

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 out-of-state grade point average (GPA) requirement and issue a Kentucky professional certificate for a candidate?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.020, 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 middle school science and secondary chemistry. He had course-by-course evaluations on the same original transcripts. These agencies applied different grading conversion methodologies, resulting in different GPA calculations. He completed a Master of Science degree in Kentucky and received a qualifying GPA and states this demonstrates his strong academic ability, discipline, and readiness for professional practice. The candidate requests that the EPSB waive the out-of-state GPA requirement and issue him the full five-year Kentucky certificate.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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