

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 8:010. Request to Allow Educational Leadership Coursework for Rank I for Sarah Wallace

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the applicant's request to allow the completed coursework to meet the requirements for Rank 1?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.028, KRS 161.1211, 16 KAR 8:010

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 161.1211 sets the standards for Rank I for certified educators as a master's degree in a subject field approved by the EPSB, thirty additional semester hours of approved graduate work, or equivalent continuing education. 16 KAR 8:010, requires the completion of approved graduate level credit or approved equivalent for issuance of Rank I.

Summary: Sarah Wallace has a professional certificate for Elementary Education, Grades P-5 and an endorsement for Teacher Leader, All Grades. Ms. Wallace would like to apply for a Rank I based on the completion of 54 hours from the Doctor of Education program in Educational Leadership from the University of the Cumberlands. This program is not an EPSB approved program. Ms. Wallace states that she believes the program has directly and meaningfully strengthened her effectiveness as a teacher and leader within her elementary school. She explains that with the merger of the School of Leadership Studies and the School of Education, the intent of this program is firmly rooted in K-12 practice, and her own work within the program has consistently been centered on elementary education. Ms. Wallace is requesting that the EPSB grant her Rank I based on the completed coursework.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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