



2015
Annual Report
of the
Montana Certification
Standards and Practices
Advisory Council



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council is to study and to make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on certification issues concerning teachers, administrators and specialists; professional standards and ethical conduct; the status and efficacy of approved Educator Preparation Programs in Montana; and policies related to the denial, suspension and revocation of educator certification and the appeals process.

The Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council will submit a report to the Board of Public Education with recommendations for the above areas at least once annually.

Professional Educators of Montana Code of Ethics

Professional educators recognize and accept their responsibility to create learning environments to help all students reach their full potential. They understand the trust and confidence placed in them by students, families, colleagues, and the community. To achieve their professional purpose, educators strive to maintain the highest ethical standards. The Professional Educators of Montana Code of Ethics sets out these fundamental principles which guide their behavior and will be used to judge their actions.

Principle I. Commitment to Students and Families. The ethical educator:

- Makes the well-being of students the foundation of all decisions and actions.
- Promotes a spirit of inquiry, creativity, and high expectations.
- Assures just and equitable treatment of every student.
- Protects students when their learning or well-being is threatened by the unsafe, incompetent, unethical or illegal practice of any person.
- Keeps information confidential that has been obtained in the course of professional service, unless disclosure serves a compelling purpose in the best interest of students, or is required by law.
- Respects the roles, responsibilities and rights, of students, parents and guardians.
- Maintains appropriate educator-student relationship boundaries in all respects, including speech, print, and digital communications.

Principle II. Commitment to the Profession. The ethical educator:

- Fulfills professional obligations with diligence and integrity.
- Demonstrates continued professional growth, collaboration and accountability.
- Respects the roles, responsibilities, and rights of colleagues, support personnel, and supervisors.
- Contributes to the development of the profession's body of knowledge.
- Manages information, including data, with honesty.
- Teaches without distortion, bias, or prejudice.
- Represents professional qualifications accurately.

Principle III. Commitment to the Community. The ethical educator:

- Models the principles of citizenship in a democratic society.
- Understands and respects diversity.
- Protects the civil and human rights of students and colleagues.
- Assumes responsibility for personal actions.
- Demonstrates good stewardship of public resources.
- Exemplifies a positive, active role in school-community relations.
- Adheres to the terms of contracts, district policies and procedures, and relevant statutes and regulations.

Adopted by the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council January 27, 2012

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CSPAC Goals – 2015-2016

- 1) Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on the status and efficacy of approved teacher educator programs in Montana.
 - a. Participate in CAEP/Montana accreditation reviews.
 - b. Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards update recommended to BPE by CSPAC on a 5-year review cycle. **Currently under review*
 - c. Continue to work with OPI to encourage the implementation of mentor programs across Montana to facilitate the induction of beginning teachers into the profession of teaching. **Ongoing*

- 2) Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education in the area of licensure renewal requirements and procedures.
 - a. Review of Chapter 57. **Completed July 2014*
 - b. As funding permits, attend the following conferences: Western States Certification, National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification, and National Commission on Teaching and America's Future. **OPI attends regularly and updates the Council*
 - c. Meet annually with the Board of Public Education and with the Council of Deans of Postsecondary Education. **BPE+CSPAC July 2015, Council of Deans+CSPAC October 2015*

- 3) Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on policies related to the denial, suspension, and revocation of teachers' licenses and the appeals process.
 - a. Attend NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute.
 - b. Work with OPI Licensure staff on updates of Administrative Rules. **Currently under review*

- 4) Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education regarding establishing standards of professional practices and ethical conduct.
 - a. Work with OPI to develop a framework for professional development based on best practices. **Completed October 2015*
 - b. As funding permits, attend NASDTEC Professional Practices Institute.
 - c. 5 year review of the Professional Educators of Montana Code of Ethics (To begin January 2016). **Currently under review*
 - d. CSPAC will study the process utilized in Montana for reviewing cases of suspension, revocation and denial of educator licensure.

- 5) Study and make recommendations to the Board of Public Education on the status and efficacy of alternative and/or nontraditional teacher preparation opportunities.
- a. Complete semi-annual reviews of Class 8 Dual Credit-Only Post Secondary Faculty License applications. *Completed October 2015
 - b. Gather information about diploma mills and find ways to inform teachers of this and other forms of fraud.
 - c. Continue the awareness that issues such as distance learning, dual enrollment, alternative certification models, etc. are multi-faceted and inter-related concepts that cannot be viewed in isolation from one another.
 - d. Continued involvement in the implementation of Graduation Matters Montana and Montana Content standards. *Completed April 2016

Other CSPAC Activities:

CSPAC to monitor any teacher licensure issues that may emerge from the implementation of distance learning programs (Montana Digital Academy).

