

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Title: Licensing Physical Education and Health Teachers

Type of Executive Summary:

- Action
- Action on First Reading
- Discussion
- Information

Policy Implications:

- Constitution _____
- General Statute # _____
- SBE Policy # TCP-A-001
- SBE Policy Amendment
- SBE Policy (New)
- APA # _____
- APA Amendment
- APA (New)
- Other _____

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Description:

Currently, North Carolina issues discrete licenses in physical education and health. In many schools, however, physical education teachers are assigned to teach health classes. A proposal to add a license area in “*physical education and health*” is presented for discussion. If approved by the Board, standards for *physical education and health* teacher preparation programs will be developed, and colleges and universities will be encouraged to develop programs that address the new license area as they re-vision their preparation programs. To address the current situation, it is proposed that the Board authorize the DPI Licensure Section to issue the new license to physical education teachers who meet the requirements detailed in the proposal.

Resources:

NA

Input Process:

The proposal is based on discussions with staff in the Department of Public Instruction. Feedback is being solicited from representative personnel administrators, higher education faculty, and health and physical education professionals in the public schools

Stakeholders:

Physical Education and Health teachers

Timeline For Action:

The proposals are presented for discussion this month and will be presented for approval next month. They will become effective upon Board approval.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board approve: 1) the addition of a license area in *physical education and health* and 2) that the Board authorize the DPI Licensure Section to issue the new license to physical education teachers who meet the requirements detailed in the proposal.

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 Motion By: _____ Seconded By: _____
 Vote: Yes _____ No _____ Abstain _____
 Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Postponed _____ Revised _____

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NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy Manual

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: ~~04/03/2008~~ 10/02/2008

Other Historical Information:

Previous Board Dates: 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, 08/07/2003, 9/11/03, 11/22/2004, 5/05/2005, 6/30/2005, 8/04/2005, 10/06/2005, 11/03/2005, 12/01/2005, 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

Statutory Reference:

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

Administrative Procedures Act (APA) Reference Number and Category:

POLICIES ON GENERAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Note: Only relevant sections of this policy has 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.

1.10 Designation of Appropriate Licensure Prior to Establishment of Staffing New Programs/Positions in Public Schools

Appropriate licensure area(s) required for service must be established prior to presentation of new programs/positions to the SBE for approval. Formal documentation indicating agreement by the Licensure Section to the licensure area(s) appropriate for the proposed program/employment shall be presented.

Current license areas issued by the Department are:

Administrative

Superintendent
Principal
Curriculum Instructional Specialist
Instructional Technology Specialist-Computers
Media Supervisor
Career and Technical Education Director
Exceptional Children's Program Administrator

Student Services

Counselor
School Social Worker
School Psychologist
Instructional Technology Specialist- Telecommunications
Media Coordinator
Audiologist
Speech-Language Pathologist

Teaching Areas

Elementary

Birth-Kindergarten (B-K)
Preschool Add-on*
Elementary (K-6)
Elementary Second Language++
Reading (K-6)
English as a Second Language [ESL] (K-6)
Special Education: General Curriculum (K-6)
Special Education: Adapted Curriculum (K-6)

Middle Grades

Middle Grades Language Arts
Middle Grades Mathematics
Middle Grades Science
Middle Grades Social Studies

* Available only to teachers with current licenses in elementary education, special education, or family and consumer sciences.

Secondary (9-12)

English (9-12)
Mathematics (9-12)
Science (9-12)
Earth Science (9-12)
Biology (9-12)
Physics (9-12)
Chemistry (9-12)
Social Studies (9-12)
Political Science (9-12)
Geography (9-12)
History (9-12)
Economics (9-12)
Sociology (9-12)
Anthropology (9-12)
French (9-12)
Spanish (9-12)
German (9-12)
Japanese (9-12)
Russian (9-12)
Latin (9-12)
Bible (9-12)
Journalism ++ (9-12)
Psychology ++ (9-12)
Italian ++ (9-12)
Chinese ++ (9-12)

Special Subjects (K-12)

Art (K-12)
Music (K-12)
Dance (K-12)
Theater Arts (K-12)
Health Specialist (K-12)
Physical Education (K-12)
Physical Education and Health (K-12)
Safety and Driver Education
Speech Communication (K-12)
ESL (K-12)
Reading (K-12)
American Sign Language (K-12)
French (K-12)
Spanish (K-12)
German (K-12)
Japanese (K-12)
Russian (K-12)
Computer Education++ (K-12)
Junior ROTC

