

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Waiver:

16 KAR 2:020. Request to Waive Issuance Requirements for Provisional Occupation-Based Career and Technical Education Certificate for Stephen Norris

Action Question:

Should the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) approve the Office of Career and Technical Education's (OCTE) request to issue Stephen Norris's one-year provisional occupation-based career and technical education certificate?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.020, KRS 161.028, 16 KAR 2:020

History/Background:

Existing Policy: 16 KAR 2:020 establishes the qualifications for certification of teachers of occupation-based career and technical education. Section 2(1) sets the requirements for issuance of the one-year provisional certificate, which requires the candidate to demonstrate that they have at least two years of occupational experience completed within the last five years.

Summary: OCTE has submitted this waiver on behalf of Stephen Norris for aviation. The candidate has a total of eleven months of actual aviation experience. OCTE reports an exhaustive, multi-pronged recruitment and restructuring process that extended several months; however, the search failed to produce a pool of qualified applicants willing to work under the present constraints. OCTE further reports that redistributing the workload among existing employees would not meet the curriculum's need for specific technical oversight at the airport site in alignment with the Federal Aviation Administration requirements and would further pose a risk to student safety and program certification. Accordingly, OCTE is requesting that the EPSB waive the years of experience requirement for the candidate, Mr. Norris, and issue him a one-year provisional certificate.

Based on program necessity, OCTE also requests to allow Mr. Norris to be assigned primarily at the airport location in order to ensure program integrity, student safety, and compliance with FAA standards. The aerospace and aviation pathway requires access to facilities and equipment that cannot be replicated within the traditional school setting. Accordingly, OCTE also is requesting that the EPSB waive the applicable regulation to allow the aviation instructor to be assigned at the airport instructional site.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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