

282—22.5(272) Preliminary native language teaching authorization.

22.5(1) Authorization. The preliminary native language teaching authorization is provided to noneducators entering the education profession to teach their native language as a foreign language in grades K-6 or grades 7-12.

22.5(2) Application process. Any person interested in the preliminary native language teaching authorization shall submit the application to the board of educational examiners for an evaluation. Application materials are available from the office of the board of educational examiners online at www.boee.iowa.gov.

22.5(3) Requirements.

a. The applicant must have completed a baccalaureate degree.

b. Background check. The applicant must complete the background check requirements set forth in rule 282—13.1(272).

c. The applicant must obtain a recommendation from a school district administrator verifying that the school district wishes to hire the applicant. Before the applicant is hired, the school district administrator must verify that a diligent search was completed to hire a fully licensed teacher for the position.

d. During the term of the authorization, the applicant must complete board-approved training in the following:

(1) Methods and techniques of teaching. Develop skills to use a variety of learning strategies that encourage students' development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills. The methods course must include specific methods and techniques of teaching a foreign language and must be appropriate for the level of endorsement.

(2) Curriculum development. Develop an understanding of how students differ in their approaches to learning and create learning opportunities that are equitable and adaptable to diverse learners.

(3) Measurement and evaluation of programs and students. Develop skills to use a variety of authentic assessments to measure student progress.

(4) Classroom management. Develop an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior which creates a learning environment that encourages positive social interactions, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

(5) Code of ethics. Develop an understanding of how to foster relationships with parents, school colleagues, and organizations in the larger community to support students' learning and development and become aware of the board's rules of professional practice and code of ethics.

(6) Diversity training for educators. Develop an understanding of and sensitivity to the values, beliefs, lifestyles and attitudes of individuals and the diverse groups found in a pluralistic society, including preparation that contributes to the education of individuals with disabilities and the gifted and talented.

e. The applicant must be assigned a mentor by the hiring school district. The mentor must have four years of teaching experience in a related subject area.

f. Assessment of native language. The applicant must provide verification of successfully passing the Iowa-mandated assessment(s) by meeting the minimum score set by the Iowa department of education. The cut score may not be waived by the board.

22.5(4) Validity. This authorization is valid for three years. No conditional licenses may be issued to applicants holding the preliminary native language teaching authorization. No additional endorsement areas may be added.

22.5(5) Renewal. The authorization is nonrenewable.

22.5(6) Conversion. The preliminary native language teaching authorization may be converted to a native language teaching authorization. The applicant must provide official transcripts verifying the completion of the coursework required in 22.5(3)“d.”

22.5(7) Revocation and suspension. Criteria of professional practice and rules of the board of educational examiners shall be applicable to the holders of the preliminary native language teaching authorization. If a school district hires an applicant without a valid preliminary native language teaching authorization, a complaint may be filed against the teacher and the superintendent of the school district.

22.5(8) *Approval of courses.* Each institution of higher education, private college or university, community college or area education agency wishing to offer the training for the preliminary native language teaching 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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