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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: November 15, 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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Attachments

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Name of Applicant/Degree

Area Requested

1. Gonzales-Hall, Gretana
P.O. Box 148
Langston OK 73050

Biological Sciences

Bachelor's Degree in Biology—Langston University
Master's Degree—Elementary Administration—University of Central Oklahoma

School District/Superintendent/County
Agra Public School
Mr. Jay Thomas, Superintendent
Lincoln County

Test Required for Certification:

Biology Subject Area Test

Agra Public Schools is requesting an exception for Gretana Gonzales-Hall for Biological Sciences. Ms. Gonzales-Hall is currently certified in General Science. Ms. Gonzales-Hall is currently employed at Agra Public Schools.

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Area Requested

2. Evatt, Jared
10808 North Council Road, Apt. 6
Oklahoma City, OK 73162

Biological Sciences,

Bachelor's Degree in Biological Sciences—Southern Nazarene University

School District/Superintendent/County

Bethany Public School
Mr. Kent Shellenberger, Superintendent
Oklahoma County

Test Required for Certification:

Biological Science Subject Area Test

Bethany Public Schools is asking for an exception for Jared Evatt for Biological Sciences. The position was posted on October 17, 2012 and they have only received one application. Mr. Evatt has a Bachelor's degree in Biology. Mr. Evatt has observed the classes that he would be teaching. Mr. Evatt will seek certification through the Alternative Placement Program.

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Area Requested

3. Moore, Kenneth
7829 South Evanston Avenue
Tulsa, OK 74136

Business Education

Bachelor's Degree in Economics—University of Oklahoma

School District/Superintendent/County

Coweta Public School
Mr. Jeff Holmes
Wagoner County

Test Required for Certification:

Has passed the Business Education Test

Coweta Public Schools is asking for an exception for Business Education for Mr. Kenneth Moore. Mr. Moore has been accepted into the Alternative Placement Program. Mr. Moore has a Bachelor's degree in Business Education.

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Area Requested

4. Macrory, Joni
5706 Cimarron Manor
Guthrie OK 73044

Intermediate/Middle Mathematics

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education—Arkansas Tech University

School District/Superintendent/County

Edmond Public School
Dr. David Goin, Superintendent
Oklahoma County

Test Required for Certification: Intermediate/Middle Mathematics Subject Area Test

Edmond Public Schools is asking for an exception for Intermediate/Middle Mathematics for Ms. Joni Macrory. Ms. Macrory is currently certified in Elementary Education, Math grade 6 and Middle School Science. To be highly qualified Ms. Macrory needs certification in Intermediate/Middle Mathematics. Edmond Schools is asking that we back date the applicant's certificate to October 1, 2012.

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Area Requested

5. Miles, Karen
10506 Pinto Lane
Enid OK 73701

Early Childhood

Bachelor's Degree in Special Education—Oklahoma State University
Master's Degree in Special Education—Oklahoma State University

School District/Superintendent/County

Enid Public School
Mr. Shawn Hime, Superintendent
Garfield County

Test Required for Certification:

Early Childhood Subject Area Test

Enid Public Schools is requesting an exception for Ms. Karen Miles for Early Childhood. Ms. Miles is currently certified in Elementary Education and Special Education. Enid Public Schools has been unable to fill a half day pre-kindergarten opening and Ms. Miles is currently retired but is willing to go back to work to fill this position.

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Name of Applicant/Degree

Area Requested

6. Haler, Kimberly
3112 Westlake Road
Oklahoma City OK 73165

Physics

Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering—University of Arkansas

School District/Superintendent/County

Mid-America Technology Center
Mr. Dusty Ricks, Superintendent
McClain County

Test Required for Certification:

Physics Subject Area Test
Oklahoma General Education Test

Mid-America Technology Center is requesting an exception for Ms. Kimberly Haler for Physics. Ms. Haler has a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. Ms. Haler is seeking certification through the Alternative Placement Program. The teacher that was employed in this position had to resign due to health issues.