

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 4:030. Request to Waive Out-of-State GPA Requirements for a 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 161.028, 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: A candidate is requesting a waiver of the out-of-state GPA requirement for issuance of a professional certificate for biological science. She states her GPA reflects a period of personal hardship during her college years and not her true potential or ability. She has nine years of teaching experience, with a wide range of courses including end-of-course biology, forensic science, medical microbiology and AP biology. The candidate states that teaching is her calling and the most fulfilling work. The candidate requests that the EPSB waive the out-of-state GPA requirement and issue her the full five-year Kentucky certificate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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