Professional Standards Board (Licensure, Certification and Professional Development)

1572 Teacher of Students Who Are Gifted or Talented

Non-regulatory note: Passage on an examination of content knowledge may also be required to obtain this certification. Pursuant to 14 Del.C. §1220 and 14 DE Admin. Code 1505, an examination of content knowledge is required when applicable and available. An examination of content knowledge is applicable and available when approved by the Professional Standards Board with the concurrence of the State Board of Education. See the Department of Education website for additional information.

1.0 Content

1.1 This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 Del.C. §1220(a), for Teacher of Students Who Are Gifted or Talented (Category). This certification is required in programs that are identified as specific to students who have been identified as gifted or talented through assessments and other criteria set forth by local school districts or other programs specifically identified by the Department as programs for students who are gifted or talented.

1.2 Except as otherwise provided, the requirements set forth in 14 DE Admin. Code 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

2.0 Definitions

The definitions set forth in 14 DE Admin. Code 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

3.0 Standard Certificate

3.1 In accordance with 14 Del.C. §1220(a), the Department shall issue a Standard Certificate as a Teacher of Students Who Are Gifted or Talented to an educator who has met the following:

3.1.1 Holds a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License; or a Limited Standard, Standard or Professional Status Certificate issued by the Department prior to August 31, 2003; and

3.1.2 Has met the requirements as set forth in 14 DE Admin. Code 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto; and

3.1.3 Holds a Standard Certificate in a subject (content), grade level, or area; and

3.1.4 Has satisfied the additional requirements in this regulation.

4.0 Additional Requirements

4.1 An educator shall also have satisfied one of the following additional education requirements:

4.1.1 Holding a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a major or its equivalent in an area listed in 4.1.1.1 from a program approved or recognized as provided in 4.1.1.2.

4.1.1.1 Approved majors

4.1.1.1.1 gifted or talented education;

4.1.1.1.2 teaching gifted students; or

4.1.1.1.3 special education with a gifted or talented endorsement or specialization.

4.1.1.2 Required Program Approval or Recognition

4.1.1.2.1 National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) recognized educator preparation program; or
4.1.1.2.2 The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) specialty organization recognized educator preparation program; or
4.1.1.2.3 State approved educator preparation program where the state approval body employed the appropriate standards; or
4.1.2 Completion of a minimum of fifteen (15) credits or their equivalent in professional development as approved by the Department, with a focus in special education for gifted or talented students or students who are gifted or talented in the following content areas:

4.1.2.1 Foundations of Giftedness, including Cultural and Socioeconomic Equity (3 credits);
4.1.2.2 Curriculum Design and Instructional Strategies for Gifted Students (3 credits);
4.1.2.3 Psychology of Gifted Students (3 credits);
4.1.2.4 Creative and Critical Thinking Skills (3 credits); and
4.1.2.5 Practicum or Internship (3 credits).

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5.0 Past Certification Recognized

The Department shall recognize a Standard Certificate Teacher of Students who are Gifted and Talented previously issued by the Department. A teacher holding a Standard Certificate Teacher of Students who are Gifted and Talented shall be considered certified to instruct the particular category of students specified herein as required by this regulation.

7 DE Reg. 779 (12/01/03)
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12 DE Reg. 785 (12/01/08)
18 DE Reg. 566 (01/01/15)