

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 3:090. Request to Waive Admission Requirements for Director of Special Education for Chris Sweigart

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the request to waive the admission requirements for the director of special education?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 3:090

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 3:090 establishes the preparation and certification requirements for all advanced educational leaders. Section 2 of the regulation outlines the prerequisites for admission to all advanced educational leadership certification programs. These prerequisites include qualifications for a Kentucky teaching certificate, admission to the approved preparation program on the basis of criteria developed by the Educator Preparation Provider pursuant to 16 KAR 5:010, Rank II, and completion of at least three years of full-time, documented teaching experience in a public school or a nonpublic school which meets the state performance standards, or which has been accredited by a regional or national accrediting association. 16 KAR 3:090, Section 8(2) also requires that for admission to the program for director of special education, at least one of the three years of experience must be as a teacher of exceptional children or school psychologist.

Summary: Campbellsville University has submitted a waiver request on behalf of Chris Sweigart, a candidate for admission to the preparation program for director of special education. Campbellsville University requests a waiver of the three years of teaching experience in Section 2 of 16 KAR 3:090 for Dr. Sweigart. Dr. Sweigart is currently a special education consultant with the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC). He has two years of experience as a special education teacher and nine years of experience at OVEC. While at OVEC, Dr. Sweigart supported local public-school districts in their work with students with disabilities. Dr. Sweigart spent time as a doctoral student and postdoctoral fellow where he was doing service and research in local schools. The university states he has worked hard and developed expertise in special education while he supported teachers in local schools. He has multiple publications and research experience related to students with special needs. Campbellsville University is requesting the EPSB waive the admission requirements to allow Dr. Sweigart to be admitted to the director of special education program.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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