

Item 23:**Discussion of 19 TAC Chapter 239, Student Services Certificates, Subchapter B, School Librarian Certificate, §239.60, Requirements for the Issuance of the Standard School Librarian Certificate****DISCUSSION ONLY**

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss the rulemaking timeline and process in response to the citizen petition to initiate rulemaking on 19 TAC Chapter 239, Student Services Certificates, Subchapter B, School Librarian Certificate, §239.60, Requirements for the Issuance of the Standard School Librarian Certificate. At the August 2014 SBEC meeting, the SBEC directed Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff to initiate the rulemaking process regarding the two creditable years of teaching experience currently required for issuance of the Standard School Librarian Certificate.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The statutory authority for 19 TAC Chapter 239, Subchapter B, §239.60 is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.040(4), and 21.041(b)(2)-(4).

BOARD RESPONSE: This item is presented for review and comment.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION: At the August 2014 SBEC meeting, the SBEC took action on a citizen petition to initiate rulemaking and explore options to facilitate the process of becoming a certified school librarian.

FUTURE ACTION EXPECTED: Any proposed rule action would be presented to the SBEC for filing as proposed at a future SBEC meeting.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND SIGNIFICANT ISSUES: Section 239.60, shown in Attachment II, establishes the requirements for the issuance of the Standard School Librarian Certificate. Currently, to obtain certification as a school librarian, an applicant must complete an approved educator preparation program, successfully complete the required examination, hold a minimum of a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education, and have two creditable years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher.

TEA staff plans to hold a stakeholder meeting on the requirements for a Standard School Librarian Certificate with representatives from school districts, education service centers, educator preparation programs (traditional and alternative), teacher organizations, and other relevant professional associations, such as the Texas Association of School Library Administrators (TxASLA) and the Texas Association of School Librarians (TASL).

In addition, TEA staff welcomes recommendations from the SBEC to ensure a diverse stakeholder meeting is held to discuss options to satisfy the current requirement of two creditable years of teaching experience for issuance of the Standard School Librarian Certificate.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

PUBLIC AND STUDENT BENEFIT: None.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS: None.

LOCALLY MAINTAINED PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

ALTERNATIVES: None.

OTHER COMMENTS AND RELATED ISSUES: None.

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Attachments: I. Statutory Citations
II. Text of 19 TAC Chapter 239, Student Services Certificate, Subchapter B, School Librarian Certificate, §239.60, Requirements for the Issuance of the Standard School Librarian Certificate

ATTACHMENT I**Statutory Citations Relating to 19 TAC Chapter 241, Principal Certificate****Texas Education Code, §21.003, Certification Required (excerpt):**

- (a) A person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by Subchapter B.

Texas Education Code, §21.040, General Powers and Duties of Board (excerpt):

The board shall:

- (4) for each class of educator certificate, appoint an advisory committee composed of members of that class to recommend standards for that class to the board;

Texas Education Code, §21.041, Rules; Fees (excerpts):

- (b) The board shall propose rules that:
- (2) specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates;
- (3) specify the period for which each class of educator certificate is valid;
- (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;

ATTACHMENT II
Text of 19 TAC

Chapter 239. Student Services Certificates

Subchapter B. School Librarian Certificate

§239.60. Requirements for the Issuance of the Standard School Librarian Certificate.

To be eligible to receive the standard School Librarian Certificate, a candidate must:

- (1) successfully complete a school librarian preparation program that meets the requirements of §239.50 of this title (relating to Preparation Program Requirements) and §239.55 of this title (relating to Standards Required for the School Librarian Certificate);
- (2) successfully complete the examination based on the standards identified in §239.55 of this title;
- (3) hold, at a minimum, a master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and
- (4) have two creditable years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service) and the Texas Education Code, §5.001(2).

Source: The provisions of this §239.60 adopted to be effective January 23, 2001, 26 TexReg 761; amended to be effective December 23, 2009, 34 TexReg 9201.