



JANET BARRESI  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Janet C. Barresi *JCB*

**DATE:** December 19, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Exceptions to the State Board of Education Regulations Concerning Teacher Certification as Presented by the Teacher Certification Section

The Teacher Certification Section presents these exceptions to the State Board of Education. These requests are based on district need.

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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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

December 20, 2012

70 O.S. § 6-187

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**Name of Applicant/Degree**

**Area Requested**

1. **Patrick Foster**

**Government**

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

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Coweta Public Schools

Mr. Jeff Holmes, Superintendent

Wagoner County

**Test Required for Certification:**

**U.S. History/Oklahoma History/  
Government/Economics Subject Area Test**

Coweta Public Schools is asking for an exception for Government for Mr. Patrick Foster. Mr. Foster is currently certified in Physical Education/Health Safety, American History and Middle School Social Studies. Mr. Foster will sign up for the U.S. History/Oklahoma History/Government /Economics subject area test

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2. Robert MacArthur

Intermediate/Middle Level Mathematics

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

**School District/Superintendent/County**

Cyril Public Schools

Mr. Jamie Mitchell, Superintendent

Caddo County

**Test Required for Certification:**

Intermediate/Middle Mathematics  
Subject Area Test

Cyril Public Schools is asking for an exception for Middle/Intermediate Mathematics for Mr. Robert MacArthur. Mr. MacArthur is currently certified in Math (6<sup>th</sup> grade) but this does not make him highly qualified. Mr. MacArthur has 15 college hours of math. Mr. MacArthur will sign up to take the Intermediate/Middle Mathematics subject area test. Mr. Mitchell asks that the board allows the certificate to be dated November 1, 2012.

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3. Ariel Werchan

Middle Level Science

Bachelor's Degree in Health Education—Oklahoma State University

**School District/Superintendent/County**

McLoud Public Schools

Mr. Doran Smith, Superintendent

Pottawatomie County

**Test Required for Certification:**

Middle Level Science Subject Area Test

McLoud Public Schools is asking for an exception for Middle Level Science for Ms. Ariel Werchan. Ms. Werchan has 17 hours of Science related college courses. Ms. Werchan will seek certification through the Alternative Placement Program.

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