

Douglas County School District 15

Code: **GCA**
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License Requirements

The Board, in adhering to Oregon Revised Statutes, shall require all applicants selected for employment for positions that require licensing to hold a valid Oregon license issued by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) as a condition of employment. The district must be able to verify the current license of applicants offered employment before the Board will consider approving their employment.

If an applicant's teaching license application with the TSPC is pending, the applicant may teach with Board approval for 90 calendar days after the date of submission of the application, if the applicant has:

1. Submitted an application in the manner and form required by the TSPC, including payment of all required fees;
2. Completed a background clearance conducted by the TSPC that includes having:
 - a. Furnished fingerprints, if required;
 - b. Provided satisfactory responses to character questions in the form and manner required by the TSPC; and
 - c. Completed a criminal records check pursuant to state law and a background check through the interstate clearinghouse for revoked or suspended licenses, and is eligible for a teaching license.

The district will complete a review of the applicant's employment history prior to beginning employment.

The district will verify the employee is properly licensed on the 91st calendar day after the application was submitted to the TSPC, if the employee's license application is pending and the employee is teaching in the district.

This 90-day teaching option will only be applied to those positions of high need, specialty areas or emergency assignments as determined by the district.

The verification of licensure includes all licensed endorsements. It shall be each licensed staff member's responsibility to keep all endorsements current and to submit them to the superintendent's office.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 339.374](#)
[ORS 342.120 to-342.203](#)

[OAR 584-050-0035](#)
[OAR 584-200-0020](#)