

Attention Teachers!

The MN State Legislature passed legislation that will impact teacher licensing beginning January 1, 2018.

There are two significant changes in the legislation we want you to be aware of:

1. The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) will replace the Board of Teaching
This will be a change from the current system where both the Board of Teaching and the MN Department of Education issue teacher licenses. This action eliminates the Board of Teaching and the Educator Licensing Division of MDE.
2. The PELSB will be implementing a new Four-Tiered Teacher Licensure System
This is being implemented to increase clarity and transparency in licensing as well as provide a way for individuals to work their way to a Tier 4 license. The newly appointed Board has begun meeting to determine the rules for these Tiers.

How will this impact ISD 318 Teachers with Standard Licenses?

- Anyone holding a current 5-year standard license will get a 1-year extension. This will apply to any teacher whose license expires in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.
- Teachers whose licenses expire in 2018 will have until May 2019 to submit renewal applications.
NOTE: As with the current process, any teacher approved for 2019 can pay the renewal fee after January 1, 2019 through the PELSB. **You will not be able to log-in and pay for your renewal between January 1, 2018 and January 1, 2019.**
- Any teacher holding an unexpired, standard five-year license as of January 1, 2018 will be converted to a new Tier 4 license on July 1, 2019. Tier 4 licenses will then be on the familiar five-year renewal cycle.
- The renewal requirements will have no changes at this time. You will still need 125 clock hours from 2 categories while fulfilling the 8 state requirements. **Clock hours can/should continue to be submitted to the district re-certification committee each year in order to be prepared for the year of expiration. Current standard teaching licenses in effect at this time will have an additional year to acquire/submit clock hours.**
- The new application system is being built by the PELSB throughout 2017-2018.

How will this impact ISD 318 Teachers with other Licenses?

Teachers with the following licenses that expire on or before June 30, 2018 will need to reapply under the new Tiered Licensure rules (which are currently being adopted):

- Temporary Limited
- Variance
- Non-Licensed Community Expert
- Experimental Waiver
- Intern

The new application system is being built throughout 2017-18. **Human Resources will contact those who hold non-standard licenses when the updated process has been determined and communicated from PELSB.**

Human Resources and ISD 318 Re-licensure committee are aware of these changes. We are working closely with the state to ensure you have the latest information and what this change means to you. We will work diligently to keep you informed.

Here are two links that provide additional details to the new tiered licensing system:

<https://www.educationminnesota.org/resources/credentials-licensure/Tiered-licensure>

<https://mn.gov/board-of-teaching/>

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Tier 1 license

REQUIREMENTS:

A Tier 1 license lasts a year, and may be renewed three times.

The school district must show it couldn't find a more qualified teacher.

5 years work experience,
Associate's degree, or
professional certificate

or

Bachelor's degree

Tier 2 license

REQUIREMENTS:

Enroll in Minnesota
teacher training program

Master's degree
in subject area

A Tier 2 license lasts 2 years,
and may be renewed three times.

Any 2 of
these

Complete teacher
training program

8 upper-level course credits
in the subject area

Training in subject-specific
teaching methods

Two year's experience
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Pass state tests in teaching
and subject area

Source: Minnesota 2017 Session Law Chapter 5, Article 3

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Tier 3 license

REQUIREMENTS:

A Tier 3 license lasts 3 years, and has unlimited renewals.

Pass state tests in teaching & subject area

and one of these

Complete teacher training program

Pass portfolio evaluation

Tier 2 license, 3 years teaching & pass evaluation

Out-of-state teaching license, 2 years teaching

Tier 4 license

REQUIREMENTS:

A Tier 4 license lasts 5 years, and has unlimited renewals.

Complete all of these

Complete teacher training program

Pass reading, writing and math skills test

3 year's Minnesota teaching experience

Pass evaluation

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