Career-Technical Education

Agricultural Education
Business and Information Technology Education
 Network Administration
Career Development Coordinator
Career and Technical Education Director
Family and Consumer Sciences
 Apparel Design
 Child Development, Family Studies
 Food and Nutrition, Culinary Arts
 Interior Design, Housing
Health Occupations
 Registered Nurse
 Allied Health/Medical Professional
 Biotechnology
Marketing Education
(Handicapped/Disadvantaged) Special Populations
Coordinator
Technology Education
 Principles of Technology++
 Scientific and Technical Visualization++
 Project Lead the Way (PLTW)++
Trade and Industrial Education
 Automotive Service
 Cabinetmaking/Furniture
 Carpentry
 Collision Repair
 Computer Engineering Technology
 Cosmetology
 Drafting
 Digital Media/Programming Broadcasting
 Electrical Trades
 Electronics
 Electro-Mechanical Maintenance
 Masonry
 Mechanical Systems (HVAC or Plumbing)
 Metals Manufacturing
 Network Engineering Technology
 Printing and Graphics
 Public Safety
 Textiles^
 Welding
 Work Development (formerly Industrial Cooperative
 Training)
 Specialized
VoCATS

++ endorsements

^ no longer issued

Exceptional Children

Cross Categorical (mildly/moderately disabled)
Severely/Profoundly Disabled
Mentally Disabled
Visually Impaired
Behaviorally/Emotionally Disabled
Learning Disabled
Academically Gifted
Hearing Impaired
Special Education: General Curriculum
Special Education: Adapted Curriculum

1.40 In Field/Out-of-Field Assignments

All professional assignments shall be in the area of an individual's license. Any teaching assignment, other than remedial that is outside a person's area of licensing is considered to be "out-of-field." The LEA may assign any licensed teacher who is the best qualified to teach remedial

courses, regardless of licensure area.

The superintendent or personnel officer of the LEA must submit to the Licensure Section requests for provisional licensure to qualified individuals to cover out-of-field assignments. Effective June 30, 2006, provisional licenses 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.

Individuals with a clear NC teaching license who have been teaching out-of-field in a subject area for a minimum of three years may be issued a clear license in that subject area based on the recommendation of the employing LEA and principal, and completion of one of the following:

- (a) the NC HOUSSE in the subject area; or
- (b) 24 semester hours in the subject area; or
- (c) the Praxis II exam(s) required for the subject area.

This includes individuals who have been teaching out-of-field on a provisional license.

Upon the recommendation of the employing LEA, individuals who are licensed to teach physical education and assigned to teach health may be issued the *Physical Education and Health K-12* license based on the following:

- (a.) one year of successful teaching of health in the public schools and
- (b.) completion of three renewal credits in health education completed through a recognized health education services provider.

This provision for being issued a license in *Physical Education and Health K-12* expires June 30, 2012.

1.60 Endorsement

An endorsement is an attachment to a full license area, which allows the individual to teach a specific subject on a half-time or less basis. Endorsements shall be issued by the Department of Public Instruction based on a minimum of eighteen semester hours in the specific content area. Effective June 30, 2006, endorsements will no longer be issued in and can not be used for teaching at the elementary grades level or at the middle and high school levels in license areas required for teaching the core academic subjects.

Teachers with the following endorsements are not subject to the limits of half-time teaching and may teach full time in the endorsement area:

- 1) Chemistry (assigned to teach physical science)*
- 2) Elementary second language*
- 3) Journalism
- 4) K-12 computer education
- 5) Physics (assigned to teach physical science)*
- 6) Principles of technology*
- 7) Chinese*
- 8) Italian*
- 9) Psychology

*Effective June 30, 2006, endorsements can not be used in these areas.

Endorsements can be converted to full licenses based on the following:

- (a) Completion of 6 additional semester hours (total of 24 semester hours) in the content subject area; or
- (b) Satisfactory completion of the required Praxis II Specialty Area Exams; or
- (c) Verification of three years of successful teaching in the subject area and the NC HOUSSE.