

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Education Professional Standards Board
COPY: EPSB Education Partners
EPSB Staff
FROM: Alicia A. Sneed, Acting Executive Director
DATE: August 31, 2012
SUBJECT: September 2012 EPSB Update Memo

Mission Statement

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.

EPSB Annual Report

At the August 6, 2012 meeting, EPSB member were provided copies of the EPSB Annual Report. The report is prepared at the end of each fiscal year to provide the EPSB with an update on how staff is progressing on the implementation of the [2011-2012 Goals and Strategies](#). The EPSB will revise the goals in the upcoming fiscal year. Fiscal year 2012's report may be viewed at http://epsb.ky.gov/documents/BoardInfo/AnnualReport/2011-12_Annual_Report.pdf.

Rank Change Season in Certification

The Division of Certification is in the midst of its busiest time, with thousands of teachers needing quick processing of rank changes and certificate renewals. At present, all available personnel are giving top priority to the processing of these credentials, and there should be no problem in completing these before September 15. Rather than calling the office, teachers are asked to check the status of their applications at www.kyepsb.net by clicking on the View My Application Status link. That site allows a teacher immediate access to the same information that a consultant sees during a phone call.

The division has done an outstanding job this summer keeping up with the busy season. As of August 27 before the final transcripts had arrived at EPSB, the division had created or edited over 25,000 credentials since May 1, and there was virtually no backlog in the office.

Congratulations for a job well done again this summer!

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)

Effective with the 2013-2014 cycle, NBPTS will no longer distribute federal subsidies as provided in the current model. NBPTS will use future grant monies to partner with programs and initiatives where they believe a broader and deeper impact within schools and districts can be made. Funds will be used to more fully utilize the talents of NBCTs to improve school culture, teacher quality, and student learning. NBPTS is developing a collection of video cases completed by NBCTs during the certification process to demonstrate models of accomplished teaching. Additional supports and training tools are being developed to align and embed National Board Certification and *Take One!* with school and district initiatives in ways that strengthen professional learning communities and improve teacher quality.

NBPTS will continue to offer federal subsidies to first-time candidates for the 2012-2013 cycle. Interested candidates are encouraged to apply now to increase their chances of receiving this subsidy while the fee support is still available. For questions regarding the NB subsidy, please contact Sherri.henley@ky.gov.

LEAD Process begins in September

EPSB LEAD Coordinator Cindy Godsey conducted training this summer for over 125 new and experienced LEAD coordinators to ensure that they have the latest updates on that process. The LEAD application for districts will open on Tuesday, September 4. This is the first date that districts can begin uploading their data to the EPSB website to correct errors for final submission in late October.

For those of you who may be new to Kentucky, LEAD stands for Local Educator Assignment Data, and the EPSB is required to check each educator's certification annually to ensure that these credentials match their current assignment in the school. Each school in Kentucky will present for examination by EPSB staff all teacher assignments via Infinite Campus, which is the current student information system used in the state. Districts have until late October to submit this data for final review, which is done via an on-line submission process developed by EPSB staff. Those educators who are found to be in an incorrect assignment will be reported to the KDE commissioner in November for possible sanctions against the school district.

Educator Preparation Update

The Division of Educator Preparation has several active committees involving P-12 educators and higher education faculty across the state. The Program and Accreditation Review Committee is reviewing the educator preparation program approval process and will soon make recommendations to the EPSB regarding revisions to that process; the Literacy Preparation Advisory Committee will be reviewing expectations for secondary teacher education programs related to literacy instruction; and a work group has been formed to review the requirements for a certificate endorsement for online teaching. The EPSB appreciates the involvement of practicing educators whose school districts, colleges, and universities support their participation in these very important committees.

September Ethics Seminars

The legal services staff will present ethics seminars at the following locations during the month of September:

Union College- September 11-12, 2012
Western Kentucky University- September 14, 2012
University of Louisville- September 18, 2012
Alice Lloyd College- September 20, 2012
Western Kentucky University- September 25, 2012

To schedule an ethics seminar at your institution, school, or school district, please contact Elise Borne at elise.borne@ky.gov.

Kentucky Teacher Internship Program

As of August 27, 2012, EPSB staff has approved 1,194 internships, with approximately 440 Confirmations of Employment (COE) pending district completion. The EPSB decision to reduce the number of out-of-class hours from 50 to 40 will permit us to serve 2,364 interns this school year. The per-hour stipend, paid to the resource teacher for out-of-class hours, remains at \$28 per hour.

University staff members have posted KTIP training information, which may be accessed on our website at: <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/IMSTraining/ImsTraininginfo.aspx>.

The Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) has again provided funds to support payments for resource teachers and teacher educators for CTE interns. Provided through the federal Carl Perkins Grant, these funds are critical in helping us meet our goal of providing KTIP to all interns. For questions regarding KTIP, please contact, Sharon.salsman@ky.gov, or Sherri.henley@ky.gov.

Regulations Update

The EPSB approved amendments to 16 KAR 3:010. *Certification for school superintendent*, and 16 KAR 6:030. *Examination prerequisites for principal certification*, at the August 6, 2012 meeting. The proposed amendments were filed on August 10, 2012 with the Legislative Research Commission. The amendments to 16 KAR 3:010 implement the superintendent program redesign. Educator preparation institutions have until August 1, 2014 to implement the changes to their superintendent programs. The proposed amendment to 16 KAR 6:030 establishes the new cut score for the Kentucky Specialty Test of Instructional and Administrative Practices. Beginning January 1, 2013, a candidate will need to score at least a 158 to be successful on the assessment.

