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**IDAPA 08  
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CHAPTER 02**

**08.02.02 - RULES GOVERNING UNIFORMITY**

**000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.**

All rules in IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity," are promulgated pursuant to the authority of the State Board of Education under Article IX, Section 2 of the Idaho Constitution and under Sections 33-105, 33-107, 33-116, and 33-1612, Idaho Code. Specific statutory references for particular rules are also noted as additional authority where appropriate. (7-1-02)

**001. TITLE AND SCOPE.**

**01. Title.** These rules shall be known as IDAPA 08.02.02, "Rules Governing Uniformity". (4-5-00)

**02. Scope.** Uniform standards and governance by the State Board of Education pertinent to Teacher Certification, School Facilities, Accreditation, Transportation, School Release Time, Driver's Education and Juvenile Detention Centers. (7-1-02)

**002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.**

In accordance with Section 67-5201(19)(b)(iv), Idaho Code, any written interpretations of the rules of this chapter are available at the Office of the State Board of Education located at 650 W. State St., Room 307, Boise, Idaho 83702. (7-1-02)

**003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.**

Unless otherwise provided for in these rules, administrative appeals are by written application to the State Board of Education pursuant to IDAPA 08.01.01, "Rules of the State Board of Education and Board of Regents of the University of Idaho – Administrative Procedures and Records," Section 050. (3-14-05)

**004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.**

The State Board of Education adopts and incorporates into its rules: (4-5-00)

**01. Incorporated Document.** The Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel as approved on in June 2004. (4-6-05)

**02. Document Availability.** The Standards are available at the Office of the State Board of Education, 650 W. State St., PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0037, and can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.idahoboardofed.org>. (3-16-04)

**03. Incorporated Document.** The Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations as approved on August 13, 2004. (4-6-05)

**04. Document Availability.** The Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations are available at the Idaho State Department of Education, 650 W. State St., Boise, Idaho, 83702. (7-1-02)

**05. Incorporated Document.** The Idaho Standards for Public School Driver Education and Training as approved on August 13, 2004. (4-6-05)

**06. Document Availability.** The Idaho Standards for Public School Driver Education and Training are available at the Idaho State Department of Education, 650 W. State St., Boise, Idaho, 83702. (5-3-03)

**07. Incorporated Document.** The Idaho Standards for Commercial Driving Schools as approved on March 10, 2005. (3-10-05)T

**08. Document Availability.** The Idaho Standards for Commercial Driving Schools is available at the Idaho State Department of Education, 650 W. State St., Boise, Idaho, 83702. (3-14-05)

**005. OFFICE - OFFICE HOURS – MAILING AND STREET ADDRESS.**

The principal place of business of the State Board of Education (SBOE) and State Department of Education (SDE) is in Boise, Idaho. Both offices are located at 650 W. State, Boise Idaho, 83702. The SDE is on the 2nd Floor, the SBOE is found in Room 307. Both offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Sunday and legal holidays. The mailing address for the SBOE is PO Box 83720, Boise, ID, 83720-0037. The mailing address for the SDE is PO Box 83720, Boise, ID, 83720-0027. The SBOE phone numbers is (208) 334-2270 and the SDE phone number is (208) 332-6800. (7-1-02)

**006. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.**

This rule has been promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code, and is a public record. (7-1-02)

**007. DEFINITIONS.**

**01. Active Teacher.** K-12 teacher with a valid Idaho certificate who is currently teaching in an Idaho K-12 classroom/school. (3-16-04)

**02. Alternative Routes.** Routes to teacher certification designed for candidates who want to enter the teaching profession from non-education professions or the para-educator profession, or for teachers lacking certification in a specific area defined as an emergency district need. (3-16-04)

**03. Credential.** The general term used to denote the document on which all of a person's educational certificates and endorsements are listed. The holder is entitled to provide educational services in any and/or all areas listed on the credential. (3-16-04)

**04. Endorsement.** Term used to refer to the content area or specific area of expertise in which a holder is granted permission to provide services. (3-16-04)

**05. Idaho Student Achievement Standards.** Standards of achievement for Idaho's K-12 students. See IDAPA 08.02.03, "Rules Governing Thoroughness". (3-16-04)

**06. Institutional Recommendation.** Signed form or written verification from an accredited institution with an approved teacher preparation program stating that an individual has completed the program and is now being recommended for state certification. (3-16-04)

**07. Orientation.** School district/school process used to acquaint teachers new to district/school on its policies, procedures and processes. (3-16-04)

**08. Para-Educator.** Aides and assistants employed by school districts to supplement instruction and provide additional assistance to students. (3-16-04)

**09. Pedagogy.** Teaching knowledge and skills. (3-16-04)

**008. -- 010. (RESERVED).**

**011. TECHNOLOGY STANDARDS.**

The proliferation of technology in our daily lives makes it essential that certificated educators are technologically literate. The State Board of Education has established a statewide goal that teachers and administrators be trained in the use of technology for education. (5-3-03)

**01. Preservice Competency.** All applicants for initial Idaho certification (Kindergarten through grade 12) from an Idaho approved teacher education program must demonstrate beginning technology skills by passing a basic educational technology competency assessment. (5-3-03)

**02. Renewal.** (5-3-03)

**a.** For certificate renewal purposes, all individuals holding a valid Idaho certificate (pre-kindergarten

through grade 12) shall demonstrate technology competency by passing a basic educational technology assessment as approved by the State Board of Education. (5-3-03)

**b.** As part of the certificate renewal process, the applicant shall submit an original certificate of completion, a notarized copy of the certificate, or an official letter of completion from a State Board of Education-approved provider of the technology competency assessment. (5-3-03)

**c.** Evidence of meeting the competency requirement shall be accepted from January 1, 1997, the implementation date as approved by the State Board of Education. For renewal purposes, passing the technology competency assessment is required only once. (5-3-03)

**03. Waiver of Technology Competency.** (5-3-03)

**a.** When applying for certificate renewal, an automatic waiver of the technology requirement shall be granted for any certificated individual who lives outside of the state of Idaho or who is not currently employed as an educator in the state of Idaho. This waiver applies only as long as the individual remains outside the state of Idaho or as long as the individual is not employed as an educator in the state of Idaho. (5-3-03)

**b.** The State Superintendent of Public Instruction will develop and oversee a process for requests for waivers from certificated educators who would otherwise be covered by this rule. (5-3-03)

**04. Out-of-State Applicants.** (5-3-03)

**a.** An out-of-state applicant for an Idaho certificate shall be granted a three-year, non-renewable interim certificate to allow time to meet the Idaho technology competency requirement. (5-3-03)

**b.** Those individuals who qualify for an Idaho certificate through the NASDTEC (National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification) Interstate Contract reciprocity agreement shall be granted a three-year, non-renewable, interim certificate to allow time to meet the Idaho technology competency requirement. (5-3-03)

**05. Assessment Methods.** Preservice educators, holders of a valid Idaho certificate, and out-of-state applicants may elect to use any State Board of Education-approved technology assessment, including: (5-3-03)

**a.** The Idaho Technology Competency Exam; (5-3-03)

**b.** The Idaho Technology Portfolio Assessment; (5-3-03)

**c.** The Idaho Technology Performance Assessment; or (5-3-03)

**d.** Another process which meets the express approval of the State Board of Education to demonstrate the required basic technology competency. (5-3-03)

**012. ACCREDITED INSTITUTION.**

For purposes of teacher certification, an accredited school, college, university, or other teacher training institution is considered by the Idaho State Board of Education to be one that is accredited by a regional accrediting association recognized by the State Board of Education or an alternative model approved by the State Board of Education. (Sections 33-107; 33-114; 33-1203, Idaho Code) (4-1-97)

**013. CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS TRAINED IN FOREIGN INSTITUTIONS.**

Considering credentials for teacher certification submitted by persons trained in the institutions of foreign countries will be initiated by a translation and evaluation of the applicant's credentials. (4-1-97)

**01. Determination of Eligibility.** Determination of eligibility for certification will be made by the State Department of Education as the agent of the State Board of Education. Appeals may be made to the Professional Standards Commission, (PSC). (Section 33-1209, Idaho Code) (3-16-04)

**02. Other Procedures.** All other procedures in effect at the time must be followed at the time of application. (4-1-97)

**014. CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO APPLICANTS FROM REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS.**

**01. The Department of Education.** The department of education is authorized to issue Idaho Certificates to applicants from regionally accredited institutions meeting requirements for certification or equivalent (i.e., those based on a bachelor's degree) in other states when they substantially meet the requirements for the Idaho Certificate. (Sections 33-1203; 33-2203 Idaho Code) (3-16-04)

**02. The State Division of Professional-Technical Education.** The state division of professional-technical education is authorized to determine whether applicants meet the requirements for instructing or administering professional-technical programs at the secondary and postsecondary levels. (Section 33-2203, Idaho Code) (3-16-04)

**015. IDAHO INTERIM CERTIFICATE.**

Issuance of interim certificate. The State Department of Education is authorized to issue a non-renewable, three-year (3) interim certificate to those applicants who hold a valid certificate/license from another state. (3-16-04)

**016. IDAHO EDUCATOR CREDENTIAL.**

The State Board of Education authorizes the State Department of Education to issue certificates and endorsements to those individuals meeting the specific requirements for each area provided herein. (Section 33-1201, Idaho Code) (3-16-04)

**017. CONTENT, PEDAGOGY AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR CERTIFICATION.**

State Board of Education approved content, pedagogy and performance area assessments shall be used in the state of Idaho to ensure qualified teachers are employed in Idaho's classrooms. The Professional Standards Commission shall recommend assessments and qualifying scores to the State Board of Education for approval. (3-16-04)

**018. STANDARD ELEMENTARY CERTIFICATE.**

A Standard Elementary Certificate makes an individual eligible to teach grades Kindergarten (K) through eight (8), and may be issued to any person who has a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and who meets the following requirements: (3-16-04)

**01. Professional Education Core Requirements.** (3-16-04)

**a.** A minimum of twenty-four (24) semester credit hours, or thirty-six (36) quarter credit hours, in the philosophical, psychological, and methodological foundations and in the professional subject matter of elementary education, which shall include at least six (6) semester credit hours, or nine (9) quarter credit hours, in developmental reading and its application to the content area. (3-16-04)

**b.** At least six (6) semester credit hours, or nine (9) quarter credit hours, of elementary student teaching or two (2) years of satisfactory experience as a teacher in grades K-8. (3-16-04)

**02. General Education Requirements.** A minimum of forty-four (44) semester credit hours, or sixty-six (66) quarter credit hours, in general education selected from the following areas: the humanities, the social sciences, the fine arts, mathematics, natural sciences, and language skills. These credits shall include the following: (3-16-04)

**a.** Twelve (12) semester credit hours, or eighteen (18) quarter credit hours, of English, including composition and literature. (3-16-04)

**b.** Twelve (12) semester credit hours, or eighteen (18) quarter credit hours, of social science, including U.S. history and/or American (federal) government (psychology will not satisfy this requirement). Course work accepted as social science shall be earned through these departments: History, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics and/or Geography. (3-16-04)

**c.** Eight (8) semester credit hours, or twelve (12) quarter credit hours, in two (2) or more areas of natural science (psychology will not satisfy this requirement). The three (3) natural science areas are: Biological Science, Physical Science and Earth Science. (3-16-04)

**d.** Three (3) semester credit hours, or four (4) quarter credit hours, of fine arts (music or art) department course work. (3-16-04)

**e.** Six (6) semester credit hours, or nine (9) quarter credit hours, in math department course work. (3-16-04)

**f.** Three (3) semester credit hours, or four (4) quarter credit hours, in the content or methods of physical education and/or health education, exclusive of activity classes. (3-16-04)

**03. Additional Requirements.** An institutional recommendation from an accredited college or university or verification of two (2) years of teaching experience in grades Kindergarten (K) through eight (8). (3-16-04)

**04. Ninth Grade Endorsement.** If an individual with a Standard Elementary Certificate completes the requirements for a subject area endorsement as outlined under requirements for a Standard Secondary Certificate, an endorsement allowing teaching of that subject through grade nine (9) may be added to the Standard Elementary Certificate. (3-16-04)

**05. Proficiency.** Proficiency in areas noted above is measured by completion of the credit hour requirements provided herein. Additionally, each candidate shall meet or exceed the state qualifying score on approved elementary content area and pedagogy assessments. (3-16-04)

