

Licensure Updates

Spring 2017 COPE Meeting

Secondary Education (9-12) Redesign

Timeline for new programs

- October 1st, 2020 – no more admission to “old” (6-12) program & “new” (9-12) program goes into effect.
- October 1, 2024 – candidates in “old” programs must have program finished.
- October 1, 2025 – “old” program entitlements/licenses must be issued.

SB 2912 Highlights

(Effective 01-06-2017)

- **Test Scores** – Removes the 10 year expiration date for licensure testing.
- **Provisional IN-state Educator (ELS-PIDU)** – allows a one year provisional license to be awarded to an individual who completes an EPP, but does not pass the edTPA (but does score within 4 points of cut score).
- **Retired Educators** – grace period until 12-31-17 to allow previously retired educators who did not change ELIS status to retired to do so without penalty.
- **Substitute Teaching** – Fee reduced to \$50 and license renewable every 5 years without a test of basic skills being passed.

Educator Testing

- **ACT/SAT Scores in lieu of TAP**
 - A passing score on the composite and writing component of the ACT or SAT are no longer required to be on the same test date.
 - Candidates may submit 2 score reports and have them combined to meet the passing score requirements.
 - Candidates **MAY NOT** combine an ACT and a SAT to create a passing score (or ACT/SAT and TAP).

Proposed Changes to Part 25

Changes to Part 25 are out for public comment until April 24th

- 25.115 (l) – EPPs shall enter each candidate UPON ENTRY to the preparation program. Candidates will be placed in a pre-completion status until recommended for license. (pg 40)
- 25.127
 - changes dates of various annual reports completed by EPPs.
 - Adds requirement that annual report to ISBE include policy on Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) plagiarism and cheating, including options of disciplinary action.
 - Participation in Data Collection Pilot Program becomes mandatory for all EPPs on September 1, 2017.
 - Adds section “k” Audit of Licensure Entitlements
 - This will be an additional report – not the current “annual report”
 - The report will indicate program completers, their IEIN, and areas of licensure/endorsement.
 - **This is information that ISBE already has in ELIS – their own database!**
 - Each EPP will be audited at least once every 5 years; will have a 6 week turnaround period from point of notice to due date; can include a site visit with 24 hours notice.

25.337 Principal Endorsement

- **Extends the “window” for those holding a school support endorsement/PEL to be eligible for the principal endorsement from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2021.**

25.620 Student Teaching

- Adds “out-of-state or international school” to the accepted student teaching sites.

25.800 Professional Development Required

- Changes “5-year renewal cycle” from date of issuance to July 1 following issuance to June 30 5 years after issuance. Thus a renewal cycle may actually be over 5 years.
- Extra PD hours earned during the 5th year of the cycle and between April 1st and June 30th can be carried over to the next 5 year cycle. **This will not apply to Administrators’ Academy hours.**

Middle School Endorsement

- Those who **currently hold a PEL** and wish to add a middle school endorsement using the current rules (*18 hours of content + Middle School Methods + Adolescent Psychology*) **AND those currently in an Teacher Prep Program** who will miss the **January 31, 2018** deadline, but will meet a **June 30, 2020** deadline, can submit application via ELIS to the ISBE for the current MS endorsement and then by deficiency letter complete deficient coursework prior to June 30, 2020 and be awarded the “old” middle school endorsement even though it doesn’t exist in school code after 1-31-18.

Questions?

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