

282—22.2 (272) Substitute authorization. A substitute authorization allows an individual to substitute in a middle school, junior high school, or high school for no more than five consecutive days in one job assignment. An individual who holds a paraeducator certificate and completes the substitute authorization program is authorized to substitute only in the special education classroom in which the individual paraeducator is employed. This special education classroom may be on the preschool or elementary school level as well as the middle school, junior high school or high school level.

22.2(1) Application process. Any person interested in the substitute authorization shall submit records of credit to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation in terms of the required courses or contact hours. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners, online at <http://www.boee.iowa.gov/> or from institutions or agencies offering approved courses or contact hours.

a. Requirements. Applicants for the substitute authorization shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Authorization program. Applicants must complete a board of educational examiners-approved substitute authorization program consisting of the following components and totaling a minimum of 15 clock hours:

1. Classroom management. This component includes an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

2. Strategies for learning. This component includes understanding and using a variety of learning strategies to encourage students' development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.

3. Diversity. This component includes understanding how students differ in their approaches to learning and creating learning opportunities that are equitable and are adaptable to diverse learners.

4. Ethics. This component includes fostering relationships with parents, school colleagues, and organizations in the larger community to support students' learning and development and to be aware of the board's rules of professional practice and competent performance.

(2) Degree or certificate. Applicants must have achieved at least one of the following:

1. Hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. Completed an approved paraeducator certification program and hold a paraeducator certificate.

(3) Minimum age. Applicants must have attained a minimum age of 21 years.

(4) Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. Applicants must have successfully completed an Iowa division of criminal investigation background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

(5) National criminal history background check. Applicants must have successfully completed a national criminal history background check. The background check fee will be assessed to the applicant.

b. Validity. The substitute authorization shall be valid for three years, and it shall expire three years from the date of issuance.

c. Renewal. The authorization may be renewed upon application and verification of successful completion of:

(1) Renewal units. Applicants for renewal of the substitute authorization must provide verification of a minimum of two renewal units equivalent to 30 clock hours.

(2) Child and dependent adult abuse training. Every renewal applicant must submit documentation of completion of the child and dependent adult abuse training approved by the state abuse education review panel. A waiver of this requirement may apply under the following conditions with appropriate documentation of any of the following:

1. A person is engaged in active duty in the military service of this state or of the United States.

2. The application of this requirement would impose an undue hardship on the person for whom the waiver is requested.

3. A person is practicing a licensed profession outside this state.

4. A person is otherwise subject to circumstances that would preclude the person from satisfying the approved child and dependent adult abuse training in this state.

5. The person has previously renewed a license or another authorization issued by the board of educational examiners and, at that time, reported the completion, within the past five years, of child and dependent adult abuse training approved by the state abuse education review panel.

22.2(2) *Revocation and suspension.* Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the substitute authorization.

22.2(3) *Approval of courses.* Each institution of higher education, private college or university, merged area school or area education agency wishing to offer the semester credit or contact hours for the substitute authorization must submit course descriptions for each offering to the board of educational examiners for approval. After initial approval, any changes by agencies or institutions in course offerings shall be filed with the board of educational examiners.

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