

Chicago Public Schools Policy Manual

Title: FULL-TIME TEACHER CERTIFICATION
Section: 504.8
Board Report: 04-0922-PO2

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Policy:

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

That the Chicago Board of Education amend the Policy on Full-Time Teacher Certification.

POLICY TEXT:

Introduction

The Chicago Board of Education ("Board") recognizes that the delivery of high-quality education to all Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") students necessitates having well-trained, fully certified teachers working in every classroom in the district. To ensure that its teachers are prepared to offer students effective instruction, the Board is committed to the proposition that all full-time teachers in the district must meet the requirements for a standard Illinois teaching certificate set forth in the School Code, 105 ILCS 5/21-0.01 to 5/21-27. The following policy is designed to promote the excellence and professionalism of all full-time teachers in the city's schools.

I. Certification of Temporarily Assigned Teachers

In addition to appointed teachers, the CPS teaching force includes temporarily assigned teachers ("TAT"). A majority of the TAT teachers in the district have earned one or more of the standard Illinois teaching certificates required for appointed teachers. Pursuant to this policy, all TAT teachers must satisfy the School Code requirements for a standard Illinois teaching certificate within **two years** after being hired as a TAT. This two-year requirement shall not apply: (1) to TATs teaching in such areas as special education and/or bi-lingual education, (2) where statutes, regulations or Board policy impose shorter time limits for earning the requisite teaching certificates and/or meeting other criteria for being highly qualified in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act, or (3) to CPS teachers working as day-to-day substitutes.

II. Authorization For Release of Teacher Certification Test Information

As another means to ensure professional qualifications of its full-time teachers, the Board shall require that all applicants for CPS teaching positions sign a consent form authorizing the Illinois State Board of Education ("ISBE") and/or the State Teacher Certification Board ("STCB") to release to the Board any and all information regarding the number of times it administered the Illinois test of basic skills to the applicant.

Additionally, the consent form shall authorize the ISBE and/or STCB to release to the Board any and all information concerning subject matter tests administered to the applicant.

Amends/Rescinds: Amends 01-1024-PO3
Cross References: Adopted 01-1024-PO3
Legal References: 105 ILCS 5/14C-8; 105 ILCS 5/21-0.01 to 5/21-27; 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq. (Individuals with Disabilities Act); 34 CFR 300.136.