



# Certification & Professional Standards

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# Rules Governing Uniformity

IDAPA 08.02.02



## *A Quick Overview...*

- Legislature directed SDE and OSBE to revise teacher preparation standards
- In early May, 2020, an invitation to serve on an educator standards working group was sent out to multiple stakeholder groups
- **TASK:** Address the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel to reduce the regulatory burden for educator preparation programs while maintaining standards for beginning educators AND to address certificate and endorsement rules in IDAPA 08.02.02 to increase clarity and to provide options for endorsements.



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

- The State Board of Education did not render a decision on the *Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel*. Therefore, the approval date on the Initial Standards was to revert back to June 2019
- House Bill No. 716: Removed from the Incorporation By Reference section and placed in Code (33-114(A))
- All recommendations brought forward by the Educator Standards Working Group were considered and accepted.



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

- The **BIG** take-aways:

- Indicators shifted out of regulatory document including all Foundation and Enhancement Standards.
- State specific core standards added: American Indian Tribes in Idaho, Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators, Digital Technology and Online Learning.
- Comprehensive Literacy Standards were revised to align with the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy plan approved by the State Board of Education in December 2020. Standard 5 was added, which addresses the support of students with reading and writing difficulties, with specificity given to dyslexia.

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

- The **BIG** take-aways:
  - Added state-specific standards for Special Education programs, many of which were embedded in the indicators and identified as essential to the preparation of special educators. These standards SUPPLEMENT the core teaching standards
  - Pupil Service Staff Programs, all of which are nationally accredited, had standards and indicators that virtually mirrored the national accreditation standards. To demonstrate their candidates meet nationally accredited program standards, an EPP can now provide their national accreditation document(s) to the State Review Team.



## UPDATES to Certification and Endorsement Rules

- Reduced duplicative and incorrect language as well as simplified overly wordy language
- Pupil Service Staff certification **optional** for speech-language pathologist and audiologist
- School nurse option II **removal** of 6 credit requirement
  - Valid RN license and bachelor's degree in nursing, education, or a health-related field from accredited institution OR valid RN license, 2 years of full-time school nursing, community health nursing, or any other area of pediatric, adolescent, or family nursing experience



## UPDATES to Certification and Endorsement Rules

- Alternative Authorization CERTIFICATES valid for three (3) years
  - Alternative Authorization- Teacher to New Endorsement still is only valid for one (1) year and may be renewed for two (2) additional years
- Instructional Certificate Endorsements removed from rule and placed in Board policy.
  - Request made to bring back in next cycle of rulemaking process

# HB 654- Updated Requirements for School Counselor Endorsement



## House Bill No. 654

Idaho Code 33-1212

“The state board of education shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section and shall specifically provide that certified social workers, licensed professional counselors, and licensed clinical professional counselors meet the requirement for school counselors.

- Standard Pupil Service Staff Certificate: School Counselor-Basic Endorsement IDAPA 08.02.02.015(02)(b)





## Senate Bill No. 1291

Idaho Code 33-5206

- Allows for school-specific charter teaching certificates
  - ONLY valid for teachers teaching at a public charter school.
  - Charter certificates are not transferable to a traditional public school district, but may be transferrable to another public charter school.
- Standard Instructional Certificate (5 years)
- Credit renewal requirement = 6 credits
  - Charter school may substitute its own ongoing education and professional development requirements.

# SB 1291- Charter Teacher Certification



## CRITERIA for charter school-specific teaching certification

- Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or, if instructing students in the fields of CTE, hold a bachelor's degree or satisfy the provisions of section 33-2205(6)(a), Idaho Code
  - Industry experience for teaching CTE is still a requirement
- Recommendation from individual charter school



Per FEDERAL law, all special education assignments must be held by individuals certified pursuant to the requirements set forth in chapter 12, title 33, Idaho Code, pertaining to traditional public school districts.

# SB 1291- Charter Teacher Certification



## Charter Teacher Certification APPLICATION



# HB 731- Dyslexia Credit Requirement for Recertification



## House Bill No. 731

Idaho Code 33-1811

“No later than the beginning of the **2025-2026** school year...required to earn 1 or more credits of professional development identifying characteristics of dyslexia **AND** understanding the pedagogy for instructing students with dyslexia and providing dyslexia-focused interventions to recertify.”

# HB 731- Dyslexia Credit Requirement for Recertification



- Recertification credit requirements applies to all Idaho teachers or administrators with the following certificates/endorsements
  - All Subjects (K-8)
  - Exceptional child generalist endorsement
  - Blended early childhood/early childhood special education endorsement
  - Administrator certificate
  - School counselor certificate (serving students in K-5)
- The **PLAN**:
  - State Department of Education will provide districts with “approved” course lists



# Professional and Advanced Professional Endorsements

2022-2023 School Year



# HB 656- UPDATED Professional & Advanced Professional Endorsements Language



Idaho Code 33-1201A

(4) “Instructional staff and pupil service staff who have been certified in another state ~~and have not previously held certifications in the state of Idaho~~ shall be eligible for the professional endorsement if they...

(5) “Instructional staff and pupil service staff who have been certified in another state ~~and have not previously held certifications in the state of Idaho~~ shall be eligible for the advanced professional endorsement if they...

# Questions?

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