

16 KAR 2:110. Endorsement for teachers for gifted education.

RELATES TO: KRS 161.020, 161.028, 161.030, 161.052

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 161.028, 161.030

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 161.020, 161.028 and 161.030 require that teachers and other professional school personnel hold certificates of legal qualifications for their respective positions to be issued upon completion of programs of preparation approved by the Education Professional Standards Board. KRS 161.052 requires that all persons employed as a teacher for gifted education hold an appropriate certificate endorsement for gifted education. This administrative regulation establishes a preparation-certification program for teachers for gifted education.

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "Qualified teacher" means a teacher who holds the appropriate certification as a teacher for gifted education unless the superintendent of the employing school district has documented evidence that the teacher is unsuitable for appointment.

(2) "Teacher for gifted education" means a teacher who works:

(a) Directly with identified gifted pupils, in addition to the regularly assigned classroom teacher; or

(b) For at least one-half (1/2) of the regular school day in a classroom made up only of properly identified gifted students.

Section 2. (1) A certificate endorsement as teacher for gifted education shall be issued in accordance with KRS Chapter 161 and KAR Title 16 to an applicant who:

(a) Holds a certificate valid for classroom teaching at the elementary school level, the middle grade level, or the high school level;

(b) Successfully completed the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program established in 16 KAR 7:010. A teacher who has successfully completed the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program prior to issuance of the initial probationary certificate or who is not required to complete the internship program under the requirements for out-of-state teachers established in KRS 161.030(5) shall not be required to complete the internship program again while serving on the probationary certificate; and

(c) Has completed the appropriate program of preparation for the certificate endorsement established in this administrative regulation at a teacher education institution approved under the standards and procedures established in 16 KAR 5:010.

(2) The endorsement as teacher for gifted education shall be valid for grades K-12.

(a) Assignment to a full-time self-contained gifted education class shall be restricted to the level of the base certificate.

(b) The endorsement shall have the same duration as the base certificate.

(3) Each person employed as a teacher for gifted education shall hold an appropriate certificate endorsement for gifted education, except a teacher:

(a) Identified in Section 3 of this administrative regulation; or

(b) Certified on or before July 1, 1984, in accordance with KRS 161.052.

Section 3.(1) If a qualified teacher is not available for the position of teacher for gifted education as attested by the local school superintendent, the superintendent, on behalf of the local board of education, may request a probationary endorsement for teaching gifted education for a teacher who:

(a) Has a bachelor's degree;

(b) Has a valid Kentucky teaching certificate;

(c) Has been admitted to the preparation program for the endorsement for teachers for gifted education; and

(d) Is currently enrolled in graduate studies related to the education profession.

(2) The request for the probationary endorsement shall be submitted on Form CA-GP to the Education Professional Standards Board for each teacher for gifted education requiring the probationary endorsement.

(3)(a) The probationary endorsement for teachers for gifted education shall be valid for a period of two (2) years from the initial request.

(b) A teacher receiving this probationary endorsement shall complete the required curriculum for recommendation for the endorsement for teacher for gifted education issued under Section 2 of this administrative regulation within the two (2) year validity of the probationary endorsement.

(c) The probationary endorsement shall not be renewed.

Section 4. Incorporation by Reference. (1) Form CA-GP, 08/15, is incorporated by reference.

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