

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of) NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
ARM 10.57.421 pertaining to teacher) PROPOSED AMENDMENT
licensure)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On June 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., the Board of Public Education will hold a public hearing in the Superintendent's Conference Room at 1227 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana, to consider the proposed amendment of the above-stated rule.

2. The Board of Public Education will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this rulemaking process or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Board of Public Education no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2018, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Peter Donovan, Executive Director, 46 North Last Chance Gulch, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, Montana, 59620-0601; telephone (406) 444-0300; fax (406) 444-0847; or e-mail pdonovan@mt.gov.

3. The rule proposed to be amended provides as follows, new matter underlined, deleted matter interlined:

10.57.421 CLASS 4 ENDORSEMENTS (1) Recognized occupations eligible for a Class 4 license shall be evaluated on an annual basis by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Appropriate career and technical education areas acceptable for endorsement on the Class 4 license include but are not limited to the following: agriculture business, agriculture mechanics, auto body, automotive technology, aviation, building maintenance, building trades, business marketing, computer coding, computer information systems, culinary arts, diesel mechanics, drafting, electronics, engineering, graphic arts, health science education, heavy equipment operations, horticulture, industrial mechanics, livestock production, machining, metals, plant and soil sciences, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) instruction, small engines, stagecraft, teacher education, videography, and welding.

(2) and (3) remain the same.

(4) For health science education, engineering, ~~or~~ computer information systems, computer coding, or teacher education, an alternative to the above requirement of 10,000 hours of work experience may be substituted as ~~approved~~ recognized by the ~~Superintendent~~ Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Public Education as follows:

(a) and (a)(i) remain the same.

(ii) provide verification of successful completion of a blended learning professional development course of at least 80 hours by a provider recognized ~~both nationally and~~ and by the Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Public Education; and

(iii) through (b)(i) remain the same.

(ii) provide verification of successful completion of a blended learning professional development course of at least 80 hours by a provider recognized ~~both nationally and~~ by the Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Public Education.

(c) For computer information systems an individual may provide verification of completion of an approved technical program in a recognized training institution and hold a professional license or ~~recognized~~ industry standard certificate recognized by the Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Public Education.

(d) For computer coding:

(i) hold a Class 1 or 2 license; and

(ii) provide verification of successful completion of a blended learning professional development course of at least 80 hours by a provider recognized by the Office of Public Instruction and the Board of Public Education.

(e) For teacher education:

(i) hold a Class 1 or 2 license; and

(ii) provide verification of successful completion of five years of professional experience as a licensed educator.

(5) and (6) remain the same.

AUTH: Mont. Const. Art. X, sec. 9, 20-4-102, MCA

IMP: Mont. Const. Art. X, sec. 9, 20-4-106, 20-4-108, MCA

4. REASON: The Board of Public Education intends to add two new endorsements to Class 4 Educator Licensure in the areas of computer coding and teacher education. The addition of a computer coding endorsement will enable classroom teachers across Montana to teach specific skills and content in computer coding to P-12 students. The computer coding endorsement will expand opportunities, particularly in rural school districts, for students to learn fundamental computer coding skills. The teacher education endorsement will provide a new opportunity for high school students to explore a potential career in teaching. The intent of this new endorsement is to expose high school students to the fundamental skills necessary to become a professional educator in order to facilitate the recruitment of teachers into the education profession in Montana.

5. Concerned persons may submit their data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing at the hearing. Written data, views, or arguments may also be submitted to: Peter Donovan, Executive Director, 46 North Last Chance Gulch, P.O. Box 200601, Helena, Montana, 59620-0601; telephone (406) 444-0300; fax (406) 444-0847; or e-mail pdonovan@mt.gov, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., June 22, 2018.

6. Peter Donovan, Executive Director, has been designated to preside over and conduct this hearing.

7. The board maintains a list of interested persons who wish to receive notices of rulemaking actions proposed by this agency. Persons who wish to have their name added to the list shall make a written request that includes the name, e-

mail, and mailing address of the person to receive notices and specifies for which program the person wishes to receive notices. Notices will be sent by e-mail unless a mailing preference is noted in the request. Such written request may be mailed or delivered to the contact person in 5 above or may be made by completing a request form at any rules hearing held by the board.

8. The bill sponsor contact requirements of 2-4-302, MCA, do not apply.

9. With regard to the requirements of 2-4-111, MCA, the department has determined that the amendment of the above-referenced rule will not significantly and directly impact small businesses.

/s/ Peter Donovan
Peter Donovan
Rule Reviewer

/s/ Sharon Carroll
Sharon Carroll
Board Chair
Board of Public Education

Certified to the Secretary of State May 15, 2018.