

**Policy 4112.2 Certification**

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The Governing Board recognizes that the district's ability to provide a high-quality educational program is dependent upon the employment of certificated staff who are adequately prepared and have demonstrated proficiency in basic skills and competency in the subject matter to be taught. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that persons employed to fill positions requiring certification qualifications possess the appropriate credential, permit, or other certification document from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and fulfill any additional state, federal, or district requirements for the position.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide assistance and support to teachers holding preliminary credentials to enable them to meet the qualifications required for the clear credential.

**Priorities for Hiring Based on Unavailability of Credentialed Teacher**

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher who is authorized in the subject or setting for each assignment or, when necessary, a fully prepared teacher serving on a local assignment option. Whenever a teacher with a clear or preliminary credential is not available, and the Board adopts a resolution that it has made reasonable efforts to recruit a fully prepared teacher for the assignment, the Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to recruit an individual for the assignment in the following order: (Education Code 44225.7)

1. A candidate who enrolls in an approved internship program in the region of the district and possesses an intern credential
2. A candidate who is scheduled to complete preliminary credential requirements within six months and who is granted a provisional internship permit (PIP) or short-term staff permit issued by CTC

The Board shall take action to approve, at an open Board meeting, a notice of its intent to employ a PIP applicant for a specific position. (5 CCR 80021.1)

3. An individual who has been granted a credential waiver by CTC

Annually, the Board shall, prior to requesting that CTC issue an emergency permit or limited assignment permit, approve a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. The Declaration of Need shall be approved by the Board as an action item at a regularly scheduled open Board

meeting, with the entire Declaration of Need being included in the Board agenda (Education Code 44225, 44225.7; 5 CCR 80023.2, 80026, 80027, 80027.1)

The Declaration of Need shall certify that there is an insufficient number of certificated persons who meet the district's specified employment criteria for the position(s) and that the district has made reasonable efforts to recruit individuals who meet the qualifications specified in Items #1-2 above. The Declaration of Need shall also indicate the number and type of emergency permits and limited assigned permits that the district estimates it will need during the valid period of the Declaration of Need, based on the previous year's actual needs and projections of enrollment. It shall also specify each subject to be listed on the General Education Limited Assignment Single Subject Teaching Permits and the target language on Emergency Bilingual Permits. Whenever the actual number of permits needed exceeds the estimate by 10 percent, the Board shall revise and resubmit the Declaration of Need. (5 CCR 80026)

Whenever it is necessary to employ noncredentialed teachers to fill a position requiring certification qualifications, the Superintendent or designee shall provide support and guidance in accordance with law to ensure the quality of the instructional program.

### **National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification**

The Superintendent or designee shall promote a career continuum that includes participation of district teachers in professional learning that supports their completion of advanced certification awarded by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The Superintendent or designee may coordinate a cohort of teachers through school or district programs or other available networks.

With Board approval and funding, and consistent with the collective bargaining agreement and applicable law, the Superintendent may provide an incentive program for teacher participation in NBPTS certification, which may include:

1. Defraying, subsidizing, or reimbursing the registration, certification, or maintenance fees for NBPTS certification
2. Providing bonuses, step increases, or differential pay for teachers who maintain their certification and continue to teach in the district, with priority given to teachers at Title I schools and schools serving a majority of low-income students
3. Providing substitute teachers to provide release time for participating teachers
4. Providing stipends for teacher participation that match other professional development stipends
5. Compensating mentor teachers who support other teachers' professional learning aligned to NBPTS standards

### **Parental Notifications**

At the beginning of each school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the

parents/guardians of each student attending a school receiving Title I funds that they may request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher including, but not limited to, whether the teacher: (20 USC 6312)

1. Has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
2. Is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived
3. Is teaching in the field of discipline of the teacher's certification

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians in a timely manner whenever their child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area to which the teacher has been assigned. (20 USC 6312)

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**Policy Reference Disclaimer**

