

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 4:030. Request to Waive GPA Requirements for Out-of-State Candidate

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request to waive the grade point average (GPA) requirement and issue a Kentucky professional certificate for the out-of-state candidate?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.020, 16 KAR 4:030, 16 KAR 2:010

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 4:030 requires that an out-of-state prepared educator satisfy the degree, academic preparation and grade point average requirements in 16 KAR 2:010 for issuance of a Kentucky teaching certificate. 16 KAR 2:010 requires a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or a GPA of 3.0 on the last thirty hours of credit completed for issuance of a Kentucky teaching certificate.

Summary: Fayette County Schools, on behalf of an out-of-state candidate, is requesting a waiver of the GPA requirement for issuance of a professional certificate for teaching Spanish. The candidate completed a teacher preparation program in El Salvador. Her coursework evaluation shows an equivalent GPA of 2.63, just under the required 2.75. She has seven years of experience out-of-country followed by eight years of experience in Indiana. She also taught for two years in Fayette County on an Interim Certificate. Fayette County Schools requests that the EPSB waive the out-of-state GPA requirement and issue the candidate the full five-year Kentucky certificate.

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