Interpreter Certification Review

Interpreter Reminder (March Spedometer)

Which of your interpreters were interpreting four years ago? There is an expectation of a score of 4.0 to be a certified interpreter in the schools on the EIPA. Interpreters will have until **August 1, 2013** to bring their scores to a 4.0. Many have taken advantage of the numerous in-services, trainings, and workshops that have been sponsored throughout the last four years. Those who have not been able to reach a 4.0 will need to go through a case-by-case study of their information by the UIP. This requirement increases the skill level of all interpreters. Example: An interpreter may take the EIPA for the first time and get a score of 3.2. That person will have four years from that date to reach a 4.0. There are many interpreters who fall in this category already and they will continue to the four year point or until they reach a 4.0 with in those four years. This impacts all LEAs. There are LEAs who hire their own interpreters or contract with USDB. USDB is ready to assist LEAs in finding interpreters. Please review interpreter certifications, dates, and scores to ensure compliance. For further information contact: Christine.timothy@schools.utah.gov

Utah Certification Board Decision

EIPA Certified interpreters who tested on or before July 31, 2009 will be required to have 4.0 as of August 1, 2013. If they do not have a 4.0 their recognition will expire on July 31, 2013 and they will no longer be legally allowed to provide interpreting services in the State of Utah. No extensions will be granted. If you are uncertain whether or not this will affect you please contact Stephanie Crosland scrosland@utah.gov or 801-263-4877. (Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 2009.)