

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 5:040. Alternative Student Teaching Placement Request for Dexter Kidd

Action Question:

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

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 Dexter Kidd is pursuing certification as a music teacher and is completing student teaching this semester. Mr. Kidd is currently assigned to a high school music teacher for one of the 8-week placements. The elementary music teachers in the district are not available to host student teachers and do not currently teach music full-time at the elementary level. For these reasons, having exhausted all possibilities, Morehead State University is requesting that the EPSB allow Mr. Kidd to complete his seventy-day student teaching assignment in the middle and high school setting.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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