

Out of Field Teaching Praxis Certification Support

Overview

Currently, across the state, 31% of teachers are uncertified in the subject area they are currently teaching. One of the contributing factors to this percentage is that 19% of teachers are certified to teach, but are not teaching the subject(s) they are certified in. To improve the educational outcomes for our students, the LDOE has designated funds **to pay for vouchers for certification assessments** for certified teachers teaching out of their field of certification in core/high needs certification areas (elementary, English, math, science, social studies, and special education). The LDOE will also pay the certification fee for educators passing the required assessment(s) to add the area of endorsement onto their license.

Details

- School/system leaders should forward the [Out of Field Praxis Support Survey](#) to teachers who are teaching on an Out-of-Field Authority to Teach (OFAT) certificate.
- Each teacher on an OFAT certificate will be required to individually complete the survey to receive a voucher to cover the cost of the required Praxis exam(s).
- After applying the LDOE will contact each applicant, secure their necessary assessment, and provide the necessary information for that assessment to be completed.
- Teachers successfully completing their Praxis prior to August 16 may also be eligible to update their teaching certificate to reflect their new area of certification at no cost to the applicant.

Other General Information

- The [application](#) for the out-of-field assessment voucher is now open and will remain open until either August 16, 2024 or until funding runs out - whichever comes first.
- Once a teacher completes the linked [application](#), they will receive a welcome letter indicating their application has been received.
- Upon approval, the teacher will receive the necessary code to take the praxis at no cost to them and the link to submit their passing Praxis scores to LDOE.
- After successfully passing the Praxis, the teacher will submit their passing test scores via the appropriate link and receive a voucher and instructions on how to submit the necessary documentation to update their certification.
- To ensure enough time for the purchase of the vouchers for the praxis exam and certification update please complete the [form](#) and the Praxis by July 19, 2024.
- The certification application must be submitted no later than September 1, 2024 in order for the LDOE to pay for updating the teacher's certification. Candidates not meeting this deadline will be responsible for paying to update his/her certification.

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