



**JANET BARRESI**  
**STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION**  
**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education  
**FROM:** Janet Barresi  
**DATE:** August 23, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Teacher Certification Exception Requests

Request for certification exceptions are only submitted to the State Board of Education by the Teacher Certification Section at the request of a school district. If approved, the applicants will receive a certificate for the requested area/s valid until 6/30/2013.

State Board of Education authority to grant exceptions to the requirements for licensure/certification is provided by 70 O.S. § 6-187.

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**Name of Applicant/Degree**

**Area Requested**

**1. King, Kenneth  
Ada, OK**

**Secondary English**

Scheduled to take the test on Sept. 15, 2012  
Results will be available on October 12, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in English – East Central University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Byng Public Schools  
Mr. Rodney Crabtree, Superintendent  
Pontotoc County

**Test Required for Certification:**

Secondary English  
Oklahoma General Education Test

Byng Public Schools is requesting an exception for Kenneth King for Secondary English. The school had two English teachers resigned two weeks before the start of school. Mr. King has taught the English for the last two years in China. He has applied and been accepted into the Alternative Placement Program.

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**Area Requested**

**2. Purdum, Megan  
Claremore, OK**

**School Psychologist**

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology University of Central Oklahoma  
Master's Degree in School Psychology—University of Central Oklahoma

**School District/Superintendent/County**  
Claremore Public School  
Mr. J. Michael McClaren, Superintendent  
Rogers County

Test Required for Certification:

Has taken and passed the School Psychologist Test

Claremore Public School is requesting an exception for a school psychologist for Ms. Megan Purdum. Ms. Purdum is required to complete a 1200-hour internship in order to be recommended for certification by the university. Upon completion of the internship requirement, she will be eligible for certification as a school psychologist. Approval by the State Board will permit Ms. Purdum to complete her internship while employed as a school psychologist.

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**Area Requested**

**3. Waggoner, Angela  
Comanche, OK**

**Early Childhood**

Will register to take the test on September 15, 2012  
Results will be available on October 12, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education – Northeastern State University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Clayton Public Schools  
Mr. Randall Erwin, Superintendent  
Pushmataha County

**Test Required for Certification:**      Early Childhood

Clayton Public School is asking for an exception for Ms. Angela Waggoner for Early Childhood. Ms. Waggoner is certified in Elementary Education and the school feels she is the best candidate for the position.



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**Area Requested**

**4. Sparks, Robert  
Collinsville, OK**

**Physics**

Will register to take the test on September 15, 2012  
Results will be available on October 12, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics – Oklahoma State University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Collinsville Public Schools  
Mr. Terry Due, Superintendent  
Tulsa County

**Test Required for Certification:**      Physics

Collinsville Public Schools is asking for an exception in Physics for Mr. Robert Sparks. Mr. Sparks is currently certified in Advanced Mathematics. Mr. Sparks currently is employed as a teacher at Collinsville and will continue to teach math as well as physics. Mr. Sparks has 22 hours toward a Master's degree in Engineering and Technology Management.



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**Area Requested**

**5. Carter, Keith  
Elgin, OK**

**Biological Sciences**

Will take the test on September 15, 2012  
Results will be available on October 12, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in Biology – Cameron University  
Master's Degree in Biology—Boise State University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Elgin Public Schools  
Mr. Tom Crimmins, Superintendent  
Comanche County

**Test Required for Certification:**

Biological Sciences  
Oklahoma General Education Test

Elgin Public is seeking an exception for Mr. Keith Carter to teach Biological Sciences. Mr. Carter has a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Biology. Mr. Carter has been accepted into the Alternative Placement Program.

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**Area Requested**

**6. Smith, Jacob  
Duncan, OK**

**Middle Level Mathematics**

Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Chemistry --Southern Nazarene University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Empire Public Schools  
Ms. Vicki Davison, Superintendent  
Stephens County

**Test Required for Certification:** Intermediate/Middle Level Mathematics

Empire Public Schools is requesting an exception for Middle Level Mathematics. Mr. Smith has a degree in Biology and Chemistry. Mr. Smith will be teaching 8<sup>th</sup> mathematics, not for high school credit. Mr. Smith will have a mentor teacher during his first year.

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**Area Requested**

**7. Shortt, Owen  
Bentonville, AR**

**Middle Level Mathematics**  
Scheduled to take the test on September 15, 2012  
Results will be available on October 12, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in Health & Physical Education—Northeastern State University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Kansas Public School  
Ms. Leann Barnwell, Superintendent  
Delaware County

Test Required for Certification:

Intermediate/Middle Mathematics

Kansas Public Schools needs an exception for a middle math teacher. Mr. Shortt will teach 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math (not for high school credit). Ms. Karie Steele will be his mentor teacher for the first year. Ms. Steele teaches the advanced math classes at Kansas Public Schools.