**019. EARLY CHILDHOOD / EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION BLENDED CERTIFICATE.**

An Early Childhood / Early Childhood Special Education Blended Certificate is non-categorical and makes an individual eligible to teach in any educational setting for youth from birth to grade three (3), including those who are at-risk or have developmental delays. The Early Childhood / Early Childhood Special Education Blended Certificate may be issued to any person with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and who meets the following minimum requirements: (3-16-04)

**01. Professional Education Requirements.** (3-16-04)

**a.** A minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours, or forty-five (45) quarter credit hours, in the philosophical, psychological, and methodological foundations, in instructional technology, and in the professional subject matter of early childhood and early childhood-special education. The professional subject matter of early childhood and early childhood-special education shall include course work specific to the young child from birth through grade three (3) in the areas of child development and learning; curriculum development and implementation; family and community relationships; assessment and evaluation; professionalism; and, application of technologies. (3-16-04)

**b.** The required thirty (30) semester credit hours, or forty-five (45) quarter credit hours, shall include not less than six (6) semester credit hours, or nine (9) quarter credit hours, of early childhood student teaching and three (3) semester credit hours, or four (4) quarter credit hours, of developmental reading. (3-16-04)

**02. General Education Requirements.** A minimum of forty-four (44) semester credit hours, or sixty-six (66) quarter credit hours, in general education selected from the following areas: the humanities, the social sciences, the fine arts, mathematics, natural sciences, and language skills. These credits shall include the following: (3-16-04)

**a.** Twelve (12) semester credit hours, or eighteen (18) quarter credit hours, of English, including composition and literature. (3-16-04)

**b.** Twelve (12) semester credit hours, or eighteen (18) quarter credit hours, of social science, including U.S. history and/or American (federal) government (psychology will not satisfy this requirement). Course work accepted as social science must be earned through these departments: History, Political Science, Sociology, Anthropology, Economics and/or Geography. (3-16-04)

**c.** Eight (8) semester credit hours, or twelve (12) quarter credit hours, in two (2) or more areas of natural science (psychology will not satisfy this requirement). The three (3) natural science areas are: Biological Science, Physical Science and Earth Science. (3-16-04)

**d.** Three (3) semester credit hours, or four (4) quarter credit hours, of fine arts (music or art) department course work. (3-16-04)

**e.** Six (6) semester credit hours, or nine (9) quarter credit hours, in math department course work. (3-16-04)

**f.** Three (3) semester credit hours, or four (4) quarter credit hours, in the content or methods of physical education and/or health education, exclusive of activity classes. (3-16-04)

**03. Additional Requirements.** An institutional recommendation from an accredited college or university, and passage of the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Exam. (3-16-04)

**04. Proficiency.** Proficiency in areas noted above is measured by completion of the credit hour requirements provided herein. Additionally, each candidate shall meet or exceed the state qualifying score on approved early-childhood assessments. (3-16-04)

**020. STANDARD SECONDARY CERTIFICATE.**

A Standard Secondary Certificate makes an individual eligible to teach in grades six (6) through twelve (12). A Secondary Certificate may be issued to any person with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and who meets the following minimum requirements: (3-16-04)

**01. Professional Education Core Requirements.** (3-16-04)

**a.** A minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours, or thirty (30) quarter credit hours, in the philosophical, psychological, and methodological foundations, instructional technology, and in the professional subject matter of secondary education, which must include at least three (3) semester credit hours, or four (4) quarter credit hours, of reading in the content area. (3-16-04)

**b.** The required twenty (20) semester credit hours, or thirty (30) quarter credit hours, must also include at least six (6) semester credit hours, or nine (9) quarter credit hours, of secondary student teaching or two (2) years of satisfactory experience as a teacher in grades six (6) through twelve (12). (3-16-04)

**02. General Education Requirements.** Preparation in at least two (2) fields of secondary teaching: a major subject of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours, or forty-five (45) quarter credit hours, and a minor subject of at least twenty (20) semester credit hours, or thirty (30) quarter credit hours. Preparation of not less than forty-five (45) semester credit hours, or sixty-seven (67) quarter credit hours, in a single subject area may be used in lieu of a major and minor field. (3-16-04)

**03. Additional Requirements.** An institutional recommendation from an accredited college or university or verification of two (2) years of teaching experience in grades six (6) through twelve (12). (3-16-04)

**04. Proficiency.** Proficiency in areas noted above is measured by completion of the credit hour requirements provided herein. Additionally, each candidate must have a qualifying score on an approved content area assessment in any area(s) for which the certificate or endorsement(s) will be applied. (3-16-04)

**021. ENDORSEMENTS.**

Holders of a Secondary Certificate or a Standard Elementary Certificate may be granted endorsements in subject areas as provided herein. An official statement of competency in a teaching area or field is acceptable in lieu of



courses for a teaching major or minor if such statements originate in the department or division of the accredited college or university in which the competency is established and are approved by the director of teacher education of the recommending college or university. To add an endorsement to an existing credential, an individual shall complete the credit hour requirements as provided herein and shall also meet or exceed the state qualifying score on appropriate, state approved content, pedagogy and performance assessments. When converting semester credit hours to quarter credit hours, two (2) semester credit hours is equal to three (3) quarter credit hours. (3-16-04)

**022. ENDORSEMENTS A - D.**

- 01. Agriculture Science and Technology (6-12).** (3-16-04)
- a.** Forty-five (45) semester credit hours including course work in each of the following areas: agriculture education; agriculture mechanics; agriculture business management; soil science; animal science; and plant science. (3-16-04)
- b.** Occupational teacher preparation coursework as provided in Sections 034 through 038. (3-16-04)
- 02. American Government (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours, including six (6) semester credit hours in American Government; six (6) semester credit hours in American History; three (3) semester credit hours in Comparative Government; with remaining course work taken in History or Political Science. (3-16-04)
- 03. American Studies (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of American Studies. (3-16-04)
- 04. Anthropology (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Anthropology. (3-16-04)
- 05. Art (K-12 or 6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Art. To obtain an Art (K-12) endorsement, applicants holding a Secondary Certificate must complete an elementary methods course, and applicants holding a Standard Elementary Certificate must complete a secondary methods course. (3-16-04)
- 06. Arts and Crafts (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include coursework in four (4) of the following areas: woodworking; plastics; metal art; graphic art; ceramics; leather work; or drafting. (3-16-04)
- 07. Bilingual Education (K-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include six (6) upper division credits in Modern Languages; three (3) semester credit hours in Cultural Diversity in the target language and/or in cross-cultural or multi-cultural course work; seven (7) semester credit hours in English as a Second Language, which shall include three (3) semester credit hours in Methodology and one (1) semester credit hour in Bilingual Practicum or Field Experience, with remaining credit hours in foundations, applied linguistics, testing, or bilingual education. Additionally, no more than five (5) semester credit hours of workshop credit will be accepted for this endorsement. (3-16-04)
- 08. Biological Science (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include at least six (6) semester credit hours of course work in each of the following areas: Botany and Zoology. (3-16-04)
- 09. Business Technology Education (6-12).** (3-16-04)
- a.** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include course work in each of the following areas: Intermediate or Advanced Keyboarding; Accounting; and Business/Office Procedures. (3-16-04)
- b.** Occupational teacher preparation as provided in Sections 034 through 038. (3-16-04)
- 10. Chemistry (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Chemistry. (3-16-04)
- 11. Communication (6-12).** Follow one (1) of the following options: (3-16-04)
- a.** Option I: Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include Methods of Teaching Speech/Communications plus course work in at least four (4) of the following areas: Interpersonal Communication/Human

Relations; Argumentation/Personal Persuasion; Group Communications; Nonverbal Communication; Public Speaking; and Drama/Theater Arts. (3-16-04)

**b.** Option II: Possess an English endorsement plus at least twelve (12) semester credit hours distributed among the following: Interpersonal Communication/Human Relations, Public Speaking, and Methods of Teaching Speech/Communication. (3-16-04)

**12. Communications/Drama (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours including a minimum of six (6) credit hours in each of the following areas: Communications and Drama. (3-16-04)

**13. Consumer Economics (6-12).** Hold an endorsement in Agricultural Science and Technology; Family and Consumer Sciences; Social Studies; Business Technology Education; or Marketing Technology Education and have at least six (6) semester credit hours in Economics and three (3) semester credit hours in a course designed for the average consumer. (3-16-04)

**14. Drafting (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Drafting. (3-16-04)

**15. Dramatics (6-12).** Follow one (1) of the following options: (3-16-04)

**a.** Twenty (20) semester credit hours, including a minimum of sixteen (16) semester credit hours in Drama or Theater Arts and four (4) semester credit hours in Communications. (3-16-04)

**b.** Possess an endorsement in English plus a minimum of six (6) semester credit hours in Drama or Theater Arts. (3-16-04)

**16. Driver Education (6-12).** Two (2) semester credit hours in Basic Driver Education for Teachers and two (2) semester credit hours in any of the following: Advanced Driver Education; Driver Simulation Education; Traffic Engineering; General Safety Education; or Highway Transportation. Additionally, an individual must have three (3) years of satisfactory driving experience immediately prior to endorsement as verified by the Motor Vehicle Division of the State Department of Transportation. (3-16-04)

**023. ENDORSEMENTS E - L.**

**01. Earth Science (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours including course work in each of the following: Earth Science; Astronomy; and Geology. (3-16-04)

**02. Economics (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Economics. (3-16-04)

**03. Education Media Generalist (K-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the field of Education Media or Library Science, including a minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours of course work distributed among each of the following: Material Selection/Collection Development; Literature for Youth; Organization/Administration of Educational Materials; Library Automation/Information Technology Research Methods. (3-16-04)

**04. English (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours, including three (3) semester credit hours in Linguistics/Grammar, three (3) semester credit hours in American Literature, three (3) semester credit hours in English Literature, six (6) semester credit hours in Advanced Composition, excluding the introductory sequence designed to meet general education requirements. Remaining credits must be completed in the English Department, and must include some course work in Writing Methods for Teachers of Secondary Students. (3-16-04)

**05. English as a Second Language (ESL) (K-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include four (4) semester credit hours in Modern Languages; three (3) semester credit hours in Cultural Diversity; three (3) semester credit hours in ESL Methods; three (3) semester credit hours in Philosophical Foundations, Theory, Testing/Identification of Limited English Proficient Students OR Applied Linguistics in ESL; one (1) semester credit in ESL Practicum or Field Experience; and three (3) semester credit hours in an ESL related elective. Additionally, no more than five (5) semester credits of workshop will be accepted for this endorsement. (3-16-04)

**06. Family and Consumer Science (6-12).** (3-16-04)

**a.** Thirty (30) semester credit hours to include coursework in each of the following: Child/Human Development; Human/Family Relations; Directed Laboratory Experience in Childcare; Clothing and Textiles, Cultural Dress, Fashion Merchandising, or Design Nutrition; Food Preparation, Food Production, or Culinary Arts; Housing, Interior Design, Home Management, or Equipment; Consumer Economics or Family Resource Management; Introduction to Family Consumer Sciences; and, Integration of Family Consumer Sciences or Family Consumer Science Methods. (3-16-04)

**b.** Occupational Teacher Preparation as provided in Sections 034 through 038. (3-16-04)

**07. Foreign Language (6-12 or K-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours with course work in a specific foreign language. To obtain an endorsement in a specific foreign language (K-12), applicants holding a Secondary Certificate must complete an elementary methods course, and applicants holding a Standard Elementary Certificate must complete a secondary methods course. (3-16-04)

**08. Geography (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Geography. (3-16-04)

**09. Geology (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Geology. (3-16-04)

**10. Gifted and Talented (K-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours, to include three (3) semester credits hours in each of the following: Foundations of Gifted and Talented Education; Creative/Critical Thinking Skills for Gifted and Talented Students; Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted and Talented Students; Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted and Talented Students; and Practicum and Program Design for Gifted and Talented Education. (3-16-04)

**11. Health (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include course work in Organization/Administration of a School Health Program; Health Science; Methods of Teaching Health; and a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours in at least four (4) of the following areas: Mental Health; Consumer Health; Nutrition; Human Sexuality; Aging, Death and Dying; Safety and Accident Prevention; Fitness/Wellness; Substance Use and Abuse; Disease; and Community/Environmental Health. (3-16-04)

**12. History (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include at least nine (9) semester credit hours in United States History, and at least three (3) semester credit hours in American Federal Government. Remaining course work must be in History or Political Science. (3-16-04)

**13. Humanities (6-12).** An endorsement in English or History, and twenty (20) semester credit hours, including at least six (6) semester credit hours in each of two (2) of the following: Art; Drama; English; History; Humanities; Music; Foreign Language; and Philosophy. (3-16-04)

