

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 5:040. Request to Waive a Portion of Student Teacher Days for a Lindsey Wilson University Student

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the waiver submitted by Lindsey Wilson University requesting to waive a portion of student teaching days for a student due to a medical issue?

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 (EPP) 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: While attempting the completion of the required seventy days of student teaching, a Lindsey Wilson University student encountered an unexpected health issue. A recent diagnosis forced her absence from her placement for a total of five (5) days. The absence was unavoidable as the student was restricted from being in the classroom and directed to stay in isolation by her doctor. Lindsey Wilson University stated, "The student has completed all coursework related to student teaching and has performed at or above the required performance levels." Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the student, Lindsey Wilson University requests the EPSB waive five days of the required seventy days of student teaching for the student.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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