

EDUCATION AND LABOR CABINET
Education Professional Standards Board
(Amendment)

16 KAR 2:170. Probationary certificate for middle school teachers.

RELATES TO: KRS 161.020, 161.028, 161.030

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 161.020, 161.028, 161.030

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 161.020 and 161.030 require that a teacher and other professional school personnel hold a certificate of legal qualifications for the respective position to be issued upon completion of a program of preparation prescribed by the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). KRS 161.028 requires the Education Professional Standards Board to establish the standards for obtaining and maintaining a teaching certificate. This administrative regulation establishes the probationary certificate for middle school teachers and the requirements for issuance and renewal of this certificate.

Section 1. Requirements for Issuance of the Probationary Certificate for Middle School Teachers, Grades Five (5) Through Nine (9).

- (1) A one (1) year probationary certificate for middle school teachers may be issued to a candidate who:
 - (a) Holds a Kentucky teaching certificate; and
 - (b) Is enrolled in an EPSB approved middle school preparation program for the content area or areas for which certification is sought.
- (2) Application for a probationary certificate for middle school teachers shall be submitted to the EPSB and shall:
 - (a) Contain a recommendation from the educator preparation provider for the content area or areas of the probationary certificate for middle school teachers; and
 - (b) Be in compliance with 16 KAR 2:010, Section 3(1).
- (3)
 - (a) Upon completion of all requirements established in this section, the applicant shall be issued a probationary certificate for middle school teachers in the content area or areas as recommended by the educator preparation provider valid for one (1) year.
 - (b) The probationary certificate shall be valid for teaching grades five (5) through nine (9) in the content area or areas indicated on the face of the certificate.

Section 2. Requirements for Renewal of a Probationary Certificate for Middle School Teachers, Grades Five (5) Through Nine (9).

- (1) A candidate shall be eligible for renewal of the probationary certificate for middle school teachers upon application to the EPSB, compliance with 16 KAR 2:010, Section 3(1), and recommendation from the educator preparation provider based on continued enrollment and progress towards the completion of the preparation program.
- (2) The probationary certificate for middle school teachers may be renewed for a maximum of two (2) times after the initial issuance.
- (3) Upon successful completion of all program requirements for the middle school preparation program, approved pursuant to 16 KAR Chapter 5, including successful completion of all required assessments established in 16 KAR 6:010, a professional certificate for teaching middle school established in 16 KAR 2:010 and valid for five (5) years shall be issued.
- (4) Program requirements for completion of the middle school preparation program while serving on the probationary certificate for middle school teachers shall not include student teaching.

JUSTIN MITCHELL, Board Chair

APPROVED BY AGENCY: April 8, 2024

FILED WITH LRC: May 15, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this proposed administrative regulation shall be held on July 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the State Board Room, Fifth Floor, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. Individuals interested in being heard at this meeting shall notify this agency in writing five working days prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through July 31, 2024. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to:

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