**14. Journalism (6-12).** Follow one (1) of the following options: (3-16-04)

**a.** Option I: Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include a minimum of sixteen (16) semester credit hours in Journalism and four (4) semester credit hours in English. (3-16-04)

**b.** Option II: Possess an English endorsement with a minimum of six (6) semester credit hours in Journalism. (3-16-04)

**024. ENDORSEMENTS M - Z.**

**01. Marketing Technology Education (6-12).** (3-16-04)

**a.** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include course work in each of the following areas: Marketing; Management; Economics; Coordination of Cooperative Programs; Merchandising/Retailing; and Curriculum and Materials Marketing, with remaining credit hours in the field of business. (3-16-04)

**b.** Occupational teacher preparation as provided in Sections 034 through 038. (3-16-04)

- 02. Mathematics - Basic (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in Mathematics including course work in Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry. Six (6) semester credit hours of computer programming may be substituted for six (6) semester credits in Mathematics. (3-16-04)
- 03. Mathematics - Standard (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours including course work in Calculus and Analytical Geometry, with remaining course work in Mathematics. Six (6) semester credit hours of computer programming may be substituted for six (6) semester credits in Mathematics. (3-16-04)
- 04. Music (6-12 or K-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include course work in the following: Theory and Harmony; Music History or Appreciation; Conducting; Applied Music; and Music Methods/Materials. To obtain a Music K-12 endorsement, applicants holding a Secondary Certificate must complete an elementary music methods course. (3-16-04)
- 05. Natural Science (6-12).** Follow one (1) of the following options: (3-16-04)
- a.** Option I: Must have an endorsement in biology, physics, chemistry, or geology, plus a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours to include a basic course plus a lab in each of the following areas: Biology; Physics; Chemistry; and Geology. The remaining course work may be taken from any of the following Natural Science areas: Biological Sciences; Botany; Zoology; Physical Science; Earth Science; Astronomy; Oceanography; Ecology; or Limnology (3-16-04)
- b.** Option II: Possess an endorsement in Agriculture Science & Technology and complete a minimum of twenty (20) hours of coursework to include a basic course plus a lab in the Biological Sciences; Physical Science, and Earth Science. The remaining course work may be taken in Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Astronomy, Oceanography, Ecology, or Limnology. A passing score on the Praxis test for Natural Science is required. (3-16-04)
- 06. Philosophy (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Philosophy. (3-16-04)
- 07. Physics (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Physics. (3-16-04)
- 08. Physical Education (PE) (6-12 or K-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include course work in each of the following areas: Sport Skills; Secondary PE Methods; Student Evaluation in PE; Administration of a PE Program; Health; PE for Special Populations; Exercise Science; Sports Psychology or Sociology; and Movement. To obtain a Physical Education K-12 endorsement, applicants holding a Secondary Certificate must complete an elementary PE methods course. (3-16-04)
- 09. Physical Education/Health.** (3-16-04)
- 10. Physical Science (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of physical science to include a minimum of eight (8) semester credit hours in each of the following: Chemistry and Physics. (3-16-04)
- 11. Political Science.** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Political Science. (3-16-04)
- 12. Psychology.** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Psychology. (3-16-04)
- 13. Reading (6-12 or K-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of reading including a minimum of fifteen (15) semester credit hours distributed among each of the following areas: Foundations of Reading or Developmental Reading; Reading in the Content Area; Literature for Youth; Psycholinguistics or Language Development; and Corrective/Diagnostic/Remedial Reading. To obtain a Reading K-12 endorsement, applicants holding a Secondary Certificate must complete an elementary methods course. (3-16-04)
- 14. Social Studies (6-12).** Must have an endorsement in History, Political Science, Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, Psychology, or Geography plus a minimum of twenty (20) semester credit hours of which the following are required: a minimum of six (6) semester credit hours of general U.S. history survey; a minimum of three (3) semester credit hours of American Federal Government. The remaining semester credit hours must include work from all of the following areas: World History, Geography, Economics, Anthropology, Sociology, and

Psychology. (3-16-04)

**15. Sociology (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours in the area of Sociology. (3-16-04)

**16. Sociology/Anthropology (6-12).** Twenty (20) semester credit hours including a minimum of six (6) semester credit hours in each of the following: Anthropology and Sociology. (3-16-04)

**17. Technology Education (6-12).** (3-16-04)

**a.** Twenty (20) semester credit hours to include course work in each of the following areas: Communication Technology; Computer Applications; Construction Technology; Electronics Technology; Manufacturing Technology; Power, Energy and Transportation; and Principles of Technology. (3-16-04)

**b.** Occupational teacher preparation as provided in Sections 034 through 038. (3-16-04)

**025. NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE (SECTION 33-1280, IDAHO CODE).**

Each Indian tribe shall provide to the State Department of Education the names of those highly and uniquely qualified individuals who have been designated to teach the tribe's native language. Upon receiving the names of American Indian languages teachers designated by an Indian tribe, the State Department of Education shall authorize those individuals as American Indian languages teachers. (3-16-04)

**026. ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATE.**

Every person who serves as a superintendent, a secondary school principal, or principal of an elementary school with eight (8) or more teachers (including the principal), or is assigned administrative duties over and above those commonly assigned to teachers, is required to hold an Administrator Certificate. The certificate may be endorsed for service as a school principal, a superintendent, or a director of special education and related services. Assistant superintendents are required to hold the Superintendent endorsement. Assistant principals or vice-principals are required to hold the Principal endorsement. Applicants for the Director of Special Education and Related Services endorsement will hold that endorsement on an Administrator Certificate. Possession of an Administrator Certificate does not entitle the holder to serve as a teacher at a grade level for which he is not qualified or certificated. (3-16-04)

**01. School Principal Endorsement (Pre-K-12).** To be eligible for an Administrator Certificate endorsed for School Principal Pre-K-12, a candidate must have satisfied the following requirements: (3-16-04)

**a.** Hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university. (3-16-04)

**b.** Have four (4) years of full-time certificated experience working with students, Pre-K-12, while under contract in a school setting. (3-16-04)

**c.** Have completed an administrative internship, or have one (1) year of experience as an administrator in grades Pre-K-12. (3-16-04)

**d.** Provide verification of completion of a state-approved program of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours, forty-five (45) quarter credit hours, of graduate study in school administration for the preparation of school principals at an accredited college or university. This program shall include competencies in the following areas: leadership, ethics, and management of change; all forms of communication, including technology, advocacy, and mediation; customer involvement and public relations; staff development and supervision of instruction; school law and finance (including special education), and grant writing; curriculum development, integration of technology, delivery, and assessment; education of all populations, including special education; and, student behavior management/positive behavior supports/effective discipline. (3-16-04)

**e.** An institutional recommendation is required for a School Principal Pre-K-12 Endorsement. (3-16-04)

**02. Superintendent Endorsement.** To be eligible for an Administrator Certificate with a Superintendent endorsement, a candidate must have satisfied the following requirements: (3-16-04)

**a.** Hold an education specialist or doctorate degree or complete a comparable post-master's sixth year program at an accredited college or university. (3-16-04)

**b.** Have four (4) years of full-time certificated/licensed experience working with students Pre-K-12 while under contract in a school setting. (3-16-04)

**c.** Have completed an administrative internship for the superintendent endorsement or have one (1) year of out-of-state experience as an assistant superintendent or superintendent in grades Pre-K-12, while holding that state's administrative certificate. (3-16-04)

**d.** Provide verification of completion of an approved program of at least thirty (30) semester credit hours, or forty-five (45) quarter credit hours, of post-master's degree graduate study for the preparation of school superintendents at an accredited college or university. This program in school administration and interdisciplinary supporting areas shall include competencies in the following areas in addition to those required for the School Principal Pre-K-12 endorsement: advanced school finance, grant writing, and generation of additional sources of revenue; policy development and school board operations/relations; district-wide support services; employment practices and negotiations; educational product marketing and community relations; and, special services and federal programs. (3-16-04)

**e.** An institutional recommendation is required for a School Superintendent Endorsement. (3-16-04)

**03. Director of Special Education and Related Services Endorsement (Pre-K-12).** To be eligible for an Administrator Certificate endorsed for Director of Special Education and Related Services Pre-K-12, a candidate must have satisfied all of the following requirements: (3-16-04)

**a.** Hold a master's degree from an accredited college or university. (3-16-04)

**b.** Have four (4) years of full-time certificated/licensed experience working with students Pre-K-12, while under contract in a school setting. (3-16-04)

**c.** Obtain college or university verification of demonstrated competencies in the following areas: organization and administration of student services, including foundations of special education; leadership, ethics, and management of change; all forms of communication, including technology, advocacy, mediation, and counseling with parents of children with disabilities; customer involvement and public relations; staff development and supervision of instruction; policy development as related to special education and related services; school law and finance as related to special education and related services, and grant writing; curriculum development, integration of technology, delivery, and assessment as related to special education and related services; student behavior management/positive behavioral supports/effective discipline; and, diagnosis and remediation in special education. (3-16-04)

**d.** Have completed an administrative internship/practicum in the area of administration of special education and related services. (3-16-04)

**e.** An institutional recommendation is required for Director of Special Education and Related Services Pre-K-12 Endorsement. (3-16-04)

**027. PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES CERTIFICATE.**

Persons who serve as school counselors, school psychologists, speech-language pathologists, school social workers, school nurses and school audiologists are required to hold the Pupil Personnel Services Certificate, with the respective endorsement(s) for which they qualify. (3-16-04)

**01. Counselor Endorsement (K-12).** To be eligible for a Pupil Personnel Services Certificate endorsed Counselor K-12, a candidate must have satisfied the following requirements. The Pupil Personnel Services Certificate with a Counselor endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credits are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. (3-16-04)

**a.** Hold a master's degree and provide verification of completion of an approved program of graduate study in school guidance and counseling from a college or university approved by the Idaho State Board of Education or the state educational agency of the state in which the program was completed. The program must include successful completion of seven hundred (700) clock hours of supervised field experience, one-half of which must be in a K-12 school setting. Previous school counseling experience may be considered to help offset the field experience clock hour requirement. (3-16-04)

**b.** An institutional recommendation is required for a School Counselor K-12 Endorsement. (3-16-04)

**02. School Psychologist Endorsement.** This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credits are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. To be eligible for initial endorsement, a candidate must complete a minimum of sixty (60) graduate semester credit hours which must be accomplished through one (1) of the following options: (3-16-04)

**a.** Completion of an approved thirty (30) semester credit hour, or forty-five (45) quarter credit hours, master's degree in education or psychology and completion of an approved thirty (30) semester credit hour, or forty-five (45) quarter credit hour, School Psychology Specialist Degree program. (3-16-04)

**b.** Completion of an approved sixty (60) semester credit hour, or ninety (90) quarter credit hour, master's degree program in School Psychology. (3-16-04)

**c.** Completion of an approved sixty (60) semester credit hour, or ninety (90) quarter credit hour, School Psychology Specialist degree program which did not require a master's degree as a prerequisite, with laboratory experience in a classroom, which may include professional teaching experience, student teaching or special education practicum, and completion of a minimum three hundred (300) clock-hour internship within a school district under the supervision of the training institution and direct supervision of a certificated school psychologist. (3-16-04)

**03. School Nurse Endorsement.** This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credits are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. Initial endorsement may be accomplished through completion of the following requirements. (3-16-04)

**a.** The candidate must possess a valid registered nursing certificate issued by the Idaho State Board of Nursing, and a bachelor's degree in nursing, education, or a health-related field from an accredited institution. (3-16-04)

**b.** Nine (9) semester credit hours shall be taken for university or college credit in at least three (3) of the following areas: assessment of student health; child and adolescent health issues; counseling, psychology, or social work; methods of education instruction. Additionally, must have two (2) years' full-time (or part-time equivalent) school nursing, community health nursing, or any area of pediatric, adolescent, or family nursing experience. (3-16-04)

**04. Provisional Endorsement - School Nurse.** This certificate will be granted for those who do not meet the educational requirements but who hold a valid registered nursing certificate in Idaho. An Interim Certificate – School Nurse will be issued for two (2) years while the applicant is meeting the educational requirements, and it is not renewable. (3-16-04)

**05. Speech-Language Pathologist Endorsement.** This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credits are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. Initial endorsement will be issued to candidates who possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in a speech/language pathology program approved by the State Board of Education, and who receive an institutional recommendation from an accredited college or university. (3-16-04)

**06. Audiology Endorsement.** This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credits are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. Initial endorsement will be issued to candidates who possess a master's degree from an accredited college or university in an audiology program approved by the State Board of Education, and who receive an institutional recommendation from an accredited college or university. (3-16-04)