CSPAC to participate in the School Staffing Project to develop a new state data system to track school staffing patterns in Montana.

Solicit input from the Board of Public Education regarding research priorities for CSPAC for 2015-2016.

Highlights of the 2015-2016 CSPAC Meetings

Highlights of the July 15th, 2015 CSPAC Meeting State Capitol Building Room 317 Helena, MT

On Wednesday July 15th, 2015, the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council met at the State Capitol for their regularly scheduled meeting. The Certification Advisory Council, created by the 1987 Montana Legislature, is composed of seven members and meets quarterly. The CSPAC makes recommendations to the Board of Public Education concerning licensure issues, professional practices, and ethical conduct for educators in Montana.

Currently serving on the Council are: Chair, Ms. Tammy Lacey, School Administrator, Great Falls; Vice Chair, Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Department head, Education Department, Salish Kootenai College; Mr. Kelly Elder, Teacher, Helena, Ms. Leanne Yenny, Teacher, Bozeman, Ms. Debbie Hendricks, 9-12 Teacher, Hellgate High School Missoula; Ms. Sabrina Steketee, Trustee, Boulder. Ms. Jo Dell Beeler, K-12 Specialist, excused.

Meeting attendees included: Ms. Shannon Koenig, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, OPI; Dr. Julie Bullard, UM Western; Mr. Mike Miller, UM Western; Mr. Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association; Mr. Steve Meloy, Montana School Boards Association; Dr. Christine Lux, Montana State University Bozeman; Mr. Robert Miller, UM Western; Ms. Melanie Charlson, MEA-MFT; Ms. Diane Burke, MTPEC; Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, Montana State University Billings. Also present were BPE Executive Director Mr. Pete Donovan, BPE Administrative Assistant Ms. Kris Stockton, and Administrative Assistant Ms. Julie Balsam.

CSPAC Meeting July 15th, 2015

Executive Committee Report

Chair Lacey announced that Mr. Kelly Elder was reappointed to a second term and introduced new members Ms. Debbie Hendricks and Ms. Sabrina Steketee. The Council passed unanimously both the re-elections of Ms. Tammy Lacey as Chair, and Dr. Cindy O'Dell as Vice Chair. The council accepted new committee appointments, reviewed their goals, set the annual calendar of meetings, and reviewed the Annual Report to be presented to the Board of Public Education.

Board of Public Education Report/Executive Director's Report

Mr. Donovan thanked Chair Lacey for her attendance at the May 7th, 2015 Board of Public Education meeting and thanked her for her service to CSPAC as well as being a mentor for Superintendent Sorensen at the MSDB. Mr. Donovan introduced Julie Balsam as the new part-time administrative assistant to the Board and reviewed the hiring process. Mr. Donovan discussed a few topics to be covered at the Board of Public Education meeting the next day.

New Curricular Programs in Early Childhood Education Preschool Through Grade 3 (ECE P-3) Program Presentations

Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson reviewed the process for the new Early Childhood Programs and introduced each program presented to the council. Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh reviewed MSU-Billings' program for Early Childhood Education and discussed the new Bachelor and graduate programs. Dr. Julie Bullard introduced existing and new Early Childhood programs at UM Western. Dr. Cindy O'Dell introduced the new ECE P-3 program for Salish Kootenai College and reviewed the process SKC went through for approval and accreditation. Dr. Christine Lux reviewed the ECE Consortium and the new ECE major and minor programs being developed at MSU-Bozeman.

Update Report on Montana Assessment for Content Knowledge and OPI Score Ranges for Praxis II Content Tests

Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson reviewed the state testing requirements for teachers to be Highly Qualified in their content area as well as how the test is developed and administered.

NASDTEC Conference Update

Ms. Ann Gilkey updated the Council on the NASDTEC conference attended by herself and Ms. Shannon Koenig from OPI in June. Ms. Gilkey discussed mentoring and induction programs, tiered licensure, growth plans for educators for licensure renewal, the National Code of Ethics, and a new Educator Lookup. Ms. Gilkey also reviewed an ETS session the following day which she attended.

Review of Proposed Amendments to ARM Title 10, Chapter 57 Educator Licensure

Ms. Shannon Koenig reviewed the proposed changes to ARM Title 10 Chapter 57 for the Council and explained the changes. The Council reviewed each change by section and asked questions and voiced concerns with proposed changes, in particular, concerns from Dr. O'Dell regarding the waiver in 10.57.412(4)(c). A motion to approve the amendment with language stricken in 10.57.412(4)(c) failed. The proposed amendments were then passed as proposed with one Council member dissenting.

