

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 5:040. Request to Waive Student Teacher Days Due to District School Closures for Transylvania University

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the waiver of the remaining student teaching days for the student teachers list by Transylvania University due to district closures related to weather and/or illness?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 5:040

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 5:040, Section 5 provides that each educator preparation provider shall provide a full professional semester to include a period of student teaching for a minimum of seventy full days, or its equivalent, in instructional settings that correspond to the grade levels and content areas of the student teacher's certification program.

Summary: District closures have made it impossible for some student teachers from Transylvania University to complete the required seventy (70) full days in instructional settings before the close of the Spring 2024 academic semester. District closures are out of the control of the student teachers and the educator preparation providers; however, both have made good faith efforts to complete as many hours as possible during the Spring 2024 semester. Transylvania University has submitted a list of student teachers that were affected, as well as details of the efforts made by the institution and student teachers to reach the required number of days.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

Contact Person:

Brandon Harrod, Program Coordinator
Division of Educator Preparation and Certification
Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness
(502) 564-4606
Email: brandon.harrod@education.ky.gov