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Incorporation by Reference
Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel

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BACKGROUND

Per Idaho Code §33-1258, the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) is tasked with making recommendations to the State Board of Education in the area of teaching standards in order to promote improvement of professional practices and competence of the teaching profession in Idaho.

In 2000, Idaho adopted new standards, Idaho Teacher Standards, based on the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) model. These standards reflected a move to "performance-based" outcomes, meaning every teacher candidate is recommended for initial certification based on the demonstration of what they know and are able to do.

In 2012, a committee of education experts was convened to review and revise the Idaho Teacher Standards. After thoughtful consideration, the committee recommended adopting the newly revised InTASC Model Teaching Standards (April 2011) as published.

In addition to the Idaho Teacher Standards, there are Idaho Foundation Standards and Idaho Enhancement Standards. Below is a description of each:

- The Idaho Teacher Standards apply to all teacher certification areas. These are the ten basic standards all teachers must know and be able to do, regardless of their specific content areas.
 - All teachers meet Idaho Teacher Standards.
- The Foundation Standards apply to all subject area teacher certification areas.
 - All Science teachers meet Science Foundation Standards.
- The Enhancement Standards apply to specific content area teacher certification.
 - All Biology teachers meet Biology Enhancement Standards.

RULE DETAILS

- The Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel approval date was updated. (Figure 1.)

01. Idaho Standards for the Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel as approved on
~~August 13, 2015~~ **June 16, 2016**. Copies of this document can be found on the Office of the State Board of Education
website at <http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov>. (3-25-16)

Figure 1. Text from DOCKET NO. 08-0202-1603.

HOW THE STANDARDS WERE WRITTEN

The PSC is directed to review and make recommendations for revisions to 20% of the standards and endorsements annually. The standards reviews ensure the current Idaho Teacher Standards and best practices are embedded in each content area (Foundation and Enhancement Standards).

The process for all standards reviews are as follows:

- A standards review team of content area experts from educators, including those from K-12 schools and higher education, is formed for each standard area. For example, a science review team was formed to review all science related standards.
- The team of content area experts reviews the standards (based on Idaho Teacher Standards) and makes revisions if necessary.
- The recommended revisions from the team of content area experts are presented to the PSC. The PSC reviews the recommendations and may make additional revisions, or approve as presented.
- Once the PSC approves the revisions, they are presented to the State Board of Education for approval.
- After the State Board of Education approves the revisions, they are presented to the Legislature for approval and if approved become an incorporated by reference document in state Board Rule.

As each content area comes due for review, the old standards are being replaced with the recently adopted Idaho Teacher Standards (2012). There are many revisions included in the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel (incorporated by reference document) due to the change of Idaho Teacher Standards.

SUMMARY OF THE STANDARDS

The following standards were reviewed and all revisions in the Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel (incorporated by reference document) are as a result of this process:

- Table of Contents (page 2)
 - Revised page numbers and titles
- Idaho Standards for Elementary Education Teachers (page 59)
 - Recommendations originated from the Elementary Education Standards Review Team
- Idaho Standards for Mathematics Teachers (page 102)
 - Recommendations originated from the Mathematics Standards Review Team
- Pre-Service Technology Standards (page 122)
 - Recommendations originated from the Pre-Service Technology Standards Review Team
- Idaho Foundation Standards for Science Teachers (page 154)
 - Recommendations originated from the Science Standards Review Team
- Idaho Standards for Biology Teachers (page 162)
 - Recommendations originated from the Science Standards Review Team

- Idaho Standards for Chemistry Teachers (page 166)
 - Recommendations originated from the Science Standards Review Team
- Idaho Standards for Earth and Space Science Teachers (page 172)
 - Recommendations originated from the Science Standards Review Team
- Idaho Standards for Physics Teachers (page 178)
 - Recommendations originated from the Science Standards Review Team
- Idaho Foundation Standards for Visual and Performing Arts Teachers (page 233)
 - Recommendations originated from the Visual and Performing Arts Standards Review Team
- Idaho Standards for Theatre Arts Teachers (page 239)
 - Recommendations originated from the Visual and Performing Arts Standards Review Team
- Idaho Standards for Music Teachers (page 243)
 - Recommendations originated from the Visual and Performing Arts Standards Review Team
- Idaho Standards for Visual Arts Teachers (page 247)
 - Recommendations originated from the Visual and Performing Arts Standards Review Team

The complete incorporated by reference document, Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel, with page numbers can be found on the flash drive provided or on the State Department of Education's website at:
<http://sde.idaho.gov/topics/admin-rules/files/psc/supporting/Draft-Marked-Standards-Initial-Cert-Professional-School-Personnel.pdf>

