

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Title of Rule: Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island

Rule Identifier: 200-RICR-20-20-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 07/10/2020

Hearing Date: 07/22/2020

End of Public Comment: 08/10/2020

Authority for this Rulemaking:

R.I.G.L. 16-11-1 and 16-60-4

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

- Establish regulations to enact fast-track principal legislation- Expand grade span of certificates to address and support districts' needs- Address recommended changes in the area of English as a Second Language- Broaden reciprocity pathways allowing for greater flexibility in becoming RI certified

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until August 10, 2020 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

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Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on July 22, 2020 at 4:30 pm at VIRTUAL via Zoom, <https://zoom.us/j/99159779431> , Providence, RI 02903 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-369-4989 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) has undertaken an update of its teacher certification regulations. These regulations impact the almost 16,000 educators who are certified to work in Rhode Island. RIDE has attempted to both update the regulation using education policy best practices, and to respond to the feedback from the many stakeholders in public education.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.