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

<b>State</b>	<b>Description</b>
5 CCR 80001-80674.6	Commission on Teacher Credentialing
5 CCR 80001-80694	Commission on Teacher Credentialing
Ed. Code 32340-32341	<a href="#">Unlawful issuance of a credential</a>
Ed. Code 35186	<a href="#">Complaints regarding teacher vacancy or misassignment</a>
Ed. Code 44066	<a href="#">Limitations on certification requirements</a>
Ed. Code 44200-44418	<a href="#">Teacher credentialing</a>
Ed. Code 44250-44277	<a href="#">Credentials and assignment of teachers</a>
Ed. Code 44300-44302	<a href="#">Emergency permit</a>
Ed. Code 44325-44328	<a href="#">District interns</a>
Ed. Code 44330-44355	<a href="#">Certificates and credentials</a>
Ed. Code 44395	National Board for Professional Teaching Standards
	Certification Incentive Program
Ed. Code 44420-44440	<a href="#">Revocation and suspension of credentials</a>

Ed. Code 44450-44468  
Ed. Code 44830-44929

Ed. Code 56060-56063  
Ed. Code 8295-8305

**Federal**

20 USC 6312

34 CFR 200.61

**Management Resources**

Commission on Teacher Credentialing  
Publication

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Court Decision

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[University internship program](#)

[Employment of certificated persons; requirement of proficiency in basic skills](#)

[Substitute teachers in special education](#)

[Child development program; personnel qualifications](#)

**Description**

Title I local educational agency plans; notifications regarding teacher qualifications

Parent notification regarding teacher qualifications

**Description**

Proposed Amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Pertaining to Subject Matter Competency, Coded Correspondence 22-06, October 21, 2022

Proposed Amendments and Additions to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Pertaining to Subject Matter Competence, Coded Correspondence 21-06, September 20, 2021

Assembly Bill 320: Regional Accreditation for Coursework and Degrees Used for Certification Purposes, Credential Information Alert 22-02, March 1, 2022

Waiver Requests Guidebook, 2015

Subject Matter Authorization Guideline Book, December 2019

Supplementary Authorization Guideline Book, December 2019

Hiring Hierarchy in Education Code 44225.7, Coded Correspondence 13-01, January 30, 2013

Approved Addition and Amendments to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations Pertaining to Teaching Permit for Statutory Leave (TPSL), Coded Correspondence 16-10, Aug 23, 2016

California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP), October 2009

CL-667 Basic Skills Requirement

CL-856 Provisional Internship Permit

CL-858 Short-Term Staff Permit

Association of Mexican-American Educators (AMAE) et al. v. State of California and the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (2000) 231 F.3d 572

Using Federal Funds for National Board Activities: An Action-Planning Guide

Considerations for Using Federal Funds to Support National Board Certification

[Office of Administrative Law](#)

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

[California Department of Education, CA NBPTS Certification](#)

[Incentive Program 2021-26](#)

[National Board Resource Center](#)

[National Board for Professional Teaching Standards](#)

Website	<a href="#">Commission on Teacher Credentialing</a>
Website	<a href="#">Commission on Teacher Credentialing, Credential Information Guide (for employers' use only)</a>
Website	<a href="#">CSBA</a>
Website	<a href="#">U.S. Department of Education</a>

