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## **Certificated Personnel**

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The Governing Board recognizes that the district's ability to provide a high-quality educational program is dependent upon the employment of certificated staff who are adequately prepared and have demonstrated proficiency in basic skills and in the subject matter to be taught. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that persons employed to fill positions requiring certification qualifications possess the appropriate credential, permit, or other certification document from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and fulfill any additional state, federal, or district requirements for the position.

The Superintendent or designee may provide assistance and support to teachers holding preliminary credentials to enable them to meet the qualifications required for the clear credential.

# Priorities for Hiring Based on Unavailability of Credentialed Teacher

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher who is authorized in the subject or setting for each assignment or, when necessary, a fully prepared teacher serving on a local assignment option. Whenever a teacher with a clear or preliminary credential is not available, and the Board adopts a resolution that it has made reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher for the assignment, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit an individual for the assignment in the following order: (Education Code 44225.7)

- 1. A candidate who enrolls in an approved internship program in the region of the district and possesses an intern credential
- 2. A candidate who is scheduled to complete preliminary credential requirements within six months and who is granted a provisional internship permit (PIP) or short-term staff permit issued by CTC
  - The Board shall take action to approve, at an open Board meeting, a notice of its intent to employ a PIP applicant for a specific position. (5 CCR 80021.1)
- 3. An individual who has been granted a credential waiver by the CTC

Annually, the Board shall, prior to requesting that CTC issue an emergency permit or a limited assignment permit, approve a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. The Declaration of Need shall be approved by the Board as an action item at a regularly scheduled open Board meeting, with the entire Declaration of Need being included in the Board agenda. (Education Code 44225, 44225.7; 5 CCR 80023.2, 80026, 80027, 80027.1)

The Declaration of Need shall certify that there is an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the district's specified employment criteria for the position(s) and that the district has made reasonable efforts to recruit individuals who meet the qualifications specified in items #1-2 above. The Declaration of Need shall also indicate the number and type of emergency permits that the district estimates it will need during the valid period of the Declaration of Need, based on the previous year's actual needs and projections of enrollment. It shall also specify each subject to be listed on the General Education Limited Assignment Single Subject Teaching Permits and the target language on Emergency Bilingual Permits. Whenever the actual number of permits needed exceeds the estimate by 10 percent, the Board shall revise and resubmit the Declaration of Need. (5 CCR 80026)

Whenever it is necessary to employ non-credentialed teachers to fill a position requiring certification qualifications, the Superintendent or designee shall provide support and guidance in accordance with law to ensure the quality of

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the instructional program.

## **Parental Notifications**

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the parents/guardians of each student attending a school receiving Title I funds that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher including, but not limited to, whether the teacher: (20 USC 6312)

- 1. Has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
- 2. Is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived
- 3. Is teaching in the field of discipline of the teacher's certification

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in a timely manner whenever their child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area to which the teacher has been assigned. (20 USC 6312)

**Policy Reference Disclaimer:** These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

#### State References

- 5 CCR 80001-80674.6 Commission on Teacher Credentialing
- 5 CCR 80001-80694 Commission on Teacher Credentialing
- Ed. Code 32340-32341 Unlawful issuance of a credential
- Ed. Code 35186 Complaints regarding teacher vacancy or misassignment
- Ed. Code 44066 Limitations on certification requirements
- Ed. Code 44200-44418 Teacher credentialing
- Ed. Code 44250-44277 Credentials and assignment of teachers
- Ed. Code 44300-44302 Emergency permit
- Ed. Code 44325-44328 District interns
- Ed. Code 44330-44355 Certificates and credentials
- Ed. Code 44395 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification Incentive Program
- Ed. Code 44420-44440 Revocation and suspension of credentials
- Ed. Code 44450-44468 University internship program
- Ed. Code 44830-44929 Employment of certificated persons; requirement of proficiency in basic skills
- Ed. Code 56060-56063 Substitute teachers in special education
- Ed. Code 8295-8305 Child development program; personnel qualifications

### Federal References

20 USC 6312 Title I local educational agency plans; notifications regarding teacher qualifications 34 CFR 200.61 Parent notification regarding teacher qualifications

# Management Resources References

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Commission on Teacher Credentialing Publication CL-667 Basic Skills Requirement

Commission on Teacher Credentialing Publication CL-856 Provisional Internship Permit

Commission on Teacher Credentialing Publication CL-858 Short-Term Staff Permit

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