

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(d) (14 **Del.C.** §122(d))
14 **DE Admin. Code** 1520

FINAL

REGULATORY IMPLEMENTING ORDER

1520 Early Childhood Teacher

I. SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION SUBMITTED

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and consultation with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1520 Early Childhood Teacher. The regulation concerns the requirements for certification of educational personnel, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a). It was necessary to review and amend this regulation in order to provide current formatting and to eliminate unnecessary language. This regulation sets forth the requirements for an Early Childhood Teacher.

Notice of the proposed amendment of the regulation was published in the Delaware *Register of Regulations* on November 1, 2012. The notice invited written comments. Written comments were received from the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens and the State Council for Persons with Disabilities. Both Councils endorsed the proposed changes.

II. FINDINGS OF FACTS

The Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education find that it is appropriate to amend this regulation to comply with changes in statute.

III. DECISION TO AMEND THE REGULATION

For the foregoing reasons, the Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education conclude that it is appropriate to amend the regulation. Therefore, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1205(b), the regulation attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby amended. Pursuant to the provision of 14 **Del.C.** §122(e), the regulation hereby amended shall be in effect for a period of five years from the effective date of this order as set forth in Section V. below.

IV. TEXT AND CITATION

The text of the regulation amended shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and said regulation shall be cited as 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1520 of the Administrative Code of Regulations of the Professional Standards Board.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER

The effective date of this Order shall be ten (10) days from the date this Order is published in the Delaware *Register of Regulations*.

APPROVED BY THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012

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IT IS SO ORDERED the 20th day of December, 2012. Department of Education
Mark Murphy, Secretary of Education

Approved this 20th day of December, 2012

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1.0 Content

- 1.1 This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), for Early Childhood Teacher. This certification is valid for birth to grade two (2); however, certification as an Elementary Teacher may also be used in K to grade 2.
- 1.2 Except as otherwise provided, the requirements set forth in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

2.0 Definitions

The definitions set forth in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

3.0 Standard Certificate

- 3.1 In accordance with 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), the Department shall issue a Standard Certificate as an Early Childhood Teacher to an educator who has met the following:
 - 3.1.1 Holds a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License; or a Limited Standard, Standard or Professional Status Certificate issued by the Department prior to August 31, 2003; and,
 - 3.1.2 Has met the requirements as set forth in 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto; and,
 - 3.1.3 ~~Has satisfied the additional requirements in this regulation.~~

4.0 Additional Requirements

~~If an examination of content knowledge such as Praxis II is not applicable and available, in the area the Standard Certificate is requested, an educator must also meet the following:~~

- 4.1 ~~If the educator is applying for their second Standard Certificate pursuant to 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1505 Standard Certificate 3.1.5, the satisfactory completion of fifteen (15) credits or their equivalent in professional development related to Early Childhood Education, selected by the applicant with the approval of the employing school district or charter school which is submitted to the Department.~~

8 DE Reg. 1612 (5/1/05)

Renumbered effective 6/1/07 - see Conversion Table

11 DE Reg. 667 (11/01/07)

16 DE Reg. 755 (01/01/13) (Final)