

MDE K-12 Administrator Certification

Task Force draft pathways to administrator certification, endorsements, and enhancements

Reinstatements

MDE will reinstate Basic certificates issued under previous Michigan Law if active at the time of repeal of the law

MDE will also reinstate up to 3 basic endorsements issued under previous law: Elementary and/or Secondary Principal and Central Office

Applicant must have kept current with MDE continuing education requirements

Degrees between 1994-2006

MDE will recognize all completers of NCATE or MDE approved Michigan university masters programs for basic certificate and 1-3 basic endorsements as recommended by the University.

Applicant must have kept current with MDE continuing education requirements

Degrees after August 15, 2006

MDE will recognize only completers of graduate programs from MDE-approved universities for basic certification and up to 3 basic endorsements as recommended by the MDE-approved university.

Applicant must have kept current with MDE continuing education requirements

Reciprocity with other States

Applicants with active certificates from other states, upon assuming a position in Michigan, will be able to apply for reciprocity for the basic certificate and up to 3 Basic Endorsements.

Applicant must have kept current with MDE continuing education requirements since coming to Michigan.

Specialty Endorsements and Enhancements

Must come from MDE approved programs conducted by one of the State level professional associations represent-

ing the school administrator categories authorized for certification under the legislation. The association must be at least ten years in operation representing school administrators, in the certification categories, across the State.

Applicants must hold a basic K-12 Administrator certificate and must keep current with MDE continuing education requirements

Editor's Note: MASA maintains representation on the MDE Task Force for Administrator Certification and will publish regular updates through the *Leader* and on the MASA web site as the above provisions are confirmed and ready for activation.

MDE's staff is currently working hard to begin the reinstatement process sometime in November of 2006. Please watch for notification through MASA that MDE is beginning to accept applications for reinstatement.

In the meantime, if you held an active Michigan K-12 Administrator Certificate at the time of the repeal of the former program and have kept current with your MDE continuing education requirements since the expiration date of your original certificate, you can organize your documentation so you will be ready to apply for reinstatement. MDE plans to offer an online reinstatement application form that can be submitted without accompanying documentation. They will cross reference the applications with their data base on previously issued certificates and endorsements and their continuing education records.