

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(d) (14 **Del.C.** §122(d))  
14 **DE Admin. Code** 340

**PROPOSED**

**Educational Impact Analysis Pursuant to 14 Del.C. Section 122(d)**

**340 Certification Theater Teacher**

**A. Type of Regulatory Action Requested**

Amendment to Existing Regulation

**2. Synopsis of Subject Matter of Regulation**

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and collaboration with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend regulation **DE Admin. Code** 340 Certification Theater Teacher. This regulation concerns the requirements for certification of educational personnel, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a). It is necessary to amend this regulation in order to update the certification area, and to bring it under the auspices of the Professional Standards Board as required in 14 **Del.C.** The amended regulation title will read 1558 Theater Teacher. This amended regulation sets forth the requirements for a Theater Teacher.

Persons wishing to present their views regarding this matter may do so in writing by the close of business on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 to Mr. Charlie Michels, Executive Director, Delaware Professional Standards Board, the Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. Copies of this regulation are available from the above address or may be viewed at the Professional Standards Board Business Office.

**C. Impact Criteria**

1. Will the amended regulation help improve student achievement as measured against state achievement standards? The amended regulation addresses student achievement by establishing standards for the issuance of a standard certificate to educators who have acquired the prescribed knowledge, skill and/or education to practice in a particular area, to teach a particular subject or to instruct a particular category of students to help ensure that students are instructed by educators who are highly qualified.

2. Will the amended regulation help ensure that all students receive an equitable education? The amended regulation helps to ensure that all teachers employed to teach students meet high standards and have acquired the prescribed knowledge, skill and/or education to practice in a particular area, to teach a particular subject or to instruct a particular category of students.

3. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' health and safety are adequately protected? The amended regulation addresses educator certification, not students' health and safety.

4. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' legal rights are respected? The amended regulation addresses educator certification, not students' legal rights.

5. Will the amended regulation preserve the necessary authority and flexibility of decision-makers at the local board and school level? The amended regulation will preserve the necessary authority and flexibility of decision makers at the local board and school level.

6. Will the amended regulation place unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements or mandates upon decision makers at the local board and school levels? The amended regulation will not place unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements or mandates upon decision makers at the local board and school levels.

7. Will decision making authority and accountability for addressing the subject to be regulated be placed in the same entity? The decision-making authority and accountability for addressing the subject to be regulated rests with the Professional Standards Board, in collaboration with the Department of Education, and with the consent of the State Board of Education.

8. Will the amended regulation be consistent with and not an impediment to the implementation of

other state educational policies, in particular to state educational policies addressing achievement in the core academic subjects of mathematics, science, language arts and social studies? The amended regulation will be consistent with, and not an impediment to, the implementation of other state educational policies, in particular to state educational policies addressing achievement in the core academic subjects of mathematics, science, language arts and social studies.

9. Is there a less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of the amended regulation? 14 **Del.C.** requires that we promulgate this regulation.

10. What is the cost to the state and to the local school boards of compliance with the adopted regulation? There is no additional cost to local school boards for compliance with the regulation.

### **340-Certification Theater Teacher**

Effective July 1, 1993

**4.0 The Following Shall be Required for the Standard License in Grades 9 to 12 and is Valid in Grades 5 to 8 in a Middle Level School:**

4.1 Bachelor's degree from an accredited college and;

4.2 Completion of an approved teacher education program in Theater.

**2.0 The Following Shall be Required for the Standard Endorsement (for Teachers with 3 or fewer classes of theater)**

2.1 Standard Delaware License in a secondary content area and;

2.2 A minimum of 15 semester hours from the following areas of Theater: History of the Theater, Play Direction, Acting, Stagecraft, Play Production, Voice and Speech, Stage Management, Make up and Costuming, Stage Lighting, or Methods of Teaching Theater or Drama.

**3.0 Licenses That May be Issued for This Position Include Standard, Standard Endorsement and Limited Standard:**

3.1 The Limited Standard License may be issued upon request of a Delaware public school district for a teacher employed for this position who meets the standards set forth in 2.3 of regulation 301 General Regulations for Certification of Professional Public School Personnel.

### **1558 Theater Teacher**

#### **1.0 Content**

1.1 This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), for Theater Teacher. This certification is required for grades 9 to 12, and is valid in grades 5 to 8 in a Middle Level school.

1.2 Except as otherwise provided, the requirements set forth in 14 **DE Admin Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **2.0 Definitions**

2.1 The definitions set forth in 14 **DE Admin Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto, are incorporated herein by reference.

2.2 The following words and terms, when used in this regulation, shall have the following meaning unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

**"Approved Accrediting Agency"** means a National, Regional, or Specialized Accrediting agency or association that appears on the list of recognized accrediting agencies published by the United States Secretary of Education or any other accrediting agency the Delaware Secretary of Education, deems within his or her discretion, to be reliable or be equivalent to those on the published list.

**"Accredited institution"** means an institution that has received accreditation from an approved accrediting agency.

#### **3.0 Standard Certificate**

3.1 In accordance with 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), the Department shall issue a Standard Certificate as a Theater Teacher to an educator who has met the following:

3.1.1 Holds a valid Delaware Initial, Continuing, or Advanced License; or a Limited Standard, Standard or Professional Status Certificate issued by the Department prior to August 31, 2003; and,

3.1.2 Has met the requirements as set forth in 14 **DE Admin Code** 1505 Standard Certificate, including any subsequent amendment or revision thereto; and,

3.1.3 Has satisfied the additional requirements in this regulation.

#### **4.0 Additional Requirements**

If an examination of content knowledge such as Praxis II is not applicable and available, in the area the Standard Certificate is requested, an educator must also meet the following:

4.1 If the educator is applying for their second Standard Certificate pursuant to 14 **DE Admin Code** 1505 Standard Certificate 3.1.5:

4.1.1 Has satisfactorily completed fifteen (15) credits or their equivalent in professional development related to Theater, selected by the applicant with the approval of the employing school district or charter school which is submitted to the Department; or

4.1.2 Has obtained certification in Theater from an accredited institution.

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