

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Information Item:

Amendment to 16 KAR 2:010. Kentucky professional and provisional teacher certificates.

Rationale:

The proposed amendment updates the regulation in alignment with the recommendations from the Certification Structure Workgroup that the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) adopted at its meeting on April 21, 2026 as well as with the current practices of the Division of Educator Preparation and Certification within the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 13A, 161.020, 161.028(1), and 161.030

History/Background:

Existing Policy: This administrative regulation establishes the Kentucky certification to be issued for teaching positions.

Summary: The amendment to 16 KAR 5:010 updates the grade bands for certification, specifically by adjusting elementary to cover Kindergarten through Grade 6, middle to cover Grade 4 through Grade 9, and secondary to cover Grade 7 through Grade 12. The amendment also expands permissions for middle school math certificates to be valid for teaching Algebra I and Geometry in Grades 10 through 12; adds a secondary General Science certificate; and, provides a pathway for a certified teacher in secondary sciences to add additional secondary science credentials.

Additional revisions include removing and/or replacing outdated language, such as reference to “certificate extension” and “other school professionals”; removing reference to the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP); and, removing duplicative language that exists elsewhere in EPSB regulations.

A copy of the draft amendment is included for EPSB review.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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