## Cross References

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
0460	<a href="#">Local Control And Accountability Plan</a>
0460	<a href="#">Local Control And Accountability Plan</a>
1312.4	<a href="#">Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1312.4-E(1)	<a href="#">Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
1312.4-E(2)	<a href="#">Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures</a>
3580	<a href="#">District Records</a>
3580	<a href="#">District Records</a>
4111	<a href="#">Recruitment And Selection</a>
4112	<a href="#">Appointment And Conditions Of Employment</a>
4112.21	<a href="#">Interns</a>
4112.21	<a href="#">Interns</a>
4112.22	<a href="#">Staff Teaching English Learners</a>
4112.5	<a href="#">Criminal Record Check</a>
4112.5-E(1)	<a href="#">Criminal Record Check</a>
4112.6	<a href="#">Personnel Files</a>
4113	<a href="#">Assignment</a>
4113	<a href="#">Assignment</a>
4114	<a href="#">Transfers</a>
4117.14	<a href="#">Postretirement Employment</a>
4117.3	<a href="#">Personnel Reduction</a>
4119.21	<a href="#">Professional Standards</a>
4119.21-E(1)	<a href="#">Professional Standards</a>
4121	<a href="#">Temporary/Substitute Personnel</a>
4121	<a href="#">Temporary/Substitute Personnel</a>
4131	<a href="#">Staff Development</a>
4131.1	<a href="#">Teacher Support And Guidance</a>
4131.1	<a href="#">Teacher Support And Guidance</a>
4161.1	<a href="#">Personal Illness/Injury Leave</a>
4161.11	<a href="#">Industrial Accident/Illness Leave</a>
4161.3	<a href="#">Professional Leaves</a>
4161.8	<a href="#">Family Care And Medical Leave</a>
4211	<a href="#">Recruitment And Selection</a>
4212.5	<a href="#">Criminal Record Check</a>
4212.5-E(1)	<a href="#">Criminal Record Check</a>
4212.6	<a href="#">Personnel Files</a>
4219.21	<a href="#">Professional Standards</a>
4219.21-E(1)	<a href="#">Professional Standards</a>
4222	<a href="#">Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals</a>
4222	<a href="#">Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals</a>
4261.11	<a href="#">Industrial Accident/Illness Leave</a>
4261.8	<a href="#">Family Care And Medical Leave</a>
4311	<a href="#">Recruitment And Selection</a>
4312.5	<a href="#">Criminal Record Check</a>
4312.5-E(1)	<a href="#">Criminal Record Check</a>
4312.6	<a href="#">Personnel Files</a>
4317.14	<a href="#">Postretirement Employment</a>

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4319.21	<a href="#">Professional Standards</a>
4319.21-E(1)	<a href="#">Professional Standards</a>
4361.1	<a href="#">Personal Illness/Injury Leave</a>
4361.11	<a href="#">Industrial Accident/Illness Leave</a>
4361.8	<a href="#">Family Care And Medical Leave</a>
5145.6	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>
5145.6-E(1)	<a href="#">Parent/Guardian Notifications</a>
5148	<a href="#">Child Care And Development</a>
5148	<a href="#">Child Care And Development</a>
5148.3	<a href="#">Preschool/Early Childhood Education</a>
5148.3	<a href="#">Preschool/Early Childhood Education</a>
6142.7	<a href="#">Physical Education And Activity</a>
6142.7	<a href="#">Physical Education And Activity</a>
6146.1	<a href="#">High School Graduation Requirements</a>
6146.2	<a href="#">Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</a>
6146.2	<a href="#">Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</a>
6146.2-E(1)	<a href="#">Certificate Of Proficiency/High School Equivalency</a>
6158	<a href="#">Independent Study</a>
6158	<a href="#">Independent Study</a>
6162.51	<a href="#">State Academic Achievement Tests</a>
6162.51	<a href="#">State Academic Achievement Tests</a>
6163.1	<a href="#">Library Media Centers</a>
6164.2	<a href="#">Guidance/Counseling Services</a>
6170.1	<a href="#">Transitional Kindergarten</a>
6172	<a href="#">Gifted And Talented Student Program</a>
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6178	<a href="#">Career Technical Education</a>
6178	<a href="#">Career Technical Education</a>
6178.1	<a href="#">Work-Based Learning</a>
6178.1	<a href="#">Work-Based Learning</a>
6183	<a href="#">Home And Hospital Instruction</a>
6200	<a href="#">Adult Education</a>
6200	<a href="#">Adult Education</a>