



March 2014

EPSB Update Memo












NOTICE: The March 3, 2014, EPSB meeting has been postponed. A special called meeting has been scheduled for March 17, 2014.

EPSB Mission

The Education Professional Standards Board, in full collaboration and cooperation with its education partners, promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.

The EPSB Goals and Strategies may be found at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/mission.asp>.

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Option 6 Alternative Certification Regulation Changes in Effect

Several changes to 16 KAR 9:080, the regulation governing Option 6 Alternative Certification Programs, became effective December 6, 2013. Preparation programs and P-12 schools that employ teachers in alternative certification programs should review the regulation and become familiar with its requirements. The distribution of at least 15 hours of annual observation of the candidate delivering instruction in a classroom setting and requirements for a written individualized mentoring plan submitted to the EPSB are among the changes. If you need more information about the revised requirements, please contact John Fields, Certification Division Director, john.fields@ky.gov.

New Basic Skills Test Requirements Will Not Become Effective Until September 1, 2014

At its October 28, 2013, meeting the EPSB adopted amendments to 16 KAR 5:020 and 16 KAR 6:010. If enacted by the legislature, these amendments will establish several new tests with an effective date of September 1, 2014. Therefore, **candidates should continue to take the current**

tests listed in 16 KAR 6:010 and the current Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) identified in 16 KAR 5:020 until August 31, 2014.

In 16 KAR 5:020, *Standards for admission to educator preparation*, the proposed amendments will replace the current Praxis Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) with the *Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics*. The amendments to the regulation were filed after the EPSB meeting and will be published for public comment in the December edition of the *Administrative Register of Kentucky* and available for review on the Legislative Research Commission's website at www.lrc.ky.gov.

The proposed amendments were open for public comment until January 2, 2014, and it is anticipated that they will be reviewed by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee (ARRS) of the General Assembly at its January meeting. The amendments will then be available for review by the Senate and House Education Committees during the month of February.

PPST scores for test dates prior to August 31, 2014, will be valid for at least five (5) years and may be used for admission.

For those taking assessments out-of-state and those attempting to avoid an additional score report fee, the EPSB must be identified as a recipient for official scores to be sent. Only official score reports from ETS may be accepted for licensure.

If you have any questions about the proposed regulations, please contact Alicia Sneed at alicia.sneed@ky.gov

CAEP Alliance Update

At the January 2014 EPSB meeting, Kentucky renewed its participation in the CAEP State Alliance for Clinical Preparation and Partnerships. Work is underway to develop a Kentucky network of Alliance affiliates. The EPSB is expected to consider a proposal at its April 28, 2014, meeting.

If you would like to know more about Kentucky's Alliance affiliate and possibly participate, subscribe to the Educator Preparation newsletter by contacting Janice.Linville@ky.gov. To learn more about the CAEP Alliance's national agenda, consult the States area on the CAEP web site.

CAEP Issues a Call for Service

CAEP is actively recruiting qualified volunteers for important positions within the accreditation system. Positions include committee membership assignments, site visitor (formerly Board of Examiners) positions and program-specific feedback option reviewers.

Participating in national accreditation is an excellent way to learn more about the accreditation process and is a service to educator preparation. To submit nominations (including self-nominations), visit the CAEP Call for Service web page. Application materials are due by 11:59 p.m. on March 14, 2014.

Spring LEAD Report Due; HQ Teacher Report Begins March 1

Districts should have signed-off and finalized their spring LEAD reports by Friday, February 28. This is an important date as this data will be used by EPSB staff to allow school principals to complete the annual Highly Qualified Teacher Report during the month of March. It is vital that districts ensure updates have been made to the LEAD report, so that accurate teacher information will be given to principals for completing the HQT report. Please remind your principals that HQ documentation should be kept on file at each school for all permanent core area teachers in their

buildings. Further information on HQT and determining HQ status may be found on the EPSB website at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/nclb.asp>.

Kentucky County Profiles

The Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics has released 2014-2015 Kentucky County Profiles. The profiles provide population, income, employment, and education data for each Kentucky county, including 2013 graduates' high school grades, ACT scores, colleges and universities attended, and financial aid eligibility. This information helps develop a contextual understanding of counties and regions within the state. The report may be found on the KCEWS website at <http://kentuckyp20.ky.gov/CountyProfile201415.aspx>.

