TEACHING EXPERIENCE CREDIT

This policy pertains to state support only.

The minimum amount of service to be counted as one year of creditable experience shall be the equivalent of one hundred and twenty (120) days acquired during the regular school term. Two half-years of credit may be combined not to exceed one year. No more than one year of creditable service shall be granted for services rendered within a twelve-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

In reporting teaching experience for state support, one school year of teaching experience in any of the following categories shall be recognized as one year of experience for state support. Teaching experience includes administrative, supervisory, guidance and auxiliary service.

- A. teaching experience in any accredited public elementary or secondary school;
- B. teaching experience in any elementary or secondary school maintained by the U.S. Government, Peace Corps service or teaching experience gained in federally funded programs, as approved by the Commission and which provide instruction at the elementary or secondary level.
- C. teaching experience in any publicly supported college or university accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting association.
- D. professional staff service with the Department of Public Instruction.

For the purpose of state support, up to eight (8) years of experience may be credited from the following categories.

- A. teaching experience in any publicly or privately supported college, university, or institution accredited by the duly authorized agency of the state, territory or nation in which the college, university or institution is located;
- B. teaching experience in any non-public elementary or secondary school accredited by the duly authorized agency of the state, territory or nation in which the school is located.

For the purpose of state support, military service will be credited according to the following guidelines.

- A. Eight months of either military service or military service combined with teaching experience shall be equivalent to one year teaching experience, provided such service shall occur within the school year beginning July 1 and ending June 30.
- B. Military experience substituted shall not exceed four years.
- C. The provisions of this section shall apply to all veterans who took the oath of allegiance, wore the uniform, served in either combat or non-combat units, and were discharged under honorable conditions.

For the purpose of state support, journeymen-level experience for teachers holding a non-conventional license may be credited.

Verification of experience is the responsibility of the administration.

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