Chapter 181-82A WAC

PERFORMANCE-BASED TEACHER CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENTS

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WAC 181-82A-002 Purposes and authority. (1) The purposes of this chapter are to:
(a) Establish policies and conditions for obtaining performance-based endorsements on teaching certificates.
(b) Establish policies for college/university approval to offer performance-based endorsement programs.
(2) The authority for this chapter is chapter 28A.410 RCW which authorizes the professional educator standards board to establish, publish, and enforce rules and regulations determining eligibility for the certification of personnel employed in the common schools of this state. This authority is supplemented by RCW 28A.410.210(6) which authorizes the professional educator standards board to specify the types and kinds of certificates necessary for the several departments within the common schools and by RCW 28A.150.220 (4) which authorizes the professional educator standards board to adopt rules that implement and insure compliance with the basic program of education requirements of RCW 28A.150.220, 28A.150.250, and 28A.150.260, and such related basic program of education requirements as may be established by the professional educator standards board.

WAC 181-82A-200 Purposes of endorsement competencies referenced in this chapter. (1) To align requirements for endorsements with the state’s learning goals and essential academic learning requirements;
(2) To align requirements for endorsements with the specialty organization standards where appropriate;
(3) To maintain rigorous standards for obtaining endorsements;
(4) To provide school districts with teachers who are able to demonstrate a positive impact on student learning; and
(5) To complement a performance-based teacher certification system.

WAC 181-82A-202 Certificate endorsements. Teacher certificates shall be endorsed as follows:
(1) All levels:
(a) Bilingual education.
(b) Designated arts: Dance.
(c) Designated arts: Theatre arts.
(d) Designated arts: Music: Choral, instrumental or general.
(e) Designated arts, visual arts.
(f) Designated world languages.
(g) English language learner.
(h) Health/fitness.
(i) Library media.
(j) Reading.
(k) Special education.
(2) Early childhood:
(a) Early childhood education.
(b) Early childhood special education.
(3) Elementary education.
(4) Middle level:
(a) Middle level—Humanities.
(b) Middle level—Mathematics.
(c) Middle level—Science.
(5) Secondary level:
(a) Designated science: Biology.
(b) Designated science: Chemistry.
(c) Designated science: Earth and space science.
(d) Designated science: Physics.
(e) Designated career and technical education: Agriculture education, business and marketing education, family and consumer sciences education, and technology education.
(f) English language arts.
(g) History.
(h) Mathematics.
(i) Science.
(j) Social studies.
(k) Traffic safety.

WAC 181-82A-204 Endorsement requirements. (1) Candidates completing endorsements required to obtain a residency certificate, shall complete college/university teacher preparation programs approved by the professional educator standards board pursuant to chapter 181-78A WAC,
WAC 181-82A-206 Endorsement program approval, reapproval, and review. (1) The professional educator standards board shall approve, reapprove, and review endorsement programs at professional educator standards board-approved residency certificate teacher programs. Only institutions with professional educator standards board-approved residency certificate teacher preparation programs are eligible to apply for approval to offer endorsement programs.

(2) The professional educator standards board will publish competencies for all endorsement areas identified in chapter 181-82A WAC.

(3) The professional educator standards board shall determine and publish the schedule and process for endorsement program approval, reapproval, and review.

(a) Initial approval of a new endorsement program may be granted for a period of up to two years.

(b) Endorsement reapproval is required according to the posted schedule for when the endorsement competencies are updated. Reapproval of an endorsement program may be granted until the next endorsement program review, or for a period of up to one year with a written report. Once the program submits the written report, approval options are full approval until the next endorsement program review, or disapproval.

(c) Each institution shall submit endorsement programs for review when requested by the professional educator standards board to ensure that each endorsement program meets the competencies and to provide assessment data relative to candidate performance. Approval options are approval until the next endorsement review or at-risk of losing approval. The professional educator standards board has the option to disapprove endorsement programs that have been at-risk for two consecutive years.

(d) Disapproved endorsements programs may reapply for approval by following the endorsement approval process.


WAC 181-82A-207 Specialty endorsement criteria.

(1) Specialty endorsements prepare a teacher to work with a specific student population/demographic and/or subject matter area, and are created to help teachers specialize beyond the required certificate endorsements as stated in WAC 181-82A-202. Specialty endorsements have unique endorsement

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WAC 181-82A-215 Implementation policies. Teachers shall be required to obtain a minimum of one endorsement.

WAC 181-82A-208 Specialty endorsements. The following specialty endorsements may be added to an existing endorsed teaching certificate:

(1) Deaf education (per RCW 28A.410.225).

(a) This specialty endorsement is required for teachers who will be working almost exclusively with students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

(b) Program requirements are waived and this specialty endorsement granted if a candidate possesses a baccalaureate or master's degree in deaf education from a teacher training program approved by the council on education of the deaf.

(2) Environmental and sustainability education.

(3) Teacher of the visually impaired.

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