**07. School Social Worker Endorsement.** This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credit hours are required every five (5) years in order to renew the endorsement. Initial endorsement may be accomplished through possession of a social work certificate issued by the Idaho Bureau of Occupational Licenses, an institutional recommendation, and completion of one (1) of the following options: (3-16-04)

**a.** A master's degree in social work from an Idaho college or university approved by the State Board of Education, or a master's degree in social work from an out-of-state college or university. The program must be currently approved by the state educational agency of the state in which the program was completed. (3-16-04)

**b.** A master's degree in guidance and counseling, sociology, or psychology plus thirty (30) semester credit hours of graduate work in social work education, including course work in all the following areas: understanding the individual; casework method; field placement; social welfare programs and community resources; and research methods. (3-16-04)

**028. EXCEPTIONAL CHILD CERTIFICATE.**

Holders of this certificate work with children who have been identified as having an educational impairment. (3-16-04)

**01. Generalist Endorsement (K-12).** The Generalist K-12 endorsement is non-categorical and allows one (1) to teach in any K-12 special education setting. This endorsement is valid for five (5) years. Six (6) credit hours are required every five (5) years for renewal. Regardless of prior special education experience, all initial applicants must provide an institutional recommendation that an approved special education program has been completed. To be eligible for an Exceptional Child Certificate with a Generalist K-12 endorsement, a candidate must have satisfied the following requirements: (3-16-04)

**a.** Completion of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university. (3-16-04)

**b.** Completion, in an Idaho college or university, of a program in elementary, secondary, or special education currently approved by the Idaho State Board of Education, or completion, in an out-of-state college or university, of a program in elementary, secondary, or special education currently approved by the state educational agency of the state in which the program was completed. (3-16-04)

**c.** Completion of thirty (30) semester credit hours in special education, or closely related areas, as part of an approved special education program. (3-16-04)

**d.** Each candidate must have a qualifying score on an approved core content assessment and a second assessment related to the specific endorsement requested. (3-16-04)

**02. Hearing Impairment (K-12).** Completion of a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the area of hearing impairment. An institutional recommendation specific to this endorsement is required. (3-16-04)

**03. Visual Impairment (K-12).** Completion of a program of a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the area of visual impairment. An institutional recommendation specific to this endorsement is required. (3-16-04)

**04. Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (K-12).** Completion of a program of a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the area of seriously emotionally disturbed. An institutional recommendation specific to this endorsement is required. (3-16-04)

**05. Severe Retardation (K-12).** Completion of a program of a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the area of severe retardation. An institutional recommendation specific to this endorsement is required. (3-16-04)

**06. Multiple Impairment (K-12).** Completion of a program of a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the area of multiple impairment. An institutional recommendation specific to this endorsement is required. (3-16-04)



**07. Physical Impairment (K-12).** Completion of a program of a minimum of thirty (30) semester credit hours in the area of physical impairment. An institutional recommendation specific to this endorsement is required. (3-16-04)

**029. CONSULTING TEACHER ENDORSEMENT.**

To be eligible for a Consulting Teacher endorsement on the Standard Exceptional Child Certificate, the Early Childhood /Early Childhood Special Education Blended Certificate (Birth-Grade 3), the Standard Elementary Certificate or the Standard Secondary Teaching Certificate, a candidate must have satisfied the following requirements: (3-16-04)

**01. Education Requirements.** Completion, in an accredited college or university, of a master's degree or an approved fifth year program as defined by the Idaho State Board of Education, and have demonstrated competencies in the following areas: Assessment of learning behaviors; Individualization of instructional programs based on educational diagnosis; Behavioral and/or classroom management techniques; Program implementation and supervision; Knowledge in use of current methods, materials and resources available and management and operation of media centers; Ability in identifying and utilizing community or agency resources and support services; and Counseling skills and guidance of professional staff. (3-16-04)

**02. Experience.** Completion of a minimum of three (3) years' teaching experience, at least two (2) years of which must be in a special education classroom setting. (3-16-04)

**030. SUPERVISOR/COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT.**

To be eligible for this endorsement on the Standard Exceptional Child Certificate or the Pupil Personnel Certificate endorsed for School Psychologist, Speech-Language Pathologist or Social Worker, a candidate must complete a master's degree program; have a minimum of three (3) years of experience in a special education setting; and obtain college or university verification of demonstrated competencies in special education administration, supervision of instruction and counseling parents of exceptional children. (3-16-04)

**031. -- 033. (RESERVED).**

**034. CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATORS.**

Teachers of professional-technical classes or programs in secondary or postsecondary schools must hold an endorsement in an appropriate occupational discipline. This endorsement may be held on a Secondary Teaching Certificate or on an Occupational Specialist Certificate. For postsecondary instructors and administrators, certification fees are set by the State Board for Professional-Technical Education, and application processes are managed by the Division of Professional-Technical Education. (3-16-04)

**035. DEGREE BASED PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION.**

**01. Teacher Preparation Through Degreed Program.** Individuals graduating from an approved occupational teacher preparation degree program qualify to teach in the following five (5) disciplines: Agricultural Science & Technology; Business Technology Education; Family & Consumer Science; Marketing Technology Education; and Technology Education. Occupational teacher preparation course work must meet the Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. The occupational teacher education program must provide appropriate content to constitute a major in the identified field. Student teaching shall be in an approved program and include experiences in the major field. Applicants shall have accumulated four-thousand (4,000) clock hours of related work experience or shall have completed an approved practicum in their respective field of specialization. (3-16-04)

**02. Professional-Technical Administrator Certificate.** The Professional-Technical Administrator certificate is required for an individual serving as an administrator, director, manager or coordinator of professional-technical education at the state, secondary or postsecondary level. Individuals must meet the following prerequisites to qualify for the Professional-Technical Administrator Certificate. Equivalence in each area will be determined on an individual basis by the State Division of Professional-Technical Education. (3-16-04)

**a.** Qualify for or hold an Occupational Specialist certificate or hold an occupational endorsement on

the secondary teaching credential; (3-16-04)

**b.** Provide evidence of a minimum of three (3) years' teaching in an occupational discipline; (3-16-04)

**c.** Hold a masters degree; and, (3-16-04)

**d.** Completed at least fifteen (15) semester credits of administrative course work. Applicants must have completed: financial aspects of professional-technical education; administration of personnel; and legal aspects of professional-technical education. Additional course work can be selected from any of the following areas: administration and supervision of occupational programs; instructional supervision; administration internship; curriculum development; curriculum evaluation; research in curriculum; school community relations; communication; teaching the adult learner; coordination of work-based learning programs; and/or measurement and evaluation. (3-16-04)

**e.** To renew the Professional-Technical Administrator Certificate, individuals are required to complete six (6) semester hours of related course work or meet renewal requirements for professional-technical teachers. (3-16-04)

**03. Work-Based Learning Coordinator Endorsement.** Educators assigned to coordinate approved work-based experiences must hold the Work-Based Learning Coordinator endorsement. To be eligible, applicants must hold an occupational endorsement on the Standard Secondary Certificate or qualify for an Occupational Specialist Certificate, plus complete course work in coordination of work-based learning programs. (3-16-04)

**04. Career Counselor Endorsement.** The endorsement for a Career Counselor may be issued to applicants who hold a current Pupil Personnel Services Certificate endorsed Counselor K-12 and who have satisfied the following professional technical requirement: Career Pathways and Professional Technical Guidance; Principles/ Foundations of Professional-Technical Education; and Theories of Occupational Choice. (3-16-04)

**036. INDUSTRY BASED PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION.**

Persons who need to hold the Occupational Specialist Certificate include: secondary educators assigned to Health Occupations Education and to Trades & Industry Education; specialized occupational areas where specific degree-granting professional technical teacher education programs do not exist; and postsecondary professional-technical educators who teach courses to 9-12 students. (3-16-04)

**01. General Requirements.** Applicants must: be eighteen (18) years of age; document full-time, successful, recent, gainful employment in the area for which certification is requested; possess either a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate; meet provisions of Idaho Code; and, verify technical skills through work experience, certification or testing as listed below. When applicable, requirements of occupationally related state agencies must also be met. Since educational levels and work experiences vary, applicants may be determined highly qualified under any one (1) of the following three (3) options: (3-16-04)

**a.** Have sixteen-thousand (16,000) hours of full-time, successful, recent, gainful employment in the occupation for which certification is requested. Up to forty-eight (48) months credit can be counted toward the eight (8) years on a month-to-month basis for journeyman training and/or postsecondary training successfully completed as a full-time student in an approved/approvable, postsecondary, professional-technical education program. (3-16-04)

**b.** Have a bachelor's degree in the specific occupation or related area, plus six-thousand (6,000) hours of full-time, successful, recent, gainful employment in the occupation. (3-16-04)

**c.** Meet one (1) of the following: (3-16-04)

**i.** Have at least journeyman level plus two (2) years of recent, full-time, gainful, related work experience. A person who has completed a formal apprenticeship program in the occupation or related area for which certification is requested. The apprenticeship must be under the direction of an employer and the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training or an approved State Apprenticeship Agency; (3-16-04)

ii. Pass approved state or national certification/certification examination plus three (3) years of recent, full-time, gainful, related work experience (length and type of work experience in emergency services and health professions will be determined on an individual basis); or (3-16-04)

iii. Pass approved industry related certification for skill level requirements (vendor and industry specific) plus three (3) years of recent, full-time, gainful, related work experience (length and type of work experience in emergency services and health professions will be determined on an individual basis). If no competency test exists, a written recommendation from a representative occupational advisory council/committee and recorded in its minutes is required to verify occupational competence. (3-16-04)

**02. Limited Occupational Specialist Certificate.** This certificate is issued to individuals who are new to teaching trades and health occupations in public schools. The certificate is valid for three (3) years. (3-16-04)

a. Within the first eighteen (18) months, the holder must complete the pre-service workshop sponsored by the State Division of Professional-Technical Education and an approved course in professional technical methods and student assessment. (3-16-04)

b. Complete a new-teacher induction workshop at the state or district level. (3-16-04)

c. File a Professional Development Plan with the State Division of Professional-Technical Education. (3-16-04)

d. Within the three (3) year period of the Limited Occupational Specialist Certificate, the instructor must satisfactorily complete course work which includes competencies in four (4) of the following: Principles/ Foundations of Occupational Education; Career Pathways and Guidance; Analysis, Integration, and Curriculum Development; Measurement and Evaluation; and Methods of Teaching Occupational Education. (3-16-04)

**03. Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate.** This certificate is issued to individuals who have completed course work equivalent to that required of the Limited Occupational Specialist Certificate. The certificate must be renewed every five (5) years, which shall include completion of six (6) semester credit hours of approved course work or verification of two hundred-forty (240) hours of approved related work experience or ninety (90) hours of attendance at approved technical conferences, institutes, or workshops or any equivalent combination thereof, and file of a Professional Development Plan for the next certification period. (3-16-04)

**04. Advanced Occupational Specialist Certificate.** This certificate is issued to individuals who meet all the requirements outlined below: (3-16-04)

a. Meet the requirements for the Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate; (3-16-04)

b. Provide evidence of completion of a teacher training degree program or eighteen (18) semester credits of approved course work in addition to the twelve (12) semester credits required for the Standard Occupational Specialist Certificate (a total of thirty (30) semester credits); and (3-16-04)

c. File a new Professional Development Plan for the next certification period. (3-16-04)

d. This certificate must be renewed every five (5) years, which shall include completion of six (6) semester credit hours of approved course work or submit verification of two hundred-forty (240) hours of approved related work experience or ninety (90) hours of attendance at approved technical conferences, institutes and workshops or any equivalent combination thereof, and file a new Professional Development Plan for the next certification period. (3-16-04)

**037. -- 038. (RESERVED).**

**039. LIMITED APPROVAL ALTERNATIVES (EXPIRES JULY 1, 2006).**

**01. Consultant Specialist Certificate.** At the request of a school district, the State Department of Education may issue a Consultant Specialist certificate to highly and uniquely qualified persons. The use of the

certificate is limited to the applicant's district and is valid for one (1) year. It is intended that use of the Consultant Specialist provision be exceptional and occasional and not used as a regular hiring practice. (3-20-04)