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**Area Requested**

**8. Yarbrough, Bobbi**  
**Elk City, OK**

**Family and Consumer Sciences**  
Scheduled to take the test on September 15, 2012  
Results will be available on October 12, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in Social Work—Southwestern Oklahoma State University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Merritt Public School  
Mr. Jeff Daugherty, Superintendent  
Beckham County

Test Required for Certification:

Family and Consumer Sciences

Merritt Public Schools is requesting an exception for Ms. Bobbie Yarbrough for Family and Consumer Sciences. The school had a resignation 11 days before school started. They posted the job at several universities with no interested candidates. Ms. Yarbrough is currently certified as a Middle Level Social Studies teacher and has been employed as a teacher's aide for the last six years at Merritt Public Schools.

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**Area Requested**

**9. Andrews, Megan  
White Oak, TX**

**School Psychologist**

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education – University of Oklahoma

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Moore Public Schools  
Ms. Susan Pierce, Superintendent  
Cleveland County

**Test Required for Certification:** Has passed the Praxis School Psychologist Test

Moore Public School is requesting an exception for a school psychologist for Ms. Meagan Andrews. Ms. Andrews is required to complete a 1200-hour internship in order to be complete requirements for her Master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University. Upon completion of the internship requirement, she will be eligible for certification as a school psychologist. Approval by the State Board will permit Ms. Andrews to complete her internship while employed as a school psychologist.



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**Area Requested**

**10. O'Brien, Eric  
Tulsa, OK**

**School Psychologist**

Bachelor's Degree in Music – Texas Tech University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Moore Public Schools  
Ms. Susan Pierce, Superintendent  
Cleveland County

**Test Required for Certification:** Has passed the Praxis School Psychologist Test

Moore Public School is requesting an exception for a school psychologist for Mr. Eric O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien is required to complete a 1200-hour internship in order to be complete requirements for her Master's degree from Abilene Christian University. Upon completion of the internship requirement, he will be eligible for certification as a school psychologist. Approval by the State Board will permit Mr. O'Brien to complete his internship while employed as a school psychologist

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**Area Requested**

**11. Adkins, Laci  
Norman, OK**

**School Psychologist**

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology – University of Oklahoma  
Master's Degree in School Psychology—University of Central Oklahoma

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Norman Public Schools  
Dr. Joseph Siano, Superintendent  
Cleveland County

**Test Required for Certification:** Has passed the Praxis School Psychologist Test

Norman Public School is requesting an exception for a school psychologist for Ms. Laci Adkins. Ms. Adkins is required to complete a 1200-hour internship in order to be recommended for certification by the university. Upon completion of the internship requirement, she will be eligible for certification as a school psychologist. Approval by the State Board will permit Ms. Adkins to complete her internship while employed as a school psychologist.

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**Area Requested**

**12. Poe, Lauren  
Ada, OK**

**Intermediate/Middle Mathematics**

Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics – University of Oklahoma

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Norman Public Schools  
Dr. Joseph Siano, Superintendent  
Cleveland County

**Test Required for Certification:** Has passed the Advanced Mathematics Test  
Needs to pass Oklahoma General Test

Norman Public Schools is requesting an exception for Secondary Mathematics. Ms. Poe has a mathematics degree from the University of Oklahoma and has passed the advanced math test. Ms. Poe will complete certification through the Alternative Placement Program.

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**13. West, Danielle  
Yukon, OK**

**School Psychologist**

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology – University of Central Oklahoma  
Master's Degree in School Psychology—University of Central Oklahoma

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Norman Public Schools  
Dr. Joseph Siano, Superintendent  
Cleveland County

**Test Required for Certification:** Has passed the Praxis School Psychologist Test

Norman Public School is requesting an exception for a school psychologist for Ms. Danielle West. Ms. West is required to complete a 1200-hour internship in order to be recommended for certification by the university. Upon completion of the internship requirement, she will be eligible for certification as a school psychologist. Approval by the State Board will permit Ms. West to complete her internship while employed as a school psychologist.

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**Area Requested**

**14. Nockels, Cale  
Norman, OK**

**Intermediate/Middle Level Mathematics**

Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration – University of Central Oklahoma

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Oklahoma City Public Schools  
Mr. Karl Springer, Superintendent  
Cleveland County

**Test Required for Certification:**

Intermediate/Middle Mathematics  
Oklahoma General Education Text

Oklahoma Public Schools for an exception Intermediate/Middle Level Mathematics. Mr. Nockels has been accepted to the Alternative Placement Program. Mr. Nockels has taken college algebra, calculus and statistics while completing his Bachelor's degree.

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**Area Requested**

**15. Smith, Alicia  
Norman, OK**

**Library Media Specialist**

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology—University of Oklahoma  
Master's Degree in Library Media—University of Oklahoma

**Superintendent/County**

Oklahoma City Public School  
Mr. Karl Springer, Superintendent  
Oklahoma County

Test Required for Certification:

Has passed the Library Media Specialist Test

Oklahoma City Public Schools is asking for an exception for Library Media Specialist. Ms. Smith has a Master's degree in Library Media and has been accepted into the Alternative Placement Program.

