

Motion to Waive Board Rule Provisions due to COVID-19

April 2, 2020

In light of the national and state declarations of state of emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and in addition to the waivers approved by the Board on March 19, 2020, it is moved that the State Board of Education:

- 1) grants to local education agencies (LEAs) a statewide waiver of the employee evaluation requirements of R277-531 and 533, including the requirement for an educator or administrator to have a certain number of observations or a summative rating for the 2019-20 school year;
- 2) grants teacher candidates a waiver of the minimum clock hours requirements for university students currently enrolled in a board approved educator preparation licensure program in Section R277-504-3;
- 3) grants teacher candidates a waiver for receiving a C or better in all education related courses and major required content courses for university students currently enrolled in a board approved educator preparation licensure program and expecting to complete fieldwork/clinical experience requirements for courses or experiences between January 1, 2020 and before June 30, 2020 in Section R277-504-3 as long as the teacher candidate receives at least a passing grade in the applicable courses;
- 4) grants to educational leadership candidates currently enrolled in a board approved educational leadership preparation program and expecting to complete educational leadership requirements on or before June 30, 2020, a waiver of minimum clock hour requirements for educational leaders in Section R277-505-5;
- 5) grants to School Psychologists, School Social Workers, School Counselors, Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Speech Language Technicians candidates a waiver of the minimum clock hour requirements in R277-506 for candidates completing applicable requirements between January 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020;
- 6) grants a waiver for university students currently enrolled in a board approved licensure program and expecting to complete fieldwork/clinical experience requirements on or before June 30, 2020 in R277-506; and
- 7) for educators whose licenses are required to be renewed by June 30, 2020, extends the June 30 deadline in Section R277-500-4 to October 31, 2020 to allow educators more time to renew their licenses.