**02. Letters of Authorization (LOA).** Letters of Authorization allow Idaho school districts to request emergency certification when a professional position cannot be filled with someone who has the correct certificate. Individuals considered for an LOA must have at least a baccalaureate degree and must enroll in a program to achieve full certification in the area of authorization. A request for a Letter of Authorization shall be sent to the State Department of Education. The request and supporting information will be reviewed by the Professional Standards Commission, with the final recommendation of the Commission submitted by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for State Board of Education approval. An LOA is valid for one (1) year and may renewed annually upon completion of nine (9) semester credit hours applicable to the standards for full certification in the area of authorization. (3-20-04)

**03. Limited Transitional Letter of Approval.** This non-renewable letter of approval is valid for one (1) year only. The purpose of the letter of approval is to allow a teacher with secondary certification (grades 6-12) to teach at the elementary levels (K-8) without additional student teaching, or vice versa. Other than student teaching, all other requirements for the desired certificate must be met. Upon successful completion of one (1) year of teaching while holding the Limited Transitional Letter of Approval, the educator will be eligible to hold the appropriate elementary or secondary certificate. To be eligible for a Limited Transitional Letter of Approval, the following requirements must be met: (3-20-04)

- a.** Must hold a valid Idaho Elementary or Secondary Teaching Certificate. (3-20-04)
- b.** Must provide verification of four (4) years of successful classroom teaching while holding the proper state certificate. (3-20-04)
- c.** Must have completed all of the requirements for the Standard Elementary Certificate, except student teaching, if the applicant currently holds a Standard Secondary Certificate. If the applicant currently holds a Standard Elementary Certificate, all of the requirements for a Standard Secondary Certificate must have been completed, except student teaching. (3-20-04)
- d.** Must provide the State Department of Education with written verification that a mentor teacher holding the same certificate as the one (1) the applicant is seeking will be provided for the applicant by the employing district; or be enrolled in a one (1) year supervised internship experience under the supervision of personnel from a college or university with an approved teacher preparation program. (3-20-04)

**04. Postsecondary Specialist.** A Postsecondary Specialist Letter of Approval may be granted to teaching faculty of Idaho public postsecondary institutions, who are not otherwise certificated, upon recommendation by the postsecondary institution (dean level or above) to be eligible to teach in the public schools. It is intended that the letter of approval will be used primarily for distance education and "virtual university" programs. The Postsecondary Specialist Letter of Approval is valid for five (5) years and is renewable. (3-20-04)

**040. MISASSIGNMENTS - GRANDFATHERING (EXPIRES JULY 1, 2006).**

**01. Certificate.** A person employed by a school district in a position requiring a certificate must hold a valid certificate for the service being rendered. In any situation in which a person not holding a specific endorsement is to provide educational services in a specific area, the employing district must apply to the State Department of Education for misassigned status to place the individual in that assignment for the school year. The district must demonstrate in a written report that it has made a good faith effort to employ properly certificated educators for those duties and that a conscientious effort is being made to remedy each specific problem. Criteria for acceptance of the report includes the following: (3-20-04)

- a.** The duties may comprise no more than one-half (1/2) of the teacher's full time assignment; (4-1-97)
- b.** Teachers who are misassigned must have a minimum of six (6) semester hours of college credit in each subject area in which service is rendered; and (4-1-97)

c. Teachers who are misassigned must comprise no more than five percent (5%) of the total number of the district's certificated, full-time teachers, or five (5) teachers, whichever is greater. Districts which have secondary schools located more than fifteen (15) miles from another secondary school may misassign up to an additional five (5) teachers upon approval of the State Department of Education. However, in no circumstance will more than five (5) teachers be misassigned in any one building. (3-20-04)

**02. Effect of accreditation.** All misassignments will be noted on the accreditation report. Any misassignments not meeting the above criteria may effect accreditation. Funds will be withheld for that portion of the misassigned person's time which exceeds the criteria included in this rule if a waiver has not been approved by the State Board of Education. (4-1-97)

**041. ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION (EXPIRES JULY 1, 2006).**

The purpose of this program is to provide an alternative for individuals to become certificated secondary teachers in Idaho without following a standard teacher education program. The purpose of this certification is to provide an alternative for individuals with strong subject matter background but limited experience with educational methodology. Qualified applicants will begin contracted teaching earlier and will be admitted to the program using criteria that are different from existing programs but more appropriate for the circumstances. This certification is valid for three (3) years and is non-renewable. To be eligible for alternative certification, the following requirements must be satisfied: (3-20-04)

**01. Initial Qualifications.** Prior to application: The prospective candidate must possess a baccalaureate (or higher) degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a four point zero (4.0) scale completed at least five (5) years earlier. Additionally, an applicant must hold academic credits equivalent to current major and minor requirements for secondary endorsements; be assured of full-time employment in an Idaho school district; and meet all non-academic requirements of the state of Idaho. (3-20-04)

**02. Teacher Trainee Program.** Alternative certification is valid for two (2) years of teaching. The teacher trainee program must be completed within three (3) calendar years from the date of admission to the program. It authorizes the teacher trainee to teach only the subject(s) listed on the letter of approval and only at the secondary level. (3-20-04)

a. A teacher trainee will work toward completion of the teacher trainee program through participating colleges and universities, the State Department of Education, and the employing school district. A teacher must attend, participate in, and successfully complete an individualized two-year teacher trainee program as one of the conditions to receive recommendation for the Standard Secondary Teaching Certificate. A formal teacher trainee plan will be developed by a consortium composed of the mentor teacher, a representative from the school district, a representative of the State Department of Education, and a representative of the participating higher education institution with an approved secondary education program. Any deviation from the formal trainee plan must be approved by the consortium. The consortium will be responsible for the program design, supervision, and evaluation of the training. The teacher trainee program shall include: (3-20-04)

i. Prior to entering the classroom, completion of nine (9) semester credit hours of pre-service training from an institution of higher education in educational course work pertinent to the education profession. (3-20-04)

ii. Prior to completion of the Alternate Route Program, at least one (1) course in each of the following areas must be completed: Philosophical Foundations of Education; Psychological Foundations of Education; Methodology; Reading in the Content Area. (3-20-04)

iii. Completion of a thirty (30) hour, pre-service orientation presented by the school district prior to a classroom assignment. This orientation shall include district policies, procedures, curriculum, instructional model, community characteristics, and resources. (3-20-04)

iv. Completion of a four semester college/university internship. The trainee shall be enrolled in three (3) semester credit hours of internship each semester. (3-20-04)

v. Completion of a six to nine (6-9) semester credit hour program during the second summer from an

institution of higher learning. The pre-service and second summer program of fifteen to eighteen (15-18) semester credit hours in total shall include: philosophical, psychological, and methodological foundations of the profession, and reading in the content area. The consortium will determine the content required for the trainee, which may include both pedagogical and subject area course work. When designing the content necessary for the individual teacher trainee to complete the program, the consortium shall consider previous college credit as documented in official transcripts. Efforts will be directed to provide observation and clinical experiences during the time prior to being assigned to the classroom. (3-20-04)

**b.** Assistance by Mentor Teachers: Each teacher trainee must be assisted by and guided throughout the two-year training period by a certificated employee of the district who has been designated as a mentor teacher. Principals must ensure that teacher trainees are provided with direct assistance, which should include close clinical supervision, especially at the beginning of the internship. (3-20-04)

**c.** Performance Evaluations: In order to receive a consortium recommendation for the Standard Secondary Teaching Certificate, the teacher trainee must complete at least two (2) years of successful performance as a teacher under the teacher trainee program. Principals are to provide assistance to teacher trainees regarding the purpose, expectations, and procedures involved in the evaluation process and with whatever guidance may be needed. The principal shall formally evaluate the teacher trainee at least once each semester of the school year. For purposes of suspension or dismissal, teacher trainees are to be treated as non-continuing contract employees. The district may suspend or dismiss teacher trainees in accordance with the procedures as provided in Idaho Code. The Teacher Trainee Letter of Approval may be suspended or revoked if there is failure to satisfactorily and successfully complete the stages of the individualized plan within the specified time frames as established by the consortium; or failure to obtain at least a two point five (2.5) grade point average on a four point zero (4.0) scale in the college credit portion of the program. Also, no individual grade can be lower than a "C"; or any other causes for suspension or revocation as found in Section 33-1208, Idaho Code. (3-20-04)

**d.** The teacher trainee, upon successful completion of the teacher trainee program as verified by the consortium, will be eligible to apply for a Standard Secondary Teaching Certificate. The two (2) years of experience as a teacher trainee shall be counted toward continuing contract status as authorized in Section 33-515, Idaho Code. (3-20-04)

**042. ALTERNATE ROUTES TO CERTIFICATION (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006).**

The purpose of this program is to provide an alternative for individuals to become certificated teachers in Idaho without following a standard teacher education program. Individuals who are currently employed as Para-Educators, individuals who are currently certificated to teach but who are in need of emergency certification in another area, and individuals with strong subject matter background but limited experience with educational methodology shall follow the alternate certification requirements provided herein. (3-20-04)

**043. ALTERNATIVE AUTHORIZATION – TEACHER TO NEW CERTIFICATION (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006).**

The purpose of this alternative authorization is to allow Idaho school districts to request emergency endorsement/certification when a professional position cannot be filled with someone who has the correct endorsement/certification. Alternative authorization in this area is valid for three (3) years and is nonrenewable. (3-20-04)

**01. Initial Qualifications.** Prior to application, a candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree, and a valid Idaho teacher certificate without full endorsement in content area of need. The school district must declare an emergency and provide supportive information attesting to the ability of the candidate to fill the position. (3-20-04)

**02. Alternative Route Preparation Program.** (3-20-04)

**a.** Candidate will work toward completion of the alternative route preparation program through a participating college/university, and the employing school district. Candidate must complete a minimum of nine (9) semester credits annually to be eligible for extension of up to a total of three (3) years. (3-20-04)

**b.** The participating college/university shall provide procedures to assess and credit equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life/work experiences. (3-20-04)

- c. Candidate shall meet all requirements for the endorsement/certificate as provided herein. (3-20-04)

**044. ALTERNATIVE AUTHORIZATION -- CONTENT SPECIALIST (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006).**

The purpose of this alternative authorization is to offer an expedited route to certification for individuals who are highly and uniquely qualified in a subject area to teach in a district with an identified need for teachers in that area. Alternative authorization in this area is valid for three (3) years and is not renewable. (3-20-04)

**01. Initial Qualifications.** (3-20-04)

- a. Prior to application, a candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree. (3-20-04)

- b. The candidate shall meet enrollment qualifications of the alternative route preparation program. (3-20-04)

**02. Alternative Route Preparation Program -- College/University Preparation.** (3-20-04)

a. A consortium comprised of a designee from the college/university to be attended, and a representative from the school district, and the candidate shall determine preparation needed to meet the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. This preparation must include mentoring and a minimum of one (1) classroom observation per month until certified. (3-20-04)

b. Prior to entering the classroom, the candidate completes eight (8) to sixteen (16) weeks of accelerated study in education pedagogy. (3-20-04)

c. Candidate will work toward completion of the alternative route preparation program through a participating college/university, and the employing school district. A teacher must attend, participate in, and successfully complete an individualized alternative route preparation program as one (1) of the conditions to receive a recommendation for full certification. (3-20-04)

d. The participating college/university shall provide procedures to assess and credit equivalent knowledge, dispositions and relevant life/work experiences. (3-20-04)

e. Prior to entering the classroom, the candidate shall meet or exceed the state qualifying score on appropriate state-approved content, pedagogy, or performance assessment. (3-20-04)

**045. COMPUTER-BASED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION.**

An individual may acquire interim certification as found in Section 015 of these rules through a computer based alternative route certification program. (4-6-05)

**01. Approval of the Program.** The State Board of Education must approve any computer-based alternative route to teacher certification. The program must include, at a minimum, the following components: (4-6-05)

- a. Preassessment of teaching and content knowledge; (4-6-05)

- b. An academic advisor with knowledge of the prescribed instruction area; and (4-6-05)

- c. Exams of pedagogy and content knowledge. (4-6-05)

**02. Eligibility.** Individuals who possess a bachelor's degree or higher from an institution of higher education may utilize this alternative route to an interim Idaho Teacher Certification. (4-6-05)

**03. Requirements for Completion.** To complete this alternative route, the individual must: (4-6-05)

- a. Complete a Board approved program; (4-6-05)

- b. Pass the Board approved pedagogy and content knowledge exams; and (4-6-05)

- c. Complete the Idaho Department of Education Criminal History Check. (4-6-05)