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**Area Requested**

**16. Vandever, Paula  
Elk City, OK**

**Biological Science**  
Took the test on July 21, 2012  
Results will be available on August 17, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in Biology—East Central University

**Superintendent/County**

Seminole Public School  
Mr. Jeff Pritchard, Superintendent  
Seminole County

Test Required for Certification:

Biological Sciences

Seminole Public Schools is asking for an exception for a Biological Sciences position. Ms. Vandever has a bachelor's degree in biology from East Central University. Ms. Vandever has been admitted to the Alternative Placement Program.

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**Area Requested**

**17. Simon, Eugenia  
Durant, OK**

**Spanish**

Bachelor's Degree in Spanish—East Central University

**Superintendent/County**

Silo Public School  
Dr. Bill Caruthers, Superintendent  
Bryan County

Test Required for Certification:

Has taken and passed the Spanish Subject Area Test

Silo Public Schools is asking for an exception for Spanish for Ms. Eugenia Simon. Ms. Simon has a bachelor's degree in Spanish from East Central University. Ms. Simon will complete certification requirements for Alternative certification.

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**Area Requested**

**18. Sanders, Adam  
Checotah, OK**

**Biological Science, Physical Science, Middle Level Science**

Bachelor's Degree in Science – Oklahoma Baptist University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Strother Public School  
Dr. Bab Gragg, Superintendent  
Seminole County

**Test Required for Certification:**

Biological Sciences, Physical Science,  
Middle Level Science  
Oklahoma Professional Teachers Exam

Strother Public Schools is asking for an exception for Mr. Sanders for Biological Science, Physical Science and Middle Level Science. Mr. Sanders has completed a teacher education program at Oklahoma Baptist University and will be eligible for a standard teaching certificate once all of his testing is complete

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**Area Requested**

**19. Adair, Melanie  
Tulsa, OK**

**Elementary Education**  
Scheduled to take the test on September 15, 2012  
Results will be available on October 12, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in French – University of Mississippi  
Master's Degree in French—University of Mississippi

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Tulsa Public Schools  
Dr. Keith Ballard, Superintendent  
Tulsa County

**Test Required for Certification:**      Elementary Education

Tulsa Public Schools is requesting an exception for Elementary Education for Ms. Adair. Ms. Adair will be a French/English Elementary Teacher for Eisenhower's dual language program. Ms. Adair is currently certified in French.

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**Area Requested**

**20. Mason, Christy  
Tulsa, OK**

**Elementary Education**  
Scheduled to take the test on September 15, 2012  
Results will be available on October 12, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in French– University of Tulsa

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Tulsa Public Schools  
Dr. Keith Ballard, Superintendent  
Tulsa County

**Test Required for Certification:** Elementary Education

Tulsa Public Schools is requesting an exception for Elementary Education for Ms. Mason. Ms. Mason will be a French/English Elementary Teacher for Eisenhower's dual language program. Ms. Mason is currently certified in French.

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**Area Requested**

**21. Turner, Kenya  
Tulsa, OK**

**School Counselor**

Scheduled to take the School Counselor test on July 21, 2012  
Results will be available on August 17, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in Social Work—University of Oklahoma  
Master's Degree in School Social Work—Northeastern State University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Tulsa Public School  
Dr. Keith Ballard, Superintendent  
Tulsa County

Test Required for Certification:

School Counselor Test  
Oklahoma General Education Test

Tulsa Public Schools is requesting an exception for school counselor for Ms. Kenya Turner. Ms. Turner has a Master's degree Social work and has been admitted to the Alternative Placement program for School Counselor.

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**August 23, 2012**

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**Name of Applicant/Degree**

**Area Requested**

**22. Walling, Douglas  
Strafford, OK**

**Secondary English**

Bachelor's Degree in Sociology—East Central University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Wanette Public School  
Mr. Rick Riggs, Superintendent  
Pottawatomie County

Test Required for Certification:

Secondary English

Wanette Public Schools is asking for an exception for Secondary English for Mr. Douglas Walling. Mr. Walling is currently certified in Mid-Level English and will take the Secondary Subject Area Test.

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**Name of Applicant/Degree**

**Area Requested**

**23. Collins, Joseph  
Eufaula, OK**

**Spanish**

Took the Oklahoma General Test on July 21, 2012  
Results will be available on August 17, 2012

Bachelor's Degree in Spanish—University of Oklahoma State Department of Education

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Wilburton Public School  
Mr. Charles Enis, Superintendent  
Latimer County

Test Required for Certification:

Spanish

Wilburton Public Schools is asking for an exception for Spanish. Mr. Joseph Collins has a Bachelor's degree in Spanish. Mr. Collins has been a graduate assistant at the University of Oklahoma in their Spanish department for two years. Mr. Collins has been accepted into the Alternative Placement Program.

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