

**Educator Preparation Policy 5.504**

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**The Background:**

This policy was recently updated to align to and support the updated Educator Preparation Rule. This first read item is to ensure previous language regarding how educators will be prepared for RTI<sup>2</sup> (p. 7), the requirements for annual reports for instructional leader preparation programs (p. 8), and primary partnerships for the preparation of instructional leaders are included in this updated version of the policy (p. 9).

This first read item also updates candidate admission requirements (p. 9) and clarifies the expectations for clinical practice for job-embedded candidates to include at least two (2) settings (p. 13).

**The Fiscal Analysis Impact:**

T.C.A. § 49-1-212 requires that the Department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule, or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

**Policy Justification:**

T.C.A. § 4-5-230 requires that justification for adopting an item as a policy instead of a rule be submitted to the chair of the Government Operations Committee. This item is proposed to be adopted as a policy because it defines or explains the meaning of a statute or rule and/or concerns only the internal management of state government that does not affect private rights or privileges.

**The Recommendation:**

The Department of Education recommends acceptance of this item on first reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.