

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 5:040. Alternative Student Teaching Placement Request for Grace Douglas

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve Morehead State University's alternative student teaching placement request for Grace Douglas?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 5:040

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 5:040 Section 5 (4)(d) requires that a candidate pursuing a primary through grade 12 certificate shall have their student teaching balanced between an elementary school placement and a middle/high school placement. Institutions unable to locate a placement aligned with grade level requirements shall submit an alternative placement request to EPSB staff.

Summary: Morehead State University student Grace Douglas is currently assigned to a high school art teacher for one of the eight-week placements in the spring 2024 semester. Morehead State University has not been able to secure any options for Grace Douglas' second placement at the elementary level. The elementary art teachers in both the Rowan and Bath County school districts do not currently teach art full-time at that level. For that reason and having exhausted all possibilities, Morehead State University is requesting this waiver for Grace Douglas so she may be placed with a middle school art teacher for the second eight weeks of her placement in the spring 2024 semester.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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