

Public Comment
Chapter 24:28 Educator Certification Administrative Rules

Educator Certification Exhibit 1

Date Submitted: 01/04/2017

Steve Benson

Although I totally support having a certification system that ensures that we have quality people in education positions, and allows us alternative ways to certify people in tough-to-find area; however, I question the thought process behind additional testing after an endorsed program has been completed. I recently graduated with a specialist degree which is endorsed and accepted by the DOE. These programs are expensive and time consuming but necessary to prepare myself for the job I currently hold. In looking at the proposed changes there would be an additional test needed to keep certification. Personally I feel that throws serious shade at the higher education entities in the state implying that what was taught is not sufficient. I would have no issue with incorporating the new rule into the degree work as part of the credits needed, but to add this after the fact does not seem right. To earn higher degrees we already test orally and do a written test to prove competence. I would also propose that those with a current degree, or enrolled currently in a program, be grandfathered in. I base this solely on the assumption that any additional test would be created with a significant amount of help from the higher education folks that administrated the degree work originally (same people that created and administered the test mentioned above). I would also like to see the proof that these extra tests make any difference to a program other than to check a box. I mean no disrespect by that comment. I just find it hard to accept if a person passes a test endorsed by the state (such as my specialist test) and the possibility exists to not pass an additional new test proposed, and thus, not be certified. We have enough trouble finding and recruiting new talent, I would hate to see this become so convoluted that it discourages people from pursuing this path.

Educator Certification Exhibit 2

Date Submitted: 01/06/2017

Christ McGregor

In the draft that is available on the state website - (<http://doe.sd.gov/board/documents/01192017PubHgDrft.pdf>) - it states: 24:28:17:13. Renewal requirements for standard teaching certificate. The applicant for a renewed standard teaching certificate shall: (1) Participate as a mentee in a state-approved mentor program for at least two of the past five years; (2) Complete national board certification or recertification within the past five years; or (3) Complete six education-related credits with a minimum of three transcribed credits or specialized learning experience hours. The remaining three credits shall include continuing education contact hours or transcribed credit hours. Should there be the word "or" placed after number 1? There is the word "or" in the following document: <http://doe.sd.gov/oatq/documents/1116-RulesComp.pdf> Does every teacher have to participate in a mentor program for two of every five years, or is this just one option for renewal?

Educator Certification Exhibit 3

Date Submitted: 01/06/2017

Terry Gerber, Educator

I'm not very excited about the proposed rule that requires aides and para-professionals to be "registered" with the state. We are talking about individuals that make, in most school districts, less than \$15,000/year. The turnover rate of this class of employee is incredible. We had to replace eleven para-professionals (46%) over the summer and have had four resign during this school year already. We've only been able to find replacements for three of these individuals. It's very challenging to fill para-professional positions as it is and am concerned this requirement will only add to the chaos. Districts document these individuals on our PRF reports that we submit to the state throughout the year. We are also required to do background checks on all employees, including para-professionals. What is the DOE hoping to gain by this requirement? This appears to me to be nothing more than a fund-raising effort by the DOE. I suspect we will need to "register" custodians and cooks next! Terry Gerber, Superintendent Canton School District

Educator Certification Exhibit 4

Date Submitted: 01/09/2017

Sara Robel

Reducing the credits needed for a lapsed certificate will be greatly beneficial for those teachers who have held current licenses out of state and are returning to South Dakota to teach.

Educator Certification Exhibit 5

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Matthew L Termansen

I am strongly in favor of these changes. I do not support the current option of having to take a Praxis for every discipline. I taught in Colorado where you have to take the PLACE test. This was a cumulative exam. When you passed this exam you were certified to teach all disciplines. I would like to see South Dakota implement this.

Educator Certification Exhibit 6

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Dr. Kari Oyen

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Elizabeth McPherson

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Sara Raue

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Kristi Kafka

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Bridget Henrikson

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Marsha Leininger

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Penny McCormick-Gilles

I was impressed by the changes in the new certification rules until I reached the RECERTIFICATION changes. I am pleased that teachers can use their national certification as a means to renew their certification and I would imagine that when putting this together you did not realize that School Psychologists can also earn National Certification. I am one of those who did the extra work and took a praxis test in order to earn my NCSP and would like the same benefit that is given to other professionals in education. Please take the time to add this statement to the document The Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) credential recognizes school psychologists who meet rigorous national standards for graduate preparation and continuing professional development. Many states (including South Dakota) and school districts accept or align their credentialing requirements with the NCSP, and some offer additional employment benefits for achieving highly qualified professional status. The NCSP is administered by the National School Psychology Certification System (NSPCS; established by the National Association of School Psychologists) and is open to NASP members as well as to nonmembers. Maintaining the NCSP demonstrates continued professional excellence through continuing professional development (CPD). NCSPs must obtain 75 hours of CPD every three years, with 10 hours coming from NASP- or APA-approved providers, and with 3 hours in the category of ethics or legal regulation in school psychology. Thank you for your time, Penny McCormick-Gilles, MEd, NCSP For more information, please visit: <https://www.nasponline.org/standards-and-certification/national-certification>

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Ruth Fodness

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Alicia A. Peterson

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