Class 8 License Applications

Chair Lacey requested one change per the changes requested at the April CSPAC meeting. Dr. O'Dell requested one wording change.

Future Agenda Items

Class 8 License applications; update on reauthorization of ESEA; review of By Laws.

Highlights of the October 1st, 2015 CSPAC Meeting
University of Montana
Phyllis J Washington Education Center Room #241
Missoula, MT

The Montana Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council (CSPAC) met on Thursday October 1st, 2015 in a joint meeting with the Council of Deans on the campus of the University of Montana Missoula. The Certification Advisory Council, created by the 1987 Montana Legislature, is composed of seven members and meets quarterly. The CSPAC makes recommendations to the Board of Public Education concerning licensure issues, professional practices, and ethical conduct for educators in Montana.

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Meeting attendees included: Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Shannon Koenig, OPI; Mr. Mike Miller, University of Montana Western; Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT; Mr. Steve York, OPI. Also present were BPE Executive Director Mr. Pete Donovan and BPE Administrative Assistant Ms. Kris Stockton.

CSPAC Meeting
October 1st, 2015

Executive Committee Report

The Council reviewed the revisions to the Bylaws, suggested a few minor updates, and forwarded the Bylaws to the February meeting for approval.

Board of Public Education Report/Executive Director's Report

Mr. Donovan discussed the opening on the Council due to Ms. JoDell Beeler needing to resign from her position on the Council as the K-12 Specialist. Other items of review included the School Funding Interim Commission, SB345 which requires a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for any new accreditation standards, which are currently underway for Health and PE Standards, as well as the Art Standards.

Update on Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI, updated the Council on the status of the Reauthorization of the ESEA as it currently stands. Two bills have been presented, one from the House and one from the Senate. Dr. Peterson reviewed the differences in the two bills and stated that the main concern is that if no consensus can be made, the reauthorization may be delayed until the end of the 2016 election cycle.

Update on Montana EPAS

Dr. Peterson then updated the Council on the Montana EPAS process, where the project is to date, work that remains unfinished, upcoming trainings and deadlines. In addition, Mr. Steve York discussed how other states have created their process and tied teacher evaluations to student performance, which Montana chose not to do. Input was also heard from Mr. Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT.

Update on HB 374 – Suicide Prevention and Training Act

Mr. Steve York presented to the Council work completed to date by OPI and stakeholders as required by the passage of HB 374 – Suicide Prevention and Training Act. Mr. York displayed a draft website that is being designed for schools to use to aid in Suicide Prevention Training.

OPI Teacher Licensure Report

Ms. Shannon Koenig distributed a report to the Council displaying the number of applications for licensure from January 2015 to date, and the total number of licenses issued. The Council discussed the report and perceptions on the ease or difficulty of obtaining teacher licensure in Montana. Chair Lacey asked for this to be an annual report to the Council at the Winter meeting.

Class 8 License Applications

The Council reviewed five applications for Class 8 Licensure. Three applications were fully approved, two applications were approved with the caveat that the applicants complete Indian Education for All training.

Joint CSPAC/Council of Deans Meeting October 1st, 2015

CSPAC met with the Council of Deans of Postsecondary Education on the afternoon of October 1st, 2015 for the annual CSPAC Joint CoD meeting. The meeting highlighted two areas of discussion: 1) MCDE review of 2014-15 which included: Educator Preparation Programs response to Federal Regulations, a PRAXIS II Working Committee; and Early Childhood Education Preschool through Grade 3 programs; and 2) MCDE Emphasis for 2015-16 which included: an Ad Hoc Committee created to address requirements of CAEP Standard 4 and PEPPS Standard 10.58.314, the Montana-EPAS Educator Preparation Provider Cohort, and a continuation of the PRAXIS II Working Committee.

Highlights of the February 3rd, 2016 CSPAC Meeting
Board of Public Education Conference Room
46 N Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT

On Wednesday February 3rd, 2016, the Certification Standards and Practices Advisory Council met at the Board of Public Education Conference Room for their regularly scheduled meeting. The Certification Advisory Council, created by the 1987 Montana Legislature, is composed of seven members and meets quarterly. The CSPAC makes recommendations to the Board of Public Education concerning licensure issues, professional practices, and ethical conduct for educators in Montana.