**04. Interim Certificate.** Upon completion of the computer based certification process described herein, the individual will be awarded an interim certificate from the State Department of Education's Bureau of Certification and Professional Standards. The term of the interim certification shall be three (3) years. During the term of the interim certificate, teaching by the individual must be done in conjunction with a two (2) year a teacher mentoring program approved by the Board. The individual must start the mentoring program during the term of the interim certificate and it may be completed after standard certification is granted. All laws and rules governing the fully certificated teachers with respect to conduct, discipline and professional standards shall apply to individuals teaching under an interim certificate. (4-6-05)

**05. Interim Certificate Not Renewable.** Interim certification hereunder is only available on a one (1) time basis per individual. It will be the responsibility of the individual to obtain full Idaho Teacher Certification during the three (3) year interim certification term. (4-6-05)

**06. Types of Certificates and Endorsements.** The computer based alternative route may be used for initial certification, subsequent certificates, and additional endorsements. (3-10-05)T

**046. PARA-EDUCATOR TO TEACHER (EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006).**

The purpose of this alternative route to certification is to encourage qualified para-educators employed in Idaho classrooms to become certificated teachers. The alternative route preparation program must be completed within five (5) calendar years from the date of admission to the program. (3-20-04)

**01. Initial Qualifications.** Prior to application: the candidate must hold an AA/AAS degree, meet state para-educator standards, and be employed as a para-educator. Districts shall identify potential candidate with appropriate dispositions for teaching, and continue to employ candidate as para-educators. District/school provides orientation for candidate as deemed appropriate. (3-20-04)

**02. Alternative Route Preparation Program-College University Preparation.** (3-20-04)

a. Candidate will work toward completion of the alternative route preparation program through a participating college/university, and the employing school district. A candidate must attend, participate in, and successfully complete an individualized alternative route preparation program as one (1) of the conditions to receive a recommendation for full certification. (3-20-04)

b. The participating college/university shall provide procedures to assess and credit equivalent knowledge, dispositions, and relevant life/work experiences. (3-20-04)

c. Candidate shall complete all requirements for certification as provided herein. (3-20-04)

**047. -- 059. (RESERVED).**

**060. APPLICATION PROCEDURES / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.**

**01. Application for Idaho Certificate.** To obtain, renew, or reinstate an Idaho certificate, the applicant will submit an application on a form supplied by the State Department of Education or the State Division of Professional-Technical Education. (3-16-04)

**02. State Board of Education Requirements for Professional Growth.** (4-1-97)

a. Credits taken for recertification must be educationally related to the professional development of the applicant. (4-1-97)

b. Graduate or undergraduate credit will be accepted for recertification. Credit must be college transferable and completed through an accredited college or university. (4-1-97)



**c.** All requests for equivalent inservice training to apply toward recertification must be made through the State Department of Education upon recommendation of the board of trustees consistent with the State Department of Education guidelines. Individuals holding Professional-Technical Specialist Certificates must receive State Division of Professional-Technical Education approval of inservice training and course work prior to applying for renewal. (3-16-04)

**d.** At least fifteen (15) hours of formal instruction must be given for each hour of inservice credit granted. (4-1-97)

**e.** Recertification credits may not be carried over from one (1) recertification period to the next. (4-1-97)

**f.** Certificated personnel teaching in subjects outside their major area of preparation will be encouraged to complete the courses required for major certification endorsement. (4-1-97)

**03. State Board of Education Professional Development Requirements.** (4-1-97)

**a.** Districts will have professional development plans. (4-1-97)

**b.** All certificated personnel will be required to complete at least six (6) semester hours or the equivalent within the five (5) year period of validity of the certificate being renewed. (4-1-97)

**c.** At least three (3) semester credits will be taken for university or college credit. Verification will be by official transcript. (4-1-97)

**061. -- 065. (RESERVED).**

**066. FEES.**

The state department of education shall maintain a record of all certificates issued, showing names, dates of issue and renewal, and if revoked, the date thereof and the reason therefor. A nonrefundable fee shall accompany each application for a prekindergarten through grade twelve (12) certificate, alternate certificate, change in certificate or replacement as follows: (3-16-04)

**01. Initial Certificate.** All types, issued for five (5) years -- seventy-five dollars (\$75). (3-16-04)

**02. Renewal Certificate.** All types, issued for five (5) years -- seventy-five dollars (\$75). (3-16-04)

**03. Alternate Route Authorization.** All types, issued for one (1) year -- one hundred dollars (\$100). (3-16-04)

**04. Additions or Changes During the Life of an Existing Certificate.** Twenty-five dollars (\$25). (3-16-04)

**05. To Replace an Existing Certificate.** Ten dollars (\$10). (3-16-04)

**067. -- 075. (RESERVED).**

**076. CODE OF ETHICS FOR IDAHO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS (SECTIONS 33-1208 AND 33-1209, IDAHO CODE).**

Believing in the worth and dignity of each human being, the professional educator recognizes the supreme importance of pursuing truth, striving toward excellence, nurturing democratic citizenship and safeguarding the freedom to learn and to teach while guaranteeing equal educational opportunity for all. The professional educator accepts the responsibility to practice the profession according to the highest ethical principles. The Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators symbolizes the commitment of all Idaho educators and provides principles by which to judge conduct. (3-20-04)

**01. Aspirations and Commitments.** (3-20-04)

**a.** The professional educator aspires to stimulate the spirit of inquiry in students and to provide opportunities in the school setting that will help them acquire viable knowledge, skills and understanding that will meet their needs now and in the future. (3-20-04)

**b.** The professional educator provides an environment that is safe to the cognitive, physical and psychological well-being of students and provides opportunities for each student to move toward the realization of his/her potential as an effective citizen. (3-20-04)

**c.** The professional educator, recognizing that students need role models, will act, speak and teach in such a manner as to exemplify nondiscriminatory behavior, and encourage respect for other's cultures and beliefs. (3-20-04)

**d.** The professional educator is committed to the public good and will help preserve and promote the principles of democracy. He will provide input to the local school board to assist in the board's mission of developing and implementing sound educational policy. (3-20-04)

**e.** The professional educator believes the quality of services rendered by the education profession directly influences the nation and its citizens. He strives, therefore, to establish and maintain professional principles, to improve educational practice, and to achieve conditions that attract highly qualified persons to the profession. (3-20-04)

**f.** The professional educator regards the employment agreement as a pledge to be executed in a manner consistent with the highest ideals of professional service. He believes that sound professional personal relationships with governing boards are built upon integrity, dignity, and mutual respect. The professional educator encourages the practice of the profession only by qualified persons. (3-20-04)

**02. Principle I.** A professional educator abides by all federal, state, and local laws and statutes. Unethical conduct may include the conviction of any felony or misdemeanor offense as defined by Section 18-110 and Section 18-111, Idaho Code. All infractions (traffic) as defined by Section 18-113A, Idaho Code, are excluded. (3-20-04)

**03. Principle II.** A professional educator maintains a professional relationship with all students, both inside and outside the classroom. Unethical conduct includes, but is not limited to: (3-20-04)

**a.** Committing any act of child abuse, including physical or emotional abuse; (3-20-04)

**b.** Committing any act of cruelty to children or any act of child endangerment; (3-20-04)

**c.** Committing or soliciting any sexual act from any minor or any student regardless of age; (3-20-04)

**d.** Committing any act of harassment (e.g., sexual harassment) as defined by district policy; (3-20-04)

**e.** Soliciting, encouraging, or consummating a romantic or inappropriate relationship (whether written, verbal, or physical) with a student, regardless of age; (3-20-04)

**f.** Using inappropriate language including, but not limited to, swearing and improper sexual comments (e.g. sexual innuendoes or sexual idiomatic phrases); (3-20-04)

**g.** Taking inappropriate pictures (digital, photographic, or video) of students; (3-20-04)

**h.** Inappropriate contact with any minor or any student regardless of age using electronic media; and (3-20-04)

**i.** Furnishing alcohol or illegal or unauthorized drugs to any student or allowing or encouraging a student to consume alcohol or unauthorized drugs except in a medical emergency. (3-20-04)

**04. Principle III.** A professional educator refrains from the abuse of alcohol or drugs during the course of professional practice. Unethical conduct includes, but is not limited to: (3-20-04)

**a.** Being on school premises or at any school-sponsored activity, home or away, involving students while possessing, using or consuming illegal or unauthorized drugs; (3-20-04)

**b.** Being on school premises or at any school-sponsored activity, home or away, involving students while possessing, using, or consuming alcohol; (3-20-04)

**c.** Inappropriate or illegal use of prescription medications on school premises or at any school-sponsored events, home or away; and, (3-20-04)

**d.** Inappropriate or illegal use of drugs or alcohol that impairs the individual's ability to function. (3-20-04)

**e.** Possession of an illegal drug as defined in Chapter 27, Idaho Code, Uniform Controlled Substances. (3-20-04)

**05. Principle IV.** A professional educator exemplifies honesty and integrity in the course of professional practice. Unethical conduct includes, but is not limited to: (3-20-04)

**a.** Fraudulently altering or preparing materials for licensure or employment; (3-20-04)

**b.** Falsifying or deliberately misrepresenting professional qualifications, degrees, academic awards, and related employment history when applying for employment or licensure; (3-20-04)

**c.** Failure to notify the state at the time of application for licensure of past revocations or suspensions of a certificate or license from another state; (3-20-04)

**d.** Failure to notify the state of past criminal convictions at the time of application for licensure; (3-20-04)

**e.** Falsifying, deliberately misrepresenting, or deliberately omitting information regarding the evaluation of students or personnel, including improper administration of any standardized tests (changing test answers, copying, or teaching identified test items, unauthorized reading of the test to students, etc.); (3-20-04)

**f.** Falsifying, deliberately misrepresenting, or deliberately omitting reasons for absences or leaves; (3-20-04)

**g.** Falsifying, deliberately misrepresenting, or deliberately omitting information submitted in the course of an official inquiry or investigation; and, (3-20-04)

**h.** Falsifying, deliberately misrepresenting, or deliberately omitting material information on an official evaluation of colleagues. (3-20-04)

**06. Principle V.** A professional educator entrusted with public funds and property honors that trust with a high level of honesty, accuracy, and responsibility. Unethical conduct includes, but is not limited to: (3-20-04)

**a.** Misuse, or unauthorized use, of public or school-related funds or property; (3-20-04)

**b.** Failure to account for funds collected from students or parents; (3-20-04)

**c.** Submission of fraudulent requests for reimbursement of expenses or for pay; (3-20-04)

**d.** Co-mingling of public or school-related funds in personal bank account(s); (3-20-04)

- e. Use of school computers for a private business; (3-20-04)
  - f. Use of school computers to deliberately view or print pornography; and, (3-20-04)
  - g. Deliberate use of poor budgeting or accounting practices. (3-20-04)
- 07. Principle VI.** A professional educator maintains integrity with students, colleagues, parents, patrons, or business personnel when accepting gifts, gratuities, favors, and additional compensation. Unethical conduct includes, but is not limited to: (3-20-04)
- a. Unauthorized solicitation of students or parents of students to purchase equipment or supplies from the educator who will directly benefit; (3-20-04)
  - b. Acceptance of gifts from vendors or potential vendors for personal use or gain where there may be the appearance of a conflict of interest; (3-20-04)
  - c. Tutoring students assigned to the educator for remuneration unless approved by the local board of education; and, (3-20-04)
  - d. Soliciting, accepting or receiving a pecuniary benefit greater than fifty dollars (\$50) as defined in Section 18-1359(b), Idaho Code. (3-20-04)
- 08. Principle VII.** A professional educator complies with state and federal laws and local school board policies relating to the confidentiality of student and employee records, unless disclosure is required or permitted by law. Unethical conduct includes, but is not limited to: (3-20-04)
- a. Sharing of confidential information concerning student academic and disciplinary records, personal confidences, health and medical information, family status or income, and assessment or testing results with inappropriate individuals or entities; and (3-20-04)
  - b. Sharing of confidential information about colleagues obtained through employment practices with inappropriate individuals or entities. (3-20-04)
- 09. Principle VIII.** A professional educator fulfills all terms and obligations detailed in the contract with the local board of education or education agency for the duration of the contract. Unethical conduct includes, but is not limited to: (3-20-04)
- a. Abandoning any contract for professional services without the prior written release from the contract by the employing school district or agency; (3-20-04)
  - b. Willfully refusing to perform the services required by a contract; and, (3-20-04)
  - c. Abandonment of classroom or failure to provide appropriate supervision of students at school or school-sponsored activities to ensure the safety and well-being of students. (3-20-04)
- 10. Principle IX.** A professional educator reports breaches of the Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators, and submits reports as required by Idaho Code. Unethical conduct includes, but is not limited to: (3-20-04)
- a. Failure to comply with Section 33-1208A, Idaho Code, (reporting requirements and immunity); (3-20-04)
  - b. Failure to comply with Section 16-1619, Idaho Code, (reporting of child abuse, abandonment or neglect); and, (3-20-04)
  - c. Having knowledge of a violation of the Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators and failing to report the violation to an appropriate education official. (3-20-04)

