preparation Program.** To be considered for approval each non-traditional educator preparation program must include the following components: (3-15-22)~~

~~**a.** Assessment of pedagogy and content knowledge; and (3-15-22)~~

~~**b.** Alignment to the Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. (3-15-22)~~

023. Continuing Approval. Approved educator preparation programs will be reviewed for continued approval on a timeline and in a format established by the state board of education. Program reviews will take into consideration the instructional methodology used by the approved program. (3-15-22)

034. Payment Responsibilities for Educator Preparation Program Reviews. The Professional Standards Commission is responsible for Idaho educator preparation program reviews, including assigning responsibility for paying for program reviews. To implement the reviews, it is necessary that: (3-15-22)

a. The Professional Standards Commission pay for all state review team expenses for on-site teacher preparation reviews from its budget. (3-15-22)

b. Requesting institutions pay for all other expenses related to on-site educator preparation program reviews, including all standards review. (3-15-22)

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111. BULLYING, HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE.

01. Dissemination of Information. School districts and charter schools shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that information on harassment, intimidation and bullying of students is disseminated annually to all school personnel, parents and students. (3-15-22)

02. Professional Development. The content of ongoing professional development for school staff related to bullying, harassment and intimidation shall include: (3-15-22)

a. School philosophy regarding school climate and student behavior expectations; (3-15-22)

b. Definitions of bullying, harassment, and intimidation; (3-15-22)

c. School prevention strategies or programs including the identification of materials to be distributed annually to students and parents; (3-15-22)

d. Expectations of staff intervention for bullying, harassment, and intimidation; (3-15-22)

e. School process for responding to bullying, harassment, and intimidation including the reporting process for students and staff, investigation protocol, the involvement of law enforcement, related student support services and parental involvement; and (3-15-22)

- f. Other topics as determined appropriate by the school district or charter school. (3-15-22)

03. Graduated Consequences. Graduated consequences for a student who commits acts of bullying, harassment, and intimidation shall include a series of measures proportional to the act(s) committed and appropriate to the severity of the violation as determined by the school board of trustees, school administrators, or designated personnel depending upon the level of discipline. Graduated consequences should be in accordance with the nature of the behavior, the developmental age of the student, and the student's history of problem behaviors and performance. (3-15-22)

- a. Graduated consequences may include, but are not limited to: (3-15-22)

i. Meeting with the school counselor; (3-15-22)

ii. Meeting with the school principal and student's parents or guardian; (3-15-22)

iii. Detention, suspension or special programs; and (3-15-22)

iv. Expulsion. (3-15-22)

b. The graduated consequences are not intended to prevent or prohibit the referral of a student who commits acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying to available outside counseling services or to law enforcement, or both, pursuant to Section 18-917A, Idaho Code. (3-15-22)

c. Students with disabilities may be afforded additional protections under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; school districts and charter schools shall comply with applicable state and federal law when disciplining students with individualized education programs (IEPs) or 504 plans for committing acts of bullying, harassment, and intimidation. (3-15-22)

04. Intervention. School district and charter school employees are authorized and expected to intervene or facilitate intervention on behalf of students facing harassment, intimidation, and bullying. Intervention shall be reasonably calculated to: (3-15-22)

a. Correct the problem behavior; (3-15-22)

b. Prevent another occurrence of the problem; (3-15-22)

c. Protect and provide support for the victim of the act; and (3-15-22)

d. Take corrective action for documented systemic problems related to harassment, intimidation, or bullying. (3-15-22)

~~**05. Reporting.** Annual reporting will occur at the end of the school year through an aggregate report identifying the total number of bullying incidents by school districts and charter schools, grade level, gender, and repeat offenders. The State Department of Education shall provide school districts and charter schools with the guidelines and forms for reporting. (3-15-22)~~

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