Sparta Area School District

Article 355 - Certification

It is the responsibility of the individual teacher to hold a valid certificate to teach in the State of Wisconsin. Failure to provide evidence of such will result in the withholding of salary, as prescribed by law, until evidence of eligibility and application are provided.

A teacher working outside of his/her regular Wisconsin licensure may secure an emergency license from the DPI at the district’s request. The district may renew teachers working under emergency licensure if they meet the requirements of Wisconsin statute and the DPI for renewal of their emergency license. Specifically, they must be enrolled in a state-approved educator training program leading to certification in the area of the emergency licensure and complete at least six semester credits in that college program in the year of the license. Employment under the provisions of emergency licensure will be acceptable to the board for up to three years. Board permission will be required for each year after three years.

Individuals working under the provisions of a DPI approved emergency permit will be non-renewed annually so that the district may seek fully-licensed applicants. The original employee may reapply and could be recommended to the board if they are the most qualified candidate. Teachers seeking to renew an emergency permit must also be enrolled in a state-approved educator training program leading to certification in the area of the emergency licensure and complete at least six semester credits in that college program in the year of the license.

Teachers on an emergency license or permit for more than three years are not considered highly qualified under No Child Left Behind rules. Parents and guardians of students taught by teachers who do not meet the highly qualified standard will be notified.

Whenever possible, teachers subject to PI-34 rules will be hired according to the development licensure levels outlined in Administrative Rule 355.

Legal Reference:  
ESEA (Sec. 1119)  
Wisconsin PI 34  
Wisconsin Statute 118.19

Cross Reference:  
Administrative Rule 355 – Certification  
Teacher Negotiated Agreement Article VI, Section 9

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