

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(d) (14 **Del.C.** §122(d))
14 **DE Admin. Code** 1545

FINAL

REGULATORY IMPLEMENTING ORDER

1545 Secondary School Counselor

I. SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION SUBMITTED

The Professional Standards Board, acting in cooperation and consultation with the Department of Education, seeks the consent of the State Board of Education to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1545 Secondary School Counselor. The regulation concerns the requirements for certification of educational personnel, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a). It was necessary to review and amend this regulation in order to provide current grade levels, formatting and to consider the current course count. This regulation sets forth the requirements for a Secondary School Counselor.

Notice of the proposed amendment of the regulation was published in the Delaware *Register of Regulations* on November 1, 2012. The notice invited written comments. No written comments were received.

II. FINDINGS OF FACTS

The Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education find that it is appropriate to amend this regulation to comply with changes in statute.

III. DECISION TO AMEND THE REGULATION

For the foregoing reasons, the Professional Standards Board and the State Board of Education conclude that it is appropriate to amend the regulation. Therefore, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1205(b), the regulation attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby amended. Pursuant to the provision of 14 **Del.C.** §122(e), the regulation hereby amended shall be in effect for a period of five years from the effective date of this order as set forth in Section V. below.

IV. TEXT AND CITATION

The text of the regulation amended shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and said regulation shall be cited as 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1545 of the *Administrative Code of Regulations* of the Professional Standards Board.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDER

The effective date of this Order shall be ten (10) days from the date this Order is published in the Delaware *Register of Regulations*.

APPROVED BY THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD THE 6TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012

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IT IS SO ORDERED the 20th day of December, 2012.

Department of Education
Mark Murphy, Secretary of Education

Approved this 20th day of December, 2012

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1.0 Content

- 1.1 This regulation shall apply to the issuance of a Standard Certificate, pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), for Secondary School Counselor. This certification is required for grades nine (9) to twelve (12) and is valid in grades ~~5~~ six (6) to eight (8) in a Middle Level school. A Middle Level School Counselor must ~~have hold~~ either an Elementary School Counselor Standard Certificate or a Secondary School Counselor Standard eCertificate.
- 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

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

3.0 Standard Certificate

- 3.1 In accordance with 14 **Del.C.** §1220(a), the Department shall issue a Standard Certificate as a Secondary School Counselor 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

- 4.1 An educator must also ~~meet~~ have met the following.
- 4.2 Has satisfied at least one of the following additional education requirements:
 - 4.2.1 Graduated from an NCATE specialty organization recognized educator preparation program or from a state approved educator preparation program, where the state approval body employed the appropriate NASDTEC or NCATE specialty organization standards, offered by a regionally accredited college or university, with a Masters degree in Secondary School Counseling; or
 - 4.2.2 Graduated from a regionally accredited college or university with a Masters degree in any content area and satisfactorily completed ~~27 semester hours~~ 30 credits of graduate course work or the equivalent in professional development as approved by the Department in the areas of:
 - 4.2.2.1 Principles and Practices of the School Counseling Program (3 credits);
 - 4.2.2.2 Individual Counseling Skills (3 credits);
 - 4.2.2.3 Group Counseling Skills (3 credits);
 - 4.2.2.4 Human Development (3 credits);
 - 4.2.2.5 Career Development (3 credits);
 - 4.2.2.6 Individual and Group Testing for Counselors (3 credits);
 - 4.2.2.7 Supervised Practicum in Secondary Counseling (3 credits);
 - 4.2.2.8 Counseling Theory (3 credits);
 - 4.2.2.9 Consultation (3 credits); and
 - 4.2.2.10 Ethical Issues in School Counseling (3 credits).
- 4.3 Has met at least one of the following experience requirements:

- 4.3.1 A minimum of three years professional experience in a secondary school setting; or,
- 4.3.2 A minimum of three years of equivalent experience as approved by the Department of Education; or,
- 4.3.3 A supervised school counseling internship of one (1) full year in a secondary school setting which is part of a graduate degree program in Secondary School Counseling or arranged by the Department of Education. The internship may be completed over a two (2) year period on a half-time basis.

7 DE Reg. 775 (12/1/03)

11 DE Reg. 756 (12/01/07)

16 DE Reg. 485 (11/01/12)

16 DE Reg. 763 (01/01/13) (Final)