

1 AN ACT relating to elementary and secondary teachers.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 161.1211 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The Education Professional Standards Board shall rank teachers as follows:

5 **(a)** Rank I. Those holding regular certificates ~~and who have a master's degree~~  
6 ~~in a subject field approved by the Education Professional Standards Board or~~  
7 ~~equivalent continuing education and who have earned thirty (30) semester~~  
8 ~~hours of approved graduate work or equivalent continuing education; or those~~  
9 ~~teachers who have met the requirements for Rank II and **have additionally**~~  
10 ~~earned:~~

- 11 **1. A master's degree in a subject field approved by the Education**  
12 **Professional Standards Board or equivalent continuing education;**  
13 **2. Initial certification of the National Board for Professional Teaching**  
14 **Standards; or**  
15 **3. Thirty (30) additional semester hours of approved graduate work or**  
16 **equivalent continuing education.**

17 The board shall not allow a teacher who qualified for Rank I status on the  
18 basis of his or her national board certification to maintain that classification if  
19 the national board certificate is revoked for misconduct or voided for other  
20 reasons.

21 **(b)** Rank II. Those holding regular certificates and who:

- 22 **1. Have a master's degree in a subject field approved by the Education**  
23 **Professional Standards Board;**  
24 **2. Have earned initial certification of the National Board for**  
25 **Professional Teaching Standards; or**  
26 **3. Have completed** equivalent continuing education.

27 **The board shall not allow a teacher who qualified for Rank II status on the**

1           *basis of his or her national board certification to maintain that*  
2           *classification if the national board certificate is revoked for misconduct or*  
3           *voided for other reasons.*

4           (c) Rank III. Those holding regular certificates and who have an approved four  
5           (4) year college degree or the equivalent.

6           (d) Rank IV. Those holding emergency certificates and who have ninety-six (96)  
7           to one hundred twenty-eight (128) semester hours of approved college training  
8           or the equivalent.

9           (e) Rank V. Those holding emergency certificates and who have sixty-four (64)  
10          to ninety-five (95) semester hours of approved college training or the  
11          equivalent.

12       (2) In determining ranks, the Education Professional Standards Board shall classify  
13       teachers who hold valid certificates in the respective ranks according to approved  
14       college semester hours of credit or equivalent continuing education. The board, in  
15       defining preparation for certain types of vocational teachers as equivalent to college  
16       training, shall give consideration to apprenticeship training and industrial  
17       experience.

18       (3) For purposes of the state salary schedule only as referenced in KRS 158.070, rank  
19       shall be determined on September 15 of each year.

20       (4) Nothing in this section shall allow the Education Professional Standards Board by  
21       regulation to reclassify downward any teachers in Ranks II or I.