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Meeting attendees included: Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Ms. Shannon Koenig, OPI; Ms. Rebecca Pelton, MACTE; Ms. Katy Wright, Helena School District; Ms. Sue Sweeney, Helena School District; Ms. Piper Lynch, Helena Public Montessori Parents; Ms. Tiffany Lynden, Helena Public Montessori Parents; Mr. Mike Miller, University of Montana Western; Dr. Matthew Schertz, University of Montana Missoula. Also present were BPE Executive Director Mr. Pete Donovan and Administrative Assistant Ms. Kris Stockton.

CSPAC Meeting
February 3rd, 2016

Executive Committee Report

Chair Lacey discussed with the Council that the 5 year review cycle of the Code of Ethics begins this year. Chair Lacey asked Mr. Elder to chair the Professional Practices Committees review of the code with an initial draft scheduled for October 2016. Chair Lacey then announced her appointment to the Board of Public Education and that this will be her last CSPAC meeting.

Board of Public Education Report/Executive Director's Report

Mr. Donovan reviewed the meetings of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committees for the Art Standards and the Health and PE Standards, as well as the ongoing work of the School Funding Interim Commission. Mr. Donovan reported on a public meeting he attended in Bozeman regarding the possibility of an application to the Board of Public Education for a public charter school under the Chapter 55 Accreditation Standards.

Recognition for Licensure of a Credential from a MACTE Accredited Teacher Education Program

Ms. Rebecca Pelton from the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education presented a request to the Council to explore the possibility of revising Montana Teacher Licensure rules to create a certification for licensure specifically for teachers in Montessori programs. The Council requested the Office of Public Instruction to work with MACTE and report back to the Council.

Update on P-3 Licensure

Ms. Shannon Koenig from the Office of Public Instruction presented a summary to the Council on the number of applications received for P-3 licensure in Montana since the creation of the new endorsement for licensure.

Professional Ethics for Montana Educators

Dr. Schertz from the University of Montana-Missoula presented to the Council his current project to create an online Professional Ethics program for teachers. Dr. Schertz has received Montana University System approval for a sabbatical for the 2016-17 academic year and will be working on his project during the year. He asked for the Council's support of his project. The Council agreed to do so and wrote a letter of support to Dr. Schertz.

Approve CSPAC Bylaws

The CSPAC Bylaws, as revised in October 2015, were approved unanimously by the Council.

CERTIFICATION STANDARDS & PRACTICES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2016
Board of Public Education Conference Room
46 N Last Chance Gulch, 2nd Floor
Helena, MT

Starting at 9:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. O'Dell called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Ms. Stockton took roll call and Dr. O'Dell read the Statement of Public Participation. Dr. O'Dell welcomed Dr. Watson to the Council and asked him to introduce himself. Dr. O'Dell asked other visitors, Council members, and staff to introduce themselves.

Council members present included: Dr. Cindy O'Dell, Chair; Mr. Kelly Elder; Ms. Leanne Yenny; Ms. Debbie Hendricks; Dr. Rob Watson; Ms. Noreen Burris; Ms. Sabrina Steketee. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education and CSPAC; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Guests present included: Mr. Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services; Mr. Erik Burke, MEA-MFT; Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA; Mr. Mike Miller, UM Western; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Dr. Julie Bullard, University of Montana; Ms. Katy Wright, Helena Public Schools; Ms. Jael Prezeau, OPI; Ms. Karin Billings, OPI.

APPROVE AGENDA

Ms. Debbie Hendricks moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Leanne Yenny seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Debbie Hendricks moved to approve the February 3, 2016 minutes as presented. Ms. Leanne Yenny seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT –Dr. Cindy O'Dell

- CSPAC Annual Report – Draft

The council reviewed the draft and made suggested changes.

- Update on Code of Ethics Review

Mr. Kelly Elder updated the Council on the initial review of the Code of Ethics by the Professional Practices Committee. A few general changes are being recommended but most everything else will stay the same. A discussion amongst the Council members and Mr. Vogel from MTSBA and Mr. Burke from MEA-MFT was had regarding how the Code was established and how it's being reviewed. The CSPAC will vote on the proposed updated to the Code of Ethics at the July CSPAC meeting.

ITEM 2 BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION REPORT – Mr. Pete Donovan

Mr. Donovan updated the Council on the most recent meetings of the School Funding Interim Commission and the Education and Local Government Interim Committee and topics they are reviewing and discussing. Also discussed was the Variances to Standards Board meeting the previous week, specifically discussing the applications for public charter schools under the Chapter 55 Accreditation Standards by the Bozeman School District and the Libby/Troy School Districts.

