

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(d) (14 **Del.C.** §122(d))
14 **DE Admin. Code** 1558

FINAL

Regulatory Implementing Order

340 Certification Theater Teacher

I. Summary of the Evidence and Information Submitted

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 14 **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.

Notice of the proposed amendment of the regulation was published in the *News Journal* and the *Delaware State News* on Friday, November 30, 2007 in the form hereto attached as Exhibit "A". 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 "B" 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 "B", and said regulation shall be cited as 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1558 of the *Administrative Code of Regulations* of the Department of Education.

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 ON THE 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008

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FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:

Valerie A. Woodruff, Secretary of Education

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 21ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.

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~~340 Certification Theater Teacher~~

~~Effective July 1, 1993~~

~~1.0 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.~~

- ~~1.1 Bachelor's degree from an accredited college and,~~
- ~~1.2 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.

11 DE Reg. 716 (12/01/07)

11 DE Reg. 1235 (03/01/08) (Final)