2015 Legislative Update

A summary of rule changes are attached to this email in the New Legislation 2015 Session document. There is additional information on the State Department of Education’s website that was presented at the Post-Legislative Tour. The link is as follows: [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/postLeg/](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/postLeg/).

For teacher certification rules, all changes were originally recommended by the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) as part of their review of professional standards for teachers, as stated in 33-1258, Idaho Code.

Each rule was submitted to the Board of Education for approval as a proposed or temporary rule, made available for public comment, resubmitted for Board approval as a pending rule, and finally approved by the 2015 Legislature.

Teacher Preparation Standards, Certification, Endorsement, and Praxis exam changes will be updated on the SDE/PSC website by August 1, 2015.

**Idaho Administrative Code**

Changes were made in the following sections of IDAPA 08.02.02:
- 08.02.02.027.01, Pupil Personnel Services Certificate, Counselor Endorsement
- 08.02.02.028, Exceptional Child Certificate, Generalist Endorsement (K-12), Early Childhood Special Education Endorsement (Pre-K-3), Hearing Impairment Endorsement (K-12), and Visual Impairment Endorsement

For a descriptive summary of IDAPA changes and more background, review section **08.02.02 Rules Governing Uniformity** in the following Pending Rules Review Book:
- [2015 Legislative Rules Review Books | adminrules.idaho.gov](http://adminrules.idaho.gov/)

**Key**
- Language that is struck through in blue font (**struck through**) has been removed
- Language that is underlined in red font (**underlined**) has been added
- Language in black font is existing language

**Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel**

The current Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel (i.e. Teacher Preparation Standards) will be posted to SDE/PSC website by August 1, 2015. [http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher_certification/accredited.htm](http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher_certification/accredited.htm)

Changes were made to the following standards:
- School Counselor
- Special Education Generalist