

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Department of Education

Article 41.—Mentor Teacher Program

91-41-1. Definitions.

(a) "Board" means any local board of education.

(b) "Certificated" or "licensed" means