

ARM 10.57.410 Class 2 Standard Teacher's License

Draft Rule Proposal Change

Rationale for proposed change:

Praxis Exemption

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) is a highly respected K-12 certification program. Acceptance into NBPTS requires: a) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, b) completion of three years of successful teaching in one or more early childhood, elementary, middle or secondary school, c) hold a valid state teaching license for each of the three years of verified teaching, d) if registering as a World Languages candidate, provide required certified ratings from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

The rigors of obtaining this certification require that teachers demonstrate standards-based evidence of the powerful impact they have on student learning. They must show an integral understanding of: their students; content knowledge; use of data and assessments; and, teaching practice. Additionally, they must participate in learning communities and provide evidence of ongoing reflection and continuous learning.

Therefore, the Montana Office of Public Instruction is recommending the following amendment to **ARM 10.57.410 Class 2 Standard Teacher's License**:

(4) If the educator preparation program completed by the applicant is not in Montana, upon initial application of a Class 1 or Class 2 license, the applicant must provide:

(a) proof of a minimum passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment applicable to the requested endorsement as established by the Office of Public Instruction and approved by the Board of Public Education; or hold current certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in an area approved for endorsement in Montana, and apply for endorsement in the same area; and

The remainder of the rule, sections (4)(b) through (6) are unchanged.