

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
ARM 10.57.412, 10.57.425, and ) PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
10.57.426, pertaining to educator )  
licensure )

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On October 27, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., the Board of Public Education will hold a public hearing in the training room at the Office of Public Instruction, 1227 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules.

2. The Board of Public Education will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this rulemaking process or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Board of Public Education no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 20, 2015, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Peter Donovan, Executive Secretary, 46 North Last Chance Gulch, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, Montana, 59620-0601; telephone (406) 444-0302; fax (406) 444-0847; or e-mail pdonovan@mt.gov.

3. The rules as proposed to be amended provide as follows, new matter underlined, deleted matter interlined:

10.57.412 CLASS 1 AND 2 ENDORSEMENTS (1) through (3) remain the same.

(4) To obtain an elementary (K-8), early childhood (age 3 to grade 3), or middle grades (4-8) endorsement, an applicant must provide verification of completion of an accredited teacher education program in those areas to include student teaching or supervised teaching experience or a waiver of this requirement if the applicant has previously had supervised teaching experience.

(5) remains the same.

(a) completion of an NCATE or CAEP accredited professional educator preparation program at the grade level(s) identified by the program, including supervised teaching experience, or a waiver of this requirement if the applicant has previously had supervised teaching experience; or

(b) remains the same.

(6) To obtain an endorsement in special education P-12, the applicant must provide verification of:

(a) completion of an NCATE or CAEP accredited professional educator preparation program; or

~~(a) a bachelor's degree; and~~

(b) completion of an a state-approved accredited special education P-12 professional educator preparation program from a regionally accredited college or

university; and

(c) which includes student teaching or supervised teaching experience or a waiver of this requirement if the applicant has previously had supervised teaching experience.

(7) through (9) remain the same.

AUTH: 20-4-102, MCA

IMP: 20-4-106, 20-4-108, MCA

10.57.425 CLASS 5 PROVISIONAL LICENSE – ELEMENTARY LEVEL

(1) remains the same.

(a) a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university; and

(b) through (b)(ii) remain the same.

AUTH: 20-4-102, MCA

IMP: 20-4-106, 20-4-108, MCA

10.57.426 CLASS 5 PROVISIONAL LICENSE – SECONDARY, K-12, and P-12 SPECIAL EDUCATION LEVELS (1) remains the same.

(a) a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university; and

(b) through (b)(ii) remain the same.

AUTH: 20-4-102, MCA

IMP: 20-4-106, 20-4-108, MCA

4. Statement of Reasonable Necessity: Supervised teaching experience is defined in ARM 10.57.102(12) as "field experience, internship, practicum, or student teaching." The term "student teaching" need not be repeated in this rule. Allowing a university or college waiver of the supervised teaching experience requirement is necessary when an applicant for an endorsement has already completed the supervised teaching experience in their educator preparation program. Without allowing a waiver, the applicant would have to repeat the educator preparation program's supervised teaching component for each endorsement added.

ARM 10.57.425 and 10.57.426 clarify that educators must obtain a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, without which there is no criteria for any accreditation of the bachelor's degree program.

5. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to: Peter Donovan, Executive Secretary, 46 North Last Chance Gulch, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, Montana, 59620-0601; telephone (406) 444-0302; fax (406) 444-0847; or e-mail pdonovan@mt.gov and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., October 27, 2015.

6. Peter Donovan has been designated to preside over and conduct this hearing.

7. The board maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by the board. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request that includes the name, e-mail, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies for which program the person wishes to receive notices. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to the contact person in 5 above or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the board.

8. An electronic copy of this proposal notice is available through the Secretary of State's web site at <http://sos.mt.gov/ARM/Register>. The Secretary of State strives to make the electronic copy of the notice conform to the official version of the notice, as printed in the Montana Administrative Register, but advises all concerned persons that in the event of a discrepancy between the official printed text of the notice and the electronic version of the notice, only the official printed text will be considered. In addition, although the Secretary of State works to keep its web site accessible at all times, concerned persons should be aware that the web site may be unavailable during some periods, due to system maintenance or technical problems.

9. The bill sponsor contact requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply.

10. With regard to the requirements of 2-4-111, MCA, the board has determined that the amendment of the above-referenced rules will not significantly and directly impact small businesses.

/s/ Peter Donovan  
Peter Donovan  
Rule Reviewer

/s/ Sharon Carroll  
Sharon Carroll  
Board Chair  
Board of Public Education

Certified to the Secretary of State September 14, 2015.