
Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy 5.105

The Background:

Over the past 18 months, the State Board of Education adopted two new rules and two new policies to address educator licensure and preparation. The previous rules, Teacher Education and Licensure (0520-02-03) and Licensure (0520-02-04) were replaced with Educator Licensure (0520-02-03) and Educator Preparation (0520-02-04). In addition, the new Educator Licensure Policy replaces the Transitional Licensure Policy. In tandem with this change, the Board also adopted the Educator Preparation Policy, which replaced the Tennessee Licensure Standards and Induction Guidelines, as well as the Transitional Licensure Policy.

There are several very small technical changes to the new Professional Assessments Policy to align it with the Educator Licensure Policy and the Educator Preparation Policy. The following changes have been made since first reading in July:

- **Page 2:** Adds 6-12/PreK-12 to the Chinese (Mandarin) endorsement.
- **Page 2:** Changes the grade span on Family & Consumer Sciences from 6-12/7-12 to 5-12/6-12.
- **Page 2:** Adds a hyphen to PreK-12 for the Library Information Specialist.
- **Page 3:** Changes the grade span on Interventionist from K-5 to K-8 to reflect the new educator licensure policy and the educator preparation policy.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

This item has no financial impact on an LEA.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The SBE staff concurs with this recommendation.