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Certification

Registration

Each person employed by the district for a position requiring certification qualifications shall, within 60 days after beginning employment, register with the Los Angeles County Office of Education a valid credential authorizing the person to work in that position. Certificated employees also shall register renewed credentials within 60 days after the renewal. (Education Code 42647. 44332.5, 44857)

Basic Skills Proficiency Test

Prior to being hired by the Board of Trustees, all certificated persons, whether hired on a permanent, temporary or substitute basis, shall demonstrate basic skills proficiency in reading, writing and mathematics, unless specifically exempted from this requirement by Education Code 44830. (Education Code 44830)

Certified persons who have not held a position requiring certification within 39 months of employment and who have not taken the state basic skills proficiency test may be hired as temporary employees, provided they pass a basic skills proficiency test developed and administered by the district. Such employees shall subsequently take the state test within one year of employment (Education Code 44830)

Persons holding a designated subjects/special subjects credential or vocational designated subject credential shall not be required to take the state basic skills proficiency test unless their specific credential requires the possession of a baccalaureate degree. Instead, these persons shall be assessed with district proficiency criteria established by the Board for these credentials, which shall be at least equivalent to the district test required for graduation from high school. (Education Code 44252, 44830)

Out-of-State Credentials

The district may employ an out-of-state applicant who has met the requirements of Education Code 44274.2, 44275.3 or 44275.4 and obtained a preliminary or professional clear credential from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC).

(cf. 4112.5/4312.5 - Criminal Record Check)

A teacher prepared out of the state or country who has been issued a five-year California preliminary credential shall pass the state basic skills proficiency test described above within one year of the issuance date of the credential in order to be eligible to continue teaching, unless the CTC has determined that the teacher licensing body of the state in

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which the teacher completed his/her preparation requires an applicant to demonstrate a level of basic skills proficiency that is at least comparable and equivalent to passage of the state basic skills proficiency test. (Education Code 44274, 44275.3)

To be eligible for a professional clear credential, he/she must also meet legal requirements for subject matter competence, course completion, and either a fifth-year postsecondary program or an induction program for beginning teachers. (Education Code 44274.2, 44275.3, 44275.4)

Emergency Substitute Teaching Permits

The district may employ persons with an emergency 30-day substitute permit for 30 days or less for any one teacher during the school year. Persons with an emergency substitute permit may be employed for 20 school days or less in special education positions requiring certification, unless an extension has been approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Education Code 56061; 5 CCR 80025, 80025.4)

Before employing such persons, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare and keep on file a signed statement of need. The statement of need shall describe the situation or circumstances that necessitate the use of a 30-day substitute permit holder and state either that a credentialed person is not available or that the available credentialed person does not meet the district's specified employment criteria. (5 CCR 80025)

Emergency Teaching or Specialist Permits

Before employing persons with emergency teaching or specialist permits for more than 20 days in special education positions or for more than 30 days in other positions, the Board shall document that it has made a diligent search for, but has been unable to recruit, a sufficient number of certificated teachers, including teacher candidates pursuing full certification through internships or other alternative programs. (Education Code 44300; 5 CCR 80026)

The district's diligent search shall include, but is not limited to, distributing job announcements, contacting college and university placement centers, advertising in local newspapers, exploring the incentives included in the Teaching as a Priority block grant pursuant to Education Code 44735, participating in the state and regional recruitment centers established pursuant to Education Code 44751 and 90530, and participating in job fairs in the state. (Education Code 44300)

(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)

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The Board shall certify by an annual Declaration of Need that it has made reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher for the assignment. (Education Code 44225.7)

For any assignment for which a suitable fully prepared teacher is not available, the district shall make reasonable efforts to recruit an individual in the following priority order: (Education Code 44225.7)

1. A candidate who is scheduled to complete initial preparation requirements within six months
2. A candidate who is qualified to participate in an approved internship program in the region of the district

If a suitable person who meets these priorities is not available, the district may request that the Commission on Teacher Credentialing approve the assignment of a person who does not meet the above criteria. (Education Code 44225.7)

In the year of need, the district shall submit to the CTC, on a form provided by the commission, a declaration of need for fully qualified educators. The declaration of need shall be made in the form of a motion adopted by the Board during a regularly scheduled public Board meeting. The motion shall not be part of the consent agenda. (Education Code 44300; 5 CCR 80026)

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