

Proposed Rules
of
State Board of Education

Chapter 0520-02-03
Teacher Education and Licensure

Presented herein are proposed amendments of the State Board of Education submitted pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-202 in lieu of a rulemaking hearing. It is the intent of the State Board of Education to promulgate these rules without a rulemaking hearing unless a petition requesting such hearing is filed within thirty (30) days of the publication date of the issue of the Tennessee Administrative Register in which the proposed amendments are published. Such petition to be effective must be filed with the State Board of Education, 9th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1050, and in the Department of State, 8th Floor, Tennessee Tower, 312 8th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37243, and must be signed by twenty-five (25) persons who will be affected by the rule, or submitted by a municipality which will be affected by the rule, or an association of twenty-five (25) or more members, or any standing committee of the General Assembly.

For a copy of the proposed rule, contact Rich Haglund, State Board of Education, 9th Floor, Andrew Johnson Tower, 710 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN, 37243-1050, (615) 741-2966.

The text of the proposed amendment is as follows:

Amendment

Rule 0520-02-03-.01 Licensure, General Requirements is amended by deleting paragraphs (10) through (13) and by renumbering the remaining paragraphs.

Authority: Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 49-1-302, 49-5-108.

New rules

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0520-02-03-.02 Licensure, Instructional Leader

- (1) On September 15, 2009, current State Board of Education approval of all administrator or supervisor preparation programs will expire.
- (2) Beginning September 15, 2009, only programs initially approved or re-approved by the State Board of Education, according to the Board's Instructional Leadership Policy, will be eligible to prepare and recommend candidates for licensure as instructional leaders.
- (3) Beginning September 15, 2009, the two-tiered licensure system for school administrators and supervisors [Beginning Administrator License (BAL) and Professional Administrator License (PAL)] will be replaced with the following four-tiered instructional leader licensure system, further outlined in State Board policy:
 - (a) Instructional Leadership License-Aspiring (ILL-A)
 - (b) Instructional Leadership License-Beginning (ILL-B)
 - (c) Instructional Leadership License-Professional (ILL-P)
 - (d) Instructional Leadership License-Exemplary (ILL-E)
- (4) Instructional Leadership License-Aspiring (ILL-A). After September 15, 2009, a candidate admitted to a State Board approved instructional leadership program may receive an ILL-A if the following conditions are met:
 - (a) License terms and responsibilities are specified in the LEA-preparation program partnership agreement
 - (b) The candidate is recommended by the preparation program

An ILL-A is valid only while a candidate is enrolled and participating in an approved instructional leadership preparation program. The employment of an instructional leadership candidate with an ILL-A is not a guarantee of continued employment or job advancement, nor does it require an increased salary.
- (5) Beginning Administrator License (BAL). A State Board program approved to recommend licensure and/or endorsement in school administration and supervision prior to September 15, 2009 may continue to recommend program graduates or candidates enrolled prior to September 15, 2009 for a BAL.
 - (a) Candidates who entered an administrator or supervisors preparation program prior to September 15, 2009, may complete that program or transition into an approved instructional leadership preparation program at the same institution and become eligible for an ILL-B.
 - (b) Assistant principals, teaching principals, or dual assignment personnel with more than fifty percent (50%) of their responsibilities involved in instructional leadership hired before September 15, 2009, must hold a BAL or be enrolled in a State Board approved instructional leadership preparation program.
- (6) Instructional Leadership License-Beginning (ILL-B). After September 15, 2009, a candidate seeking licensure in instructional leadership must be recommended by a preparation program approved after September 15, 2009, as per State Board policy.
 - (a) The ILL-B is valid for three (3) years of continuous employment as an instructional leader.
 - (b) The ILL-B expires five (5) years after issuance if the candidate has not been employed as an instructional leader per State Board policy.

- (7) Instructional Leadership License-Professional (ILL-P). Those who hold a PAL license issued prior to September 15, 2009, may renew the PAL for one (1) additional five (5) year term per State Board policy.
- (8) After September 15, 2009, those who hold an ILL-B and have completed three (3) years of satisfactory employment as an instructional leader may receive an ILL-P if the candidate has met the requirements of the State Board of Education policy.
 - (a) The ILL-P is valid for five (5) years of employment as an instructional leader.
 - (b) The ILL-P is renewable per State Board policy.
- (9) Instructional Leadership License - Exemplary (ILL-E). After September 15, 2009, those who have held an ILL-P or PAL for at least two (2) years shall be eligible for the ILL-E if they meet the licensure requirements for an ILL-E, are recommended by the director of the employing school system and are approved by the State Department of Education appointed leadership council as per State Board policy.

Authority: Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 49-1-302, 49-5-108.

The proposed rules set out herein were properly filed in the Department of State on the 31st day of July, 2008, and pursuant to the instructions set out above, and in the absence of the filing of an appropriate petition calling for a rulemaking hearing, will become effective on the 28th day of November, 2008. (FS 07-04-08; DBID 2830)