- 11. Principle X.** A professional educator demonstrates conduct that follows generally recognized professional principles with the right to exercise academic freedom. Unethical conduct includes, but is not limited to: (3-20-04)
- a.** Any conduct that seriously impairs the Certificate holder's ability to teach or perform his professional duties; (3-20-04)
  - b.** Conduct that is detrimental to the health, welfare, discipline, or morals of students; (3-20-04)
  - c.** Conduct which is offensive to the ordinary dignity, decency, and morality of others; (3-20-04)
  - d.** Failure to cooperate with the Professional Standards Commission in inquiries, investigations, or hearings; (3-20-04)
  - e.** Using institutional privileges for the promotion of political candidates or for political activities, except for local, state or national education association elections; and, (3-20-04)
  - f.** Deliberately falsifying information presented to students. (3-20-04)

**077. DEFINITIONS FOR USE WITH THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR IDAHO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS (SECTIONS 33-1208 AND 33-1209, IDAHO CODE).**

- 01. Administrative Complaint.** A document issued by the State Department of Education outlining the specific, purported violations of Section 33-1208, Idaho Code, or the Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators. (3-20-04)
- 02. Allegation.** A purported violation of the Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators or Idaho Code. (3-20-04)
- 03. Certificate.** A document issued by the Department of Education under the authority of the State Board of Education allowing a person to serve in any elementary or secondary school in the capacity of teacher, supervisor, administrator, education specialist, school nurse or school librarian (Section 33-1201, Idaho Code). (3-20-04)
- 04. Certificate Denial.** The refusal of the state to grant a certificate for an initial or reinstatement application. (3-20-04)
- 05. Certificate Suspension.** A time-certain invalidation of any Idaho certificate as determined by a stipulated agreement or a due process hearing panel as set forth in Section 33-1209, Idaho Code. (3-20-04)
- 06. Complaint.** A signed document defining the allegation that states the specific ground or grounds for revocation, suspension or issuance of a letter of reprimand (Section 33-1209(1), Idaho Code). The State Department of Education may initiate a complaint. (3-20-04)
- 07. Conditional Certificate.** Allows an educator to retain licensure under certain stated Certificate conditions as determined by the Professional Standards Commission (Section 33-1209(10), Idaho Code). (3-20-04)
- 08. Contract.** Any signed agreement between the school district and a certificated educator pursuant to Section 33-513(1), Idaho Code. (3-20-04)
- 09. Conviction.** Refers to all instances regarding a finding of guilt by a judge or jury; a plea of guilt by Nolo Contendere or Alford plea; or all proceedings in which a sentence has been suspended, deferred or withheld. (3-20-04)
- 10. Educator.** A person who holds or applies for an Idaho Certificate (Section 33-1001(16) and Section 33-1201, Idaho Code). (3-20-04)

**11. Executive Committee.** A decision-making body comprised of members of the Professional Standards Commission, including the chair and vice-chair of the Commission. A prime duty of the Committee is to review purported violations of the Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators to determine probable cause and direction for possible action to be taken against a Certificate holder. (3-20-04)

**12. Education Official.** An individual identified by local school board policy, including, but not limited to, a superintendent, principal, assistant principal, or school resource officer (SRO). (3-20-04)

**13. Hearing.** A formal review proceeding that ensures the respondent due process. The request for a hearing is initiated by the respondent and is conducted by a panel of peers. (3-20-04)

**14. Hearing Panel.** A minimum of three (3) educators appointed by the chair of the Professional Standards Commission and charged with the responsibility to make a final determination regarding the charges specifically defined in the Administrative Complaint. (3-20-04)

**15. Investigation.** The process of gathering factual information concerning a valid, written complaint in preparation for review by the Professional Standards Commission Executive Committee, or following review by the Executive Committee at the request of the deputy attorney general assigned to the Department of Education. (3-20-04)

**16. Minor.** Any individual who is under eighteen (18) years of age. (3-20-04)

**17. Not-Sufficient Grounds.** A determination by the Executive Committee that there is not-sufficient evidence to take action against an educator's certificate. (3-20-04)

**18. Principles.** Guiding behaviors that reflect what is expected of professional educators in the state of Idaho while performing duties as educators in both the private and public sectors. (3-20-04)

**19. Reprimand.** A written letter admonishing the Certificate holder for his conduct. The reprimand cautions that further unethical conduct may lead to consideration of a more severe action against the holder's Certificate. (3-20-04)

**20. Respondent.** The legal term for the professional educator who is under investigation for a purported violation of the Code of Ethics for Idaho Professional Educators. (3-20-04)

**21. Revocation.** The invalidation of any Certificate held by the educator. (3-20-04)

**22. Stipulated Agreement.** A written agreement between the respondent and the Professional Standards Commission to resolve matters arising from an allegation of unethical conduct following a complaint or an investigation. The stipulated agreement is binding to both parties and is enforceable under its own terms, or by subsequent action by the Professional Standards Commission. (3-20-04)

**23. Student.** Any individual enrolled in any Idaho public or private school from preschool through grade 12. (3-20-04)

**24. Sufficient Grounds.** A determination by the Executive Committee that sufficient evidence exists to issue an Administrative Complaint. (3-20-04)

**078. -- 089. (RESERVED).**

**090. INTERSTATE CERTIFICATION COMPACT.**

Idaho participates in the Interstate Agreement of Qualification of Education Personnel. This agreement applies equally to teachers entering Idaho from another compact-member state and to teachers entering another compact-member state from Idaho. The compact applies to classroom teachers only. Trades and industries teachers are not covered by the agreement. (Section 33-4104, Idaho Code) (4-1-97)

**091. -- 099. (RESERVED).**

**100. OFFICIAL VEHICLE FOR APPROVING TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.**

(Section 33-114, Idaho Code)

(4-1-97)

**01. The Official Vehicle for the Approval of Teacher Education Programs.** The official vehicle for the approval of teacher education programs will be the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) approved Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel as approved on June 2004. The State Department of Education will transmit to the head of each Idaho college or department of education a copy of all revisions to the Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel. Such revisions will not take effect on approval evaluations of the Idaho program until two (2) years after notification of such revision. The two (2) year deferral may be waived upon written request of the head of the college or department to be evaluated (4-6-05)

**02. Effective Date.** The effective date for the NCATE approved Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel is September 1, 2001. Students with junior or senior standing and currently enrolled in an institution's program that does not meet the Standards will be eligible for certification in Idaho after successfully completing their program if this program is completed within two (2) years of the September 1, 2001 effective date. All programs not meeting the Standards will be responsible for informing enrolled students of their non-compliance. (3-30-01)

**03. Reference Availability.** The Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel are incorporated herein by reference and are available for inspection in the Office of the State Board of Education. (3-30-01)

**04. Continuing Accreditation.** The state of Idaho will follow the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) model and pursue continuing approval at the end of seven (7) years following baseline approval. (3-16-04)

**05. Payment Responsibilities for Teacher Preparation Program Reviews.** The Professional Standards Commission is responsible for Idaho teacher preparation program reviews, including assigning responsibility for paying for program reviews. To implement the reviews, it is necessary that: (4-6-05)

**a.** The Professional Standards Commission pay for all in-state expenses for on-site teacher preparation reviews from its budget. (4-6-05)

**b.** Requesting institutions pay for all out-of-state expenses related to on-site teacher preparation program reviews. (4-6-05)

**101. -- 109. (RESERVED).**

**110. PERSONNEL STANDARDS.**

The State Board of Education supports the efforts made by the Idaho Legislature to lower class size. Significant progress has been made in grades one through three (1-3). The State Board of Education believes that class sizes in grades four through six (4-6) are too high. Districts are encouraged to lower all class sizes as funds become available. Each district will develop personnel policies and procedures to implement the educational program of the district. The policies and procedures will address representation in each of the following personnel areas, as appropriate to student enrollment and the needs of each attendance area. Districts should strive to achieve ratios consistent with state class size ratio goals.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL**

<b>TEACHERS</b>	<b>STATE GOALS</b>
Kindergarten	20
Grades 1, 2, 3	20
Grades 4, 5, 6	26

TEACHERS	STATE GOALS
Middle School/Jr. High	160 teacher load
High School	160 teacher load
Alternative School (7-12)	18 average daily class load

Schools are encouraged to explore technological options that provide for credible alternative delivery systems. Present and emerging information transmission technology may provide for greater teacher/pupil class size ratios.

PUPIL PERSONNEL	
(Certificated School Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists)	400:1 * student/district average
Secondary Media Generalist and Assistants	500:1 * student/district average
Elementary Media Generalist or Assistants	500:1 * student/district average
Building Administrative Personnel	Not to exceed 500:1 * district average

\* The stated pupil to personnel ratio is the goal; each school district will assign personnel as appropriate to student enrollment and the needs of each attendance area.

Classroom Assistants - State Goal: will be provided where the student/teacher ratio is deemed excessive by the district or where other student special needs exist (e.g., limited English proficiency or special education).

Classified Personnel - State Goal: will be employed in each building to support the needs of the staff, students, and community. (4-1-97)

**111. -- 119. (RESERVED).**

**120. LOCAL DISTRICT EVALUATION POLICY.**

Each school district board of trustees will develop policies in which criteria and procedures for the evaluation of certificated personnel are established. The process of developing criteria and procedures for certificated personnel evaluation will allow opportunities for input from those affected by the evaluation; i.e., trustees, administrators and teachers. The evaluation policy will be a matter of public record and communicated to the certificated personnel for whom it is written. (4-1-97)

**01. Participants.** Each district evaluation policy will include provisions for evaluating all certificated employees identified in Section 33-1001, Idaho Code, Subsection 13, and each school nurse and librarian (Section 33-515, Idaho Code). Policies for evaluating certificated employees should identify the differences, if any, in the conduct of evaluations for nonrenewable contract personnel and renewable contract personnel. (4-1-97)

**02. Evaluation Policy - Content.** Local school district policies will include, at a minimum, the following information: (4-1-97)

**a.** Purpose -- statements that identify the purpose or purposes for which the evaluation is being conducted; e.g., individual instructional improvement, personnel decisions. (4-1-97)

**b.** Evaluation criteria -- statements of the general criteria upon which certificated personnel will be evaluated. (4-1-97)

**c.** Evaluator -- identification of the individuals responsible for appraising or evaluating certificated personnel performance. The individuals assigned this responsibility should have received training in evaluation.



(4-1-97)

**d.** Sources of data -- description of the sources of data used in conducting certificated personnel evaluations. For classroom teaching personnel, classroom observation should be included as one (1) source of data. (4-1-97)

**e.** Procedure -- description of the procedure used in the conduct of certificated personnel evaluations. (4-1-97)

**f.** Communication of results -- the method by which certificated personnel are informed of the results of evaluation. (4-1-97)

**g.** Personnel actions -- the action, if any, available to the school district as a result of the evaluation and the procedures for implementing these actions; e.g., job status change. Note: in the event the action taken as a result of evaluation is to not renew an individual's contract or to renew an individual's contract at a reduced rate, school districts should take proper steps to follow the procedures outlined in Sections 33-513 through 33-515, Idaho Code in order to assure the due process rights of all personnel. (4-1-97)

**h.** Appeal -- the procedure available to the individual for appeal or rebuttal when disagreement exists regarding the results of certificated personnel evaluations. (4-1-97)

**i.** Remediation -- the procedure available to provide remediation in those instances where remediation is determined to be an appropriate course of action. (4-1-97)

**j.** Monitoring and evaluation. -- A description of the method used to monitor and evaluate the district's personnel evaluation system. (4-1-97)

**03. Evaluation Policy - Frequency of Evaluation.** The evaluation policy should include a provision for evaluating all certificated personnel on a fair and consistent basis. At a minimum, the policy must provide standards for evaluating the following personnel: (4-1-97)

**a.** First-, second-, and third-year nonrenewable contract personnel will be evaluated at least once prior to the beginning of the second semester of the school year. (4-1-97)

**b.** All renewable contract personnel will be evaluated at least once annually. (4-1-97)

**04. Evaluation Policy - Personnel Records.** Permanent records of each certificated personnel evaluation will be maintained in the employee's personnel file. All evaluation records will be kept confidential within the parameters identified in federal and state regulations regarding the right to privacy (Section 33-518, Idaho Code). (4-1-97)