ITEM 3 UPDATE ON PROPOSED STANDARDS REVISIONS FOR ART STANDARDS AND HEALTH/PE STANDARDS – Jael Prezeau, Karin Billings

Ms. Jael Prezeau reviewed for the Council the process the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee took to review and make proposed changes to the current standards, how the application process worked and the selection process for the committee, how stakeholders were involved in the process, and how the changes were made. Ms. Karin Billings reviewed specifically the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for the Health and PE Standards which have not been updated since 1999. Ms. Prezeau discussed the general timeline for the implementation of the standards with the Council. Ms. Prezeau discussed how the OPI will reach out to the schools with information on the new standards and implementing the standards should they be approved by the BPE. Both face to face training and web interface training are available for schools.

ITEM 4 CLASS 8 EDUCATOR LICENSE APPLICATION PROCESS REVIEW – Ann Gilkey

Ms. Ann Gilkey presented this item to the Council which was put together by Ms. Shannon Koenig who has since left the OPI. This item was a request to the OPI from the Council at the February 2016 meeting. Ms. Gilkey took suggestions to update the flow chart from the Council.

ITEM 5 DATA ON APPLICATIONS FROM EDUCATORS COMPLETING OUT OF STATE EDUCATOR PREP PROGRAMS – Ann Gilkey

Ms. Gilkey presented data on the number of out of state license applications for Montana licensure. This item was also requested by the Council at the February 2016 meeting. Dr. O'Dell asked if more specific information could be gathered that would denote which areas of endorsement applicants are seeking which are being denied. Ms. Gilkey responded that she would look into the request.

ITEM 6 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO EDUCATOR LICENSURE, ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57 – Ann Gilkey, Dennis Parman

Ms. Gilkey reviewed the presentation at the February meeting from the MACTE group regarding a request for Montessori teachers who have gone through Montessori accreditation to have licensure recognition in Montana, and the request by CSPAC for OPI to review the licensure rules to see where those changes may be made. Ms. Gilkey then reviewed a possible timeline for the proposed changes should CSPAC move forward with a recommendation today. Ms. Gilkey moved through each proposed revision with the Council and provided explanations for each one. Council members made comments on the revisions and suggested changes to some of the proposed changes. General comments were given by Mr. Bob Vogel and Mr. Burke regarding the addition of the Montessori certifications for a Class 4 license as proposed in 10.57.420. The Council expressed concerns with not seeing a cross walk comparing MACTE standards with the Montana standards. Ms. Katy Wright with the Helena Montessori program will contact MACTE to see about getting a cross walk for comparison. Ms. Gilkey agreed to pull the Montessori piece out for continued work and to move forward with the other changes in the rules.

ITEM 7 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PRESCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 3 (ECE P-3) PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson, Dr. Julie Bullard, University of Montana, Dr. Mary Susan Fishbaugh, MSU-Billings

Dr. Julie Bullard, University of Montana presented to the Council the University of Montana's new Early Childhood Education Preschool through Grade 3 program. Previously the UM had brought forward a P-3 minor to be added to a K-8 major, but are now bringing forward the P-3 as a major. Dr. Bullard reviewed the courses which will be offered and an overview of the program. A first presentation to the Board of Regents has been given and a presentation to the Board of Public Education will be coming in May.

ITEM 8 PRAXIS WORKING COMMITTEE UPDATE – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Peterson updated the Council on the PRAXIS Working Committee. A previous report was given to the Council at the October 2015 meeting and this report is an update on the work the committee has done since October 2015.

ITEM 9 MONTANA SCORE RANGES FOR PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS UPDATE – Dr. Linda Vrooman Peterson

Dr. Peterson reviewed the minimum range scores for the subject assessments for in-state candidates and how the Educator Preparation Programs use those to make University recommendations to the OPI for candidate licensure. The proposal will go to the Montana Council of Deans for approval and then to the Board of Public Education for approval. More subject areas are being looked at currently and will be added to the list going forward.

Mr. Kelly Elder moved to accept the score ranges as proposed and forward to the Council of Deans for consideration. Ms. Noreen Burris seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passes unanimously.

ITEM 10 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Sabrina Steketee moved to appoint Mr. Kelly Elder as Vice Chair until the July meeting. Ms. Noreen Burris seconded the motion.

No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chapter 57 Revisions
Montessori crosswalk
Joint BPE/CSPAC meeting
Update goals
Update mission statement
Presentation to Ms. Lacey

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:59PM

Agenda items are handled in the order listed on the approved agenda. Items may be rearranged unless listed "time certain". Action may be taken by the Council on any item listed on the agenda. Public comment is welcome on all items but time limits on public comment may be set at the Chair's discretion.

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