

**RULES OF  
THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CHAPTER 0520-02-04  
EDUCATOR PREPARATION**

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**0520-02-04-.01 GENERAL INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS.**

- (1) All educator preparation providers and the licensure programs they offer must be approved by the State Board of Education. Approval shall be awarded based on policies established by the State Board of Education.
- (2) Licensure programs may be offered by Tennessee institutions of higher education, Tennessee local education agencies, education-related organizations, or the Tennessee Department of Education.
- (3) All approved educator preparation providers offered by Tennessee institutions of higher education and education-related organizations must establish and document a collaborative partnership with at least one Tennessee local education agency. Requirements for this partnership are defined in State Board of Education policy.
- (4) Licensure programs, which are conditionally or fully approved by the State Board of Education according to State Board of Education Policy, will be eligible to prepare and recommend candidates for licensure.
- (5) Educator preparation providers must identify the area(s) of endorsement, for which the candidate is recommended, when the licensure application is submitted. Eligibility for endorsement areas are defined in State Board of Education policy.
- (6) Educator preparation providers that offer programs for additional endorsements shall submit to the Tennessee Department of Education a list of specialty areas in which additional endorsements are offered. Providers will verify completion of the appropriate course requirements to the Tennessee Department of Education.

**0520-02-04-.14 RENEWAL OF TEACHER LICENSES.**

Prior to August 1, 2015, a license shall not be eligible for renewal unless such license expires prior to August 1, 2015.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The provisions of these rules shall be effective August 1, 2015; provided, however, Rule 0520-02-04-.14 – RENEWAL OF TEACHER LICENSES – shall be effective immediately.