



Education Professional Standards Board

April 2017
Update Memo

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, Strategies, Policies, Procedures, Strategic Plan and Annual Report may be found at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/mission.asp>.

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Reliability and Validity of the KTIP Assessment

The reliability and validity study of the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program is now available on the EPSB website at:

http://epsb.ky.gov/documents/KTIP_KPIP/Reliability_and_Validity_of_the_KTIP_Assessment.pdf

Legislative Update

SB117 Alternative Route for Certification has passed both the Senate and the House. At the time of preparing this update, this bill was waiting for the signature of the Governor. SB117 changed language in both KRS 161.010 and KRS 161.095. The specific language changed was the removal of “university course” from the third option for continuing education, allowing for the possibilities of additional pathways by which an educator can renew a certificate or advance in rank that do not require university course work. At the December 12, 2016, meeting of the Board, a committee was commissioned to bring additional options for rank changes to the Board for consideration. The passage of this legislation allows for these additional options. SB117 also amended KRS 161.048 to allow a veteran with a bachelor’s degree in a content area to be issued a provisional certificate in that content area; modernized and



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updated consistent language for all alternative route options concerning KTIP and GPA entrance requirements; and removed the “pilot” language that was related to Teach for America.

SB80 and HB152 are the bills that would remove the Board’s ability to regulate the obtaining of a Rank II and potentially remove other regulatory authority. Staff has worked closely with the sponsors, Senator Mike Wilson, Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and Representative Brian Linder. Both of these legislators listened to the concerns of the EPSB and both were willing to make changes to the language. The EPSB has offered them the opportunity to attend the April 10, 2017, Board meeting and share their concerns with the current regulation.

Certification Fee Increase Scheduled to Start July 1, 2017

The increases in the certification fees that were first announced in the September 2016 EPSB Update Memo, are scheduled to go into effect on July 1, 2017. Certification fees were first established by the Board in January of 1997 and have not changed since that time. Following are the changes to 16 KAR 4:040:

- Increase the “Issuance, reissuance, or renewal of a regular certificate” from fifty (50) dollars to eighty-five (85) dollars;
- Increase the “Reissuance of limited four (4) year certification” from thirty-five (35) dollars to fifty (50) dollars; and
- Add a synchronization option for aligning multiple certifications which would include an eighty-five (85) dollars renewal fee + fifteen (15) dollars synchronization fee for a total of one hundred (100) dollars.
- Require that certification fees be paid through an electronic payment rather than certified check or money order.

The EPSB has received questions concerning when an individual who has certificates set to expire on June 30, 2017, should renew. The EPSB allows a grace period for expired certificates until September 15 of the year of expiration. This is primarily due to the necessity of some to complete required course work during the summer months.

If an individual currently has all certificates already synchronized to the same renewal year, then it is most cost effective for the individual to renew and submit payment prior to June 30, 2017. Those educators with multiple certifications with differing renewal years will find it more cost effective to renew after June 30, 2017 (but prior to September 15, 2017).

Educator Ethics

The revisions to 16 KAR 1:030 and the corresponding Procedures Relating to Board Action Against an Educator’s Certificate became effective March 3, 2017. Accordingly, periods of suspension will no longer



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be noted on an educator's certificate. Additionally, suspensions will only be noted on the Board's website during the period of suspension. Though the periods of suspension are removed from the certificate, this does not erase the suspension. The suspension is still deemed to have occurred, and record of the suspension is contained in the educator's EPSB file. This information is subject to Open Records and can be requested through EPSBOpenRecordsReq@ky.gov.

Revocations will continue to be noted on the website and will be noted on any future certificates issued to the educator.

Title II Institutional Program Report Card (IPRC)

The Title II IPRC is due April 30, 2017. Webinars conducted by Title II can be accessed at: <https://title2.ed.gov/Public/Webinars.aspx>.

The 2017 report should include data from AY 2015-2016 (September 1-August 31). EPSB has provided data for enrollment, program completers, and program completers by subject. Any questions regarding the report or the data should be sent to Bobbie.Biby@ky.gov.

Reminders:

- Title II includes data for first time initial certification enrollment and completion.
- For Title II reporting purposes, an enrolled participant is a person who has been admitted to a teacher preparation program, but who has not yet completed the program. A program completer is a person who has met all the requirements of a state-approved teacher preparation program.
- The Option 6 state approved teacher preparation programs require successful KTIP completion to be counted as a program completer.

National Board Certification

On Thursday, February 23, 2017, the 119 teachers who earned or renewed National Board Certification in 2016 were honored during a recognition ceremony at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History at which each National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) was presented with a pin. Each NBCT was recognized by the House of Representatives and Senate with legislative citations in addition to Governor Bevin proclaiming the day, National Board Certified Teacher Day. Kentucky Teacher featured the special event at <http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/news/2017/02/new-class-of-national-board-certified-teachers-celebrated/>. Congratulations to all of our newly certified and renewed NBCTs on this outstanding accomplishment!

We are also excited to celebrate the progress of the over 1,000 candidates currently pursuing board certification now that the new process has been completely released. Our partnership with National



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Board through the Network to Transform Teaching (NT3) grant has been instrumental in the increased candidacy numbers. Anyone interested in learning more about how to support teachers as candidates should email our Kentucky NT3 Director, Suzanne Farmer at Suzanne.Farmer@ky.gov.

Restructuring of ESPB Agency and Renaming of Divisions

The EPSB has recently had a re-organization approved. As part of that re-organization, the divisions of Educator Preparation and Professional Learning and Assessment were merged into one division and named the Division of Educator Preparation, Assessment and Internship. Additionally, the Division of Legal Services is now the Division of Educator Ethics. Below is a listing of the three (3) divisions and the respective directors. This re-organization will assist the EPSB in becoming more efficient as we continue to support the work of Kentucky educators.

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Meetings Across the State

4/5/2017	GRREC	Board Meeting
4/10/2017	EPSB	Board Meeting
4/10/2017	KDE	Commissioner's Town Hall Meeting McCracken County
4/11/2017	KCEWS	Board Meeting
4/12/2017	KBE	Board Meeting
4/12/2017	NKCES	Board Meeting
4/13/2017	KDE	Commissioner's Town Hall Meeting Laurel County
4/13/2017	SESC	Board Meeting
4/17/2017	KDE	Commissioner's Town Hall Meeting Rowan County
4/18/2017	KDE	Commissioner's Town Hall Meeting Hardin County
4/19/2017	CKEC	Board Meeting
4/19-20/2017	KEDC	Board Meeting
4/20/2017	KDE	Commissioner's Town Hall Meeting Glasgow
4/20/2017	MSU	Murray State Superintendent Advisory Committee
4/21/2017	KDE	IHE Consortium Meeting
4/25/2017	KDE	Commissioner's Town Hall Meeting Fayette County
4/25-26/2017	WKEC	Board Meeting
4/26/2017	KVEC	Board Meeting
4/26/2017	OVEC	Board Meeting



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The next regularly scheduled meeting of the EPSB is Monday, April 10, 2017, at 10:00 AM (Eastern Daylight Time) in Conference Room A, 100 Airport Road, 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky.

EPSB meeting agendas may be found one week prior to the meeting at <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/boardinfo/meetingagendas.asp>.