

Licensing Updates

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Budget Bill - Licensing

- **Lifetime licenses - expiration dates on valid Professional and Master Educator licenses will be removed**
- **Initial Educators and new program completers will receive 3-year provisional license; life license after 6 semesters of experience; do not have to complete PDP**
- **IHE faculty can teach high school courses**
- **Virtual teachers licensed in home state**
- **Individuals with an associate degree can be short-term sub**



Budget Bill - Preparation

- **Teacher Development Program Grants for districts to partner with UW campus or Extension for Professional Teaching Permit preparation**
- **Alternative Teacher Preparation Program – appears to be the American Board online program**
- **Rural School Teacher Talent Pilot Program: Grants to CESAs to coordinate practicum, student teacher, and internship placements in rural districts**



Emergency Rule in Effect Now

- **1-year License with Stipulations (formerly Emergency)**
 - OOS educators who have not passed required tests
 - Speech Language Pathologists who hold DSPS license
- **3-year License with Stipulations**
 - Teacher with at least one year of experience in the district
 - Assigned to a new subject and/or developmental level
 - District provides appropriate professional development and supervision for teacher to become proficient in the preparation program content guidelines for the license area
 - District can recommend for full licensure by submitting evidence of proficiency



Emergency Rule in Effect Now

- Initial Educator licenses for OOS teachers who pass edTPA
- Remove master's degree requirement for Library Media Specialist license and make it a stand alone license
- New JROTC license based on certification as a JROTC Instructor



Emergency Rule in Effect Now

- **Flexibility in admissions to preparation programs by removing Praxis CORE and GPA requirements**
- **Additional options for demonstrating content knowledge**
 - Existing Praxis II or ACTFL test
 - 3.0 or higher GPA in license area coursework
 - Successful completion of content-based portfolio



Permanent Rule Changes Coming

- **Replace Developmental Levels with grade levels**
 - Birth to Grade 3 (Early Childhood Regular and Special Education)
 - Grades K-9 (Elementary Regular Education)
 - Grades 4-12 (Middle & High School Subjects)
 - Grades K-12 (Arts, CTE, PE, etc., and Special Education)
- **Collapse subject area licenses**
 - English Language Arts
 - Music
 - Science
 - Social Studies



Permanent Rule Changes Coming

- **New tiered licensing structure**
 - Tier I – temporary/licenses with stipulations
 - Tier II – Initial/Provisional license
 - Tier III – Life license
 - Tier IV – Master Educator license



Permanent Rule Changes Coming

- **Educator Preparation**

- Update Teacher and Administrator standards
- Remove portfolio requirement
- Explicitly allow virtual classroom observations
- Remove enumerated required general education courses
- Identify when OOS teachers must take the edTPA
- Flexibilities in emergency rule



Other Changes

- **State Superintendent has approved content tests from other states (e.g., Minnesota MTLE, Illinois ILTS) for meeting our requirements**
- **License Based on a Content Test pathway has been greatly broadened during the past year, including now being able to get Broadfield Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies**



QUESTIONS?

