

ARM 10.57.411 Class 1 Professional 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 10.57.411 Class 1 Professional Teacher's License**:

(2) To obtain a Class 1 professional teacher's license an applicant must submit verification of all of the following:

(a) eligibility for the Class 2 standard teacher's license as set forth in ARM 10.57.510, including proof of a minimum passing score on the Praxis Subject Assessment applicable to the requested endorsement ~~and "An introduction to Indian Education for All in Montana" online course~~ and if the educator preparation program completed by the applicant is not in Montana; 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 this same area.

~~(b) a master's degree in education or an endorsable teaching area(s) from a regionally accredited college or university or certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and completion of "An Introduction to Indian Education for All in Montana", an online course; and~~

~~(b) c) a master's degree in education . . .~~

~~(e) d) three years of teaching . . .~~

The remainder of the rule, sections (3) and (4) are unchanged.