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EPSB Update Memo

EPSB Mission

The Education Professional Standards Board, in full collaboration and cooperation with its education partners, promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.

The EPSB Goals and Strategies may be found at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/mission.asp>.

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Option 6 Alternative Certification Regulation Changes in Effect

Several changes to 16 KAR 9:080, the regulation governing Option 6 Alternative Certification Programs, became effective December 6, 2013. Preparation programs and P-12 schools that employ teachers in alternative certification programs should review the regulation and become familiar with its requirements. The distribution of at least 15 hours of annual observation of the candidate delivering instruction in a classroom setting and requirements for a written individualized mentoring plan submitted to the EPSB are among the changes. If you need more information about the revised requirements, please contact John Fields, Certification Division Director, john.fields@ky.gov.

New Basic Skills Test Requirements Will Not Become Effective Until September 1, 2014

At its October 28, 2013, meeting the EPSB adopted amendments to 16 KAR 5:020 and 16 KAR 6:010. If enacted by the legislature, these amendments will establish several new tests with an effective date of September 1, 2014. Therefore, **candidates should continue to take the current tests listed in 16 KAR 6:010 and the current Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) identified in 16 KAR 5:020 until August 31, 2014.**

In 16 KAR 5:020, *Standards for admission to educator preparation*, the proposed amendments will replace the current Praxis Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) with the *Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics*. The amendments to the regulation were

filed after the EPSB meeting and will be published for public comment in the December edition of the *Administrative Register of Kentucky* and available for review on the Legislative Research Commission's website at www.lrc.ky.gov.

The proposed amendments were open for public comment until January 2, 2014, and it is anticipated that they will be reviewed by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee (ARRS) of the General Assembly at its January meeting. The amendments will then be available for review by the Senate and House Education committees during the month of February.

PPST scores for test dates prior to August 31, 2014, will be valid for at least five (5) years and may be used for admission.

For those taking assessments out-of-state and those attempting to avoid an additional score report fee, the EPSB must be identified as a recipient for official scores to be sent. Only official score reports from ETS may be accepted for licensure.

If you have any questions about the proposed regulations, please contact Alicia Sneed at alicia.sneed@ky.gov

Training for Cooperating Teachers and University Supervisors

16 KAR 5:040 governs student teaching, including requirements for cooperating teachers and university supervisors of student teachers in Kentucky preparation programs (Section 2 for cooperating teachers, Section 5 for university supervisors). Before serving in these roles, cooperating teachers and university supervisors must receive training on (a) the basic responsibilities associated with the role; (b) best practice in supporting the student teacher; and (c) effective assessment of the student teacher.

Update: As of 1/15/14, more than 2,300 aspiring cooperating teachers and university supervisors have met the requirements of both Part A and Part B. Congratulations!

Educator Preparation Admission and Exit System

The updated Admission and Exit System was released on January 21, 2014. Several new features were added to the system including Excel batch loading; program completer, KTIP cycle, approved programs, and pending assessment reports; web entry for advanced candidates in addition to initial candidates; and a more advanced filtering system for program classification. We appreciate our educator preparation programs' continued efforts to ensure all data are entered and maintained accurately to assist us in reporting this information. For questions regarding the Admission and Exit System, please contact Lauren.Graves@ky.gov.

Spring LEAD Report Due at End of February; HQ Teacher Report Begins March 1

Districts should sign-off on their spring LEAD reports by Friday, February 28. This is an important date as this data will be used by EPSB staff to allow school principals to complete the annual Highly Qualified Teacher Report during the month of March. It is vital that districts ensure updates have been made to the LEAD report so that accurate teacher information will be given to principals for completing the HQT report. Please remind your principals that HQ documentation should be kept on file at each school for all permanent core area teachers in their buildings. Further information on HQT and determining HQ status may be found on the EPSB website at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/nclb.asp>. For questions concerning LEAD, please contact Cindy.Godsey@ky.gov.

Please remember that the federal waiver of No Child Left Behind requirements for Kentucky does **not** affect the Teacher Quality portion of NCLB requirements; therefore, the HQ reporting will remain the same for Kentucky in the foreseeable future.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Kentucky is ranked 6th nationally for the number of teachers earning National Board Certification in the class of 2013, when 258 Kentucky teachers achieved this certification. This is a 9.48% increase over last year. Kentucky now has 2,980 National Board Certified Teachers.

Nationally, 4,117 teachers achieved certification this year, bringing the national total up to 106,365. Kentucky has made tremendous progress and is ranked 10th overall in the total number of teachers in the U.S having earned National Board Certification.

For information regarding the 75% reimbursement for those who have successfully completed during the last cycle, please contact Sherri.Henley@ky.gov.

Congratulations to all teachers who have successfully received this prestigious certification.

Continuing Education Option

There are currently eleven cohorts in the Continuing Education Option (CEO) program. Of the 77 candidates this cycle, 22 have successfully completed, and there are 55 current candidates. The next submission window for first-time CEO Plans and resubmits is April 1-15; the submission window for Plans, Portfolios, and resubmits is July 1-15. For questions regarding CEO, please contact Sharon.Salsman@ky.gov.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program/Professional Growth and Effectiveness System

Work is well underway to merge the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) with the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES). The Kentucky Advisory Council for Internships (KACI) is in charge of making recommendations for the new program. KTIP will not change in the 2014-15 school year, although a pilot will be conducted in a few areas across the state. Large scale training will be available beginning spring 2015 for the 2015-16 school year, when the new KTIP will launch. For questions regarding this initiative, please contact Donna.Brockman@ky.gov.

Educator Assessments

Educational Testing Services (ETS) will host Praxis II multi-state standard setting studies for Middle School Science on February 10-11, 2014, and for Elementary Education (RLA & Math) on February 3-4, 2014. Kentucky will have representation in these sessions. For questions regarding educator assessments, please contact Ashley.Wink@ky.gov.

February 2014 Meetings

February 3 – Ethics Seminar, Kentucky Wesleyan College
February 4 – 7 NASDTEC Winter Symposium
February 4 – House Education Committee Meeting
February 5 – Kentucky Board of Education Meeting
February 5 – Senate Education Committee Meeting
February 11 - Unbridled Learning Coalition
February 11 – House Education Committee Meeting
February 12 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services
February 12 – Next Generation Superintendent Effectiveness Steering Committee
February 13 – Senate Education Committee Meeting
February 14 - State Network for Transforming Educator Preparation Team Meeting
February 14 – Kentucky Advisory Council for Internship Focus Team Meeting
February 16 – 19 Brescia College Accreditation Visit
February 17 – Vanguard Toyota Visit
February 17-21 Supporting Effective Educator Development Conference
February 18 – Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics Board Meeting
February 18 – House Education Committee Meeting
February 19 – Central Kentucky Education Cooperative
February 19 – Green River Regional Educational Cooperative
February 19/20 – Kentucky Education Development Corporation
February 20 – Senate Education Committee Meeting
February 21 – Commonwealth Collaborative for School Leadership Programs
February 23/24 – NTEP Team Leaders Meeting, D. C.
February 24 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative
February 25 – House Education Committee Meeting
February 26 – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative
February 26 – Western Kentucky Education Cooperative
February 27 – Senate Education Committee Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, March 3, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, and Frankfort, Kentucky. EPSB meeting agendas may be found [here](#) one week prior to the meeting.

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