The amendments to 16 KAR 3:010 and 16 KAR 6:030 will be published in the September edition of the *Administrative Register of Kentucky*. The proposed amendments may also be viewed at <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/TITLE016.HTM>.

On August 14, EPSB staff presented proposed amendments to 16 KAR 2:120. *Emergency certification and out-of-field teaching*, to the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee. The new amendments to 16 KAR 2:120 adopt the online application system for emergency substitute certification. It is anticipated the amendments to 16 KAR 2:120 will be enacted by October 5, 2012.

TC-4 Application Rush Appears Over for the Summer

Again this month, we want to give a special “Thank You” to all of the district human resources employees who worked to make the transition to on-line TC-4 certification a reality. As of August 27, a total of 7357 TC-4 applications have been entered statewide by individuals and districts wanting this certificate since May 1, 2012. Of that number, just over 6015 applications had been approved and electronic certificates issued. Truly, this is a feat which could not have been accomplished without the help of many people throughout our school districts.

Newly Developed Tests and Corresponding Passing Scores

The following assessments are effective as of September 1, 2012.

Current Requirements	Requirements Effective September 1, 2012	Cut Score
	Elementary (Grades P-5)	
<i>Principles of Learning and Teaching (0522)</i>	<i>Principles of Learning and Teaching (0622)</i>	160
	Middle School (Grades 5-9)	
<i>Principles of Learning and Teaching (0523)</i>	<i>Principles of Learning and Teaching (0623)</i>	160
	Secondary (Grades 8-12)	
<i>Principles of Learning and Teaching (0524)</i>	<i>Principles of Learning and Teaching (0624)</i>	160
	Art (P-12)	
<i>Art: Content Knowledge (0133)</i> <i>Art Making (0131)</i>	<i>Art: Content and Analysis (0135)</i>	161
	English (8-12)	

<i>English Language Literature and Composition: Content Knowledge (0041)</i> <i>English Language Literature and Composition: Essays (0042)</i>	<i>English Language, Literature and Composition: Content and Analysis (0044)</i>	166
Social Studies (8-12)		
<i>Social Studies: Content Knowledge (0081)</i> <i>Social Studies: Interpretation of Materials (0083)</i>	<i>Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (0086)</i>	153
Teaching Reading (P-12)		
<i>Reading Specialist (0300)</i>	<i>Reading Specialist (0301)</i>	164
Technology Education		
<i>Technology Education (0050)</i>	<i>Technology Education (0051)</i>	159
American Sign Language		
	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI)	3 +
Elementary Education:	Elementary Education	
Content Knowledge (0014)	Multi-Subjects Test (5031)	
	Reading/Language Arts (5032)	165
	Mathematics (5033)	164
	Social Studies (5034)	155
	Science (5035)	159

For additional information contact Ashley.wink@ky.gov.

Post Secondary Symposium on Gifted Education

Kim Walters-Parker, Director of the Division of Educator Preparation, participated in the Post Secondary Symposium on Gifted Education sponsored by the Kentucky Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education. The symposium provided an opportunity for post secondary faculty to learn about educator preparation related to meeting the needs of gifted and talented students and to share ideas for ensuring that every teacher is prepared to meet the needs of all students in P-12 classrooms.

Welcome, Dianna Carr!

The Division of Educator Preparation is pleased to welcome Dianna Carr as a part-time addition to our division. Dianna is a retired educator with experience as an English teacher and guidance counselor. Most recently, Dianna worked with Opportunity Middle College, a partnership between the Fayette County Public Schools and Bluegrass Community and Technical College that allows participating juniors and seniors to take college classes while earning their high school diplomas.

FYI: September Meetings, Conferences, Etc.

September 3 - Labor Day Holiday, All State Government Offices Closed
September 4 - South East/South Central Education Cooperative meeting
September 4 – Local Educator Assignment Data (LEAD) reporting window opens
September 5 - Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC) meeting
September 7 - KACI meeting at the EPSB
September 7 – Bellarmine College Pre- Assessment site visit
September 10 - Interim Joint Committee/Subcommittee for Education meetings
September 11 – Ethics Seminar, Union College
September 11 – PARC meeting at the EPSB
September 12 - Professional Learning Task Force Meeting
September 12 - Northern Kentucky Education Cooperative meeting
September 13/14 - Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Conference, Arlington, VA
September 14 – Ethics seminar, Western Kentucky University
September 16 – Executive Director Search Committee
September 16 - EPSB Study Session-No business conducted
September 17- EPSB Regular Meeting
September 18 - Commonwealth Technology Council Meeting
September 18 – Ethics Seminar, University of Louisville
September 19 – Central Kentucky Education Cooperative Meeting
September 19 – Kentucky Education Development Corporation
September 20 – Campbellsville University Pre-Assessment site visit
September 20 – Ethics Seminar, Alice Lloyd College
September 22 - Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
September 22 – Ethics Seminar, Spalding University
September 23/26 Kentucky Wesleyan accreditation visit
September 24 – EPSB Annual Chili Luncheon for Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign
September 25 - Ethics seminar, Western Kentucky University
September 26 - Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
September 26 - Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative meeting
September 26/28 - CCSSO SCEE Topical Meeting: Teacher and Leader Preparation and Entry into the Profession, Charlotte, NC