Kentucky Center for Mathematics Funding Opportunity

The Kentucky Center for Mathematics has issued an RFP for funding to enhance mathematical development of gifted and talented students. Amounts of up to \$10,000 per awardee will be available. For more information, contact Daniel McGee, Executive Director of KCM, at mcgeed4@nku.edu.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)

The EPSB is coordinating a recognition ceremony on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, for the 258 new Kentucky National Board Certified Teachers, Class of 2013. The new NBCTs will be honored during a ceremony in the Capitol and then recognized in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Governor will provide a proclamation declaring March 4, 2014, as Kentucky National Board Certified Teacher Day. Each newly certified National Board teacher has been invited to bring his or her principal or superintendent to this event as a special guest. The recognition events will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. For information on the event please contact Marcie Lowe at Marcie.Lowe@ky.gov.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

The National Board (NB) is revising the certification process in order to reduce barriers for applicants. These revisions will improve the process and allow more teachers to pursue NB Certification while maintaining the highest standards of our profession. Following are resources and opportunities related to certification revision:

- 1) NB has launched a new website, <http://www.boardcertifiedteachers.org>, designed to help potential first-time candidates interested in the revised certification (i.e. first-time candidates in the 2014-15 cycle) learn about the value and benefits of certification and register to begin the process. The site was specifically designed to help those unfamiliar with Board certification make an informed decision, including video testimonials from teachers about the impact that certification has had on their practice, their students and their schools. It features an interactive map with state-by-state information on funding, candidate support, financial incentives and NBCT Networks. Registration for the revised certification process will open in mid-March 2014. For now, prospective candidates can sign up to receive informational updates and a notification when the application becomes available.
- 2) NB has recently launched an application to recruit volunteers to field test the revised certification components, beginning with the computer-based Content Knowledge

component that will be delivered at VUE professional centers this summer and fall. Additional components will be field tested in 2015 and 2016.

Over the next three years, they are looking for PreK-12 teachers, both NBCTs and non-NBCTs, in all subject areas and developmental levels corresponding to NB certificate areas. Additional information regarding the field test, including a link to the field test application, can be found here: <http://www.nbpts.org/national-board-field-tests>. A large number of teachers are required to complete the field testing process, so we appreciate your help -- either by helping us recruit volunteers or by participating yourself. If you have any questions about the field test, please email us at fieldtest@nbpts.org.

- 3) NB has updated the [PowerPoint](#) that provides an overview of the certification revisions. They have incorporated new information since the original presentation, including the names of the revised components, rollout timeline and the price.

Continuing Education Option

There are currently eleven cohorts in the Continuing Education Option (CEO) program. Of the 77 candidates this cycle, 22 have successfully completed, and there are 55 current candidates. The next submission window for first-time CEO Plans and resubmits is April 1-15; the submission window for Plans, Portfolios, and resubmits is July 1-15. For questions regarding CEO, please contact Sharon.Salsman@ky.gov.

Ethics Seminars

The Division of Legal Services provides ethics training and seminars to schools, districts, educator preparation programs, and school associations free of charge. Staff can modify the presentation for the particular needs of the audience. For more information or to schedule an event, please contact Elise Borne at elise.borne@ky.gov.

March 2014 Meetings

March 1/3 – AACTE Conference
March 3 – EPSB Monthly Meeting (POSTPONED)
March 4 – National Board Certification Recognition Event
March 4 – House Education Committee Meeting
March 5 – Vanguard Toyota Visit
March 6 – Senate Education Committee Meeting
March 10 – KTIP Work Team Committee Meeting
March 11 – House Education Committee Meeting
March 11 – TELL KY Coalition Meeting
March 12 – Northern Kentucky Cooperative for Educational Services
March 12/15 – National Board Conference
March 13 – Senate Education Committee Meeting
March 14 – State Network for Transforming Educator Preparation Team Meeting
March 17 – EPSB Special Called Meeting
March 17 – Next Generation Superintendent Effectiveness Steering Committee
March 18 – House Education Committee Meeting
March 19 – Central Kentucky Education Cooperative
March 19/20 – Kentucky Education Development Corporation
March 20 – Senate Education Committee Meeting

March 24 – Professional Learning Task Force Meeting
March 24 – Institution of Higher Education MSD Meeting
March 25 – House Education Committee Meeting
March 26 – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative
March 26 – Western Kentucky Education Cooperative
March 26 – Green River Regional Educational Cooperative
March 26/28 – CAEP Spring Conference
March 27 – Senate Education Committee Meeting
March 28 – Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, April 28, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, and Frankfort, Kentucky. EPSB meeting agendas may be found [here](#) one week prior to the meeting.

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