**121. -- 129. (RESERVED).**

**130. SCHOOL FACILITIES.**

Each school facility consists of the site, buildings, equipment, services, and is a critical factor in carrying out educational programs. The focus of concern in each school facility is the provision of a variety of instructional activities and programs, with the health and safety of all persons essential. (4-1-97)

**01. Buildings.** All school buildings, including portable or temporary buildings, will be designed and built in conformance with the current edition of the codes specified in the Idaho Building Code Act, Section 39-4109, Idaho Code, including, the National Electrical Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, and Idaho General Safety and Health Standards. All school buildings, including portable or temporary buildings, will meet other more stringent requirements established in applicable local building codes. (3-16-04)

**02. Inspection of Buildings.** All school buildings, including portable or temporary buildings, will be inspected as provided in Section 39-4130, Idaho Code, for compliance with applicable codes. Following this inspection, the school district will, within twenty (20) days, (1) correct any deficiencies specified in the inspection

report or (2), if the corrective action involves structural modification, file a written plan with the inspecting agency for correction by the beginning of the following school year. (4-1-97)

**131. -- 139. (RESERVED).**

**140. ACCREDITATION.**

All public schools and districts in Idaho will be state accredited. State accreditation is voluntary for private and parochial schools. (Section 33- 119, Idaho Code) (4-6-05)

**01. District Strategic Plan.** School districts will develop and implement a minimum three to five-year strategic plan focused on the improvement of student performance. The district strategic plan (DSP) will be monitored by a representative review team established by each district's administration and board of trustees, which will recommend revision of goals as necessary and provide regular reports on implementation of the plan to the district's trustees. (4-6-05)

**02. Continuous School Improvement Plan.** Schools will develop continuous school improvement plans (CSIP) focused on the improvement of student performance. (4-6-05)

**03. Plan Alignment and Focus.** District strategic plans (DSP) and continuous school improvement plans (CSIP) will align and focus on improving school and staff capacity (structure/resource allocation/teacher skill sets) to increase student achievement. (4-6-05)

**04. Standards.** Districts and schools will meet state-approved accreditation standards as adopted by the State Board of Education. (4-6-05)

**05. Reporting.** Accreditation reports on DSP/CSIP and the attainment of standards will be submitted, as requested, to the State Accreditation Committees, whose members are approved by the State Board of Education and representative of each region of the state. The Committees will review the reports and make recommendations to the State Board of Education for accreditation status. Accreditation status may be appealed to the State Board of Education. (4-6-05)

**06. Elements of Thoroughness.** The requirements for thoroughness referenced in Section 33-1612, Idaho Code will be met. (4-6-05)

**141. -- 149. (RESERVED).**

**150. TRANSPORTATION.**

Minimum School Bus Construction Standards. All new school bus chassis and bodies must meet or exceed Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations as approved on August 13, 2004, as authorized in Section 33-1511, Idaho Code. (4-6-05)

**151. -- 159. (RESERVED).**

**160. MAINTENANCE STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS.**

**01. Safety.** School buses will be maintained in a safe operating condition at all times. Certain equipment or parts of a school bus that are critical to its safe operation must be maintained at prescribed standards. When routine maintenance checks reveal any unsafe condition identified in the Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations as approved on August 13, 2004, the school district will eliminate the deficiency before returning the vehicle to service. (4-6-05)

**02. Annual Inspection.** After completion of the annual school bus inspection, and if the school bus is approved for operation, an annual inspection sticker, indicating the year and month of inspection, will be placed in the lower, right-hand corner of the right side front windshield. The date indicated on the inspection sticker shall correlate to State Department of Education's annual school bus inspection certification report signed by pupil transportation maintenance personnel and countersigned by the district superintendent. (Section 33-1506, Idaho Code) (7-1-02)

**03. Sixty-Day Inspections.** At intervals of not more than sixty (60) calendar days, excluding

documented out-of-use periods in excess of thirty (30) days, the board of trustees shall cause inspection to be made of each school bus operating under the authority of the board. Except that, no bus with a documented out-of-use period in excess of sixty (60) days shall be returned to service without first completing a documented sixty (60) day inspection. Annual inspections are considered dual purpose and also meet the sixty (60) day inspection requirement. (Section 33-1506, Idaho Code) (7-1-04)

**04. Documentation of Inspection.** All inspections will be documented in writing. Annual inspections must be documented in writing on the form provided by the State Department of Education. (4-1-97)

**05. Unsafe Vehicle.** When a bus has been removed from service during a State Department of Education inspection due to an unsafe condition, the district will notify the State Department of Education on the appropriate form before the bus can be returned to service. When a bus has been found to have deficiencies that are not life-threatening, it will be repaired within thirty (30) days and the State Department of Education notified on the appropriate form. If the deficiencies cannot be repaired within thirty (30) days, the bus must be removed from service until the deficiencies have been corrected or an extension granted. (7-1-02)

**06. Withdraw from Service Authority.** Subsequent to any federal, national, or state advisory with good cause given therefor, the district shall, under the direction of the State Department of Education, withdraw from service any bus determined to be deficient in any prescribed school bus construction standard intended to safeguard life or minimize injury. No bus withdrawn from service under the provisions of this section shall be returned to service or used to transport students unless the district submits to the State Department of Education a certification of compliance specific to the school bus construction standard in question. (Section 33-1506, Idaho Code) (7-1-04)

**161. -- 169. (RESERVED).**

**170. SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS AND VEHICLE OPERATION.**

All school districts and school bus drivers must meet or exceed the training, performance and operation requirements delineated in the Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations as approved on August 13, 2004. (Section 33-1508; 33-1509, Idaho Code) (4-6-05)

**171. -- 179. (RESERVED).**

**180. WRITTEN POLICY.**

The board of trustees will establish and adopt a set of written policies governing the pupil transportation system. Each school district that provides activity bus transportation for pupils shall have comprehensive policies and guidelines regarding activity transportation. (7-1-02)

**181. -- 189. (RESERVED).**

**190. PROGRAM OPERATIONS.**

School district fiscal reporting requirements as well as reimbursable and non-reimbursable costs within the Pupil Transportation Support Program, including but not limited to administration, field and activity trips, safety busing, contracting for transportation services, leasing of district-owned buses, insurance, ineligible and non-public school students, ineligible vehicles, capital investments including the purchasing of school buses and equipment, program support and district waiver procedures shall be delineated in Standards for Idaho School Buses and Operations as approved on August 13, 2004. (Section 33-1006, Idaho Code) (4-6-05)

**191. -- 219. (RESERVED).**

**220. RELEASE TIME PROGRAM FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

In the view of the State Board of Education, public elementary and secondary school programs that permit the practice of releasing students from school for the purpose of attending classes in religious education or for other purposes should observe certain practices that are in keeping with the present state of the law. These practices are designed to ensure that the public school operation is not adversely affected and that public funds and property are not used for sectarian religious instruction in a way which violates the United States Constitution, the Idaho State Constitution, or state law. These practices should include the following: (Section 33-519, Idaho Code) (4-1-97)

**01. Scheduling.** The local school board will have reasonable discretion over the scheduling and timing

of the release program. Release time programs may not interfere with the scheduling of classes, activities and programs of the public schools. (4-1-97)

**02. Voluntary Decision.** The decision of a school district to permit release time programs for kindergarten through grade eight (K-8), as well as the decision of individual students to participate, must be purely voluntary. (4-1-97)

**03. Time Limit.** Release time will be scheduled upon the application of a parent or guardian of a student in grades nine through twelve (9-12), not to exceed five (5) periods per week or one hundred sixty-five (165) hours during any one (1) academic school year. (4-1-97)

**04. Location.** Release time programs will be conducted away from public school buildings and public school property. (4-1-97)

**05. Request by Parent.** No student will be permitted to leave the school grounds during the school day to attend release time programs except upon written request from a parent or guardian filed with the school principal. Such written request by the parent will become a part of the student's permanent record. (4-1-97)

**06. Record Maintenance.** The public school will not be responsible for maintaining attendance records for a student who, upon written request of a parent or guardian, is given permission to leave the school grounds to attend a release time program. The school district will maintain a record of each student's daily schedule that indicates when a student is released for classes in religious education or for other purposes. (4-1-97)

**07. Liability.** The school district is responsible for ensuring that no public school property, public funds or other public resources are used in any way to operate these programs. The school district is not liable for any injury, act or event occurring while the student participates in such programs. (4-1-97)

**08. Course Credit.** No credit will be awarded by the school or district for satisfactory completion by a student of a course or courses in release time for religious instruction. Credit may be granted for other purposes, at the discretion of the local school board. (4-1-97)

**09. Separation From Public Schools.** Public schools will not include schedules of classes for release time programs in school catalogs, registration forms or any other regularly printed public school material. Registration for release time programs must occur off school premises, and must be done on forms and supplies furnished by the group or institution offering the program. Teachers of release time programs are not to be considered members of any public school faculty and should not be asked to participate as faculty members in any school functions or to assume responsibilities for operation of any part of the public school program. (4-1-97)

**10. Transportation Liability.** Public schools and school districts will not be liable or responsible for the health, safety and welfare of students while they are being transported to and from or participating in release time programs. (4-1-97)

**221. -- 229. (RESERVED).**

**230. DRIVER EDUCATION.**

**01. Commercial Schools.** All driver education courses offered in Idaho commercial schools must be conducted in compliance with all the requirements in the Idaho Standards for Commercial Driving Schools as approved on March 10, 2005. (3-10-05)T

**02. Public Schools.** All driver education courses offered in Idaho public schools must be conducted in compliance with all the requirements in the Idaho Standards for Public School Driver Education and Training as approved on August 13, 2004. (4-6-05)

**231. -- 239. (RESERVED).**

**240. JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS.**

**01. Definition of Terms.** (4-1-97)

**a.** Juvenile Detention Centers: Facilities that provide for the temporary care of children, as defined in the Juvenile Justice Reform Corrections Act, who require secure custody, for their own or the community's protection, in physically restricting facilities pending court disposition or subsequent to court disposition. (Section 33-2009, Idaho Code) (4-1-97)

**b.** Juvenile Offender: A person, as defined in the Juvenile Justice Reform Act, who has been petitioned or adjudicated for a delinquent act that would constitute a felony or misdemeanor if committed by an adult. (4-1-97)

**02. Instructional Program.** Every public school district in the state within which is located a public or private detention facility housing juvenile offenders pursuant to court order will provide an instructional program. The instructional program will: (4-1-97)

**a.** Provide course work that meets the minimum requirements of Idaho State Board of Education Rules. (4-1-97)

**b.** Provide instruction in the core of instruction. (4-1-97)

**c.** Include the following components, where appropriate: self-concept improvement, social adjustment, physical fitness/personal health, vocational/occupational, adult living skills, and counseling. (4-1-97)

**d.** Provide instruction and guidance that may lead to a high school diploma. School districts will accept such instruction for purposes of issuing credit when the detention center certifies to the school that the appropriate work is completed. (4-1-97)

**e.** Be directed by an instructor who holds an appropriate, valid certificate. (4-1-97)

**f.** Be provided to each student not later than two (2) school days after admission and continue until the student is released from the detention center. (4-1-97)

**g.** Be provided to students who have attained "school age" as defined in Idaho Code 33-201. (4-1-97)

**h.** Be provided for a minimum of four (4) hours during each school day. (4-1-97)

**i.** Be based on the needs and abilities of each student. The resident school district will provide pertinent status information as requested by the Juvenile Detention Center. (4-1-97)

**j.** Be coordinated with the instructional program at the school the student attends, where appropriate. (4-1-97)

**k.** Be provided in a facility that is adequate for instruction and study. (4-1-97)

**03. State Funding of Instructional Programs at Juvenile Detention Centers.** (4-1-97)

**a.** Every student housed in a juvenile detention center pursuant to court order and participating in an instructional program provided by a public school district will be counted as an exceptional child by the district for purposes of state reimbursement. (4-1-97)

**b.** Public school districts that educate pupils placed by Idaho court order in juvenile detention centers will be eligible for an allowance equivalent to the previous year's certified local annual tuition rate per pupil. The district allowance will be in addition to support unit funding and included in the district apportionment payment. (4-1-97)

**c.** To qualify for state funding of instructional programs at Juvenile Detention Centers, school districts must apply for such funding on forms provided by the State Department of Education. Applications are subject to the review and approval of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. School districts will submit attendance and

enrollment reports as required by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Juvenile Detention Centers will submit reports to the local school district as required. (4-1-97)

**241. -- 999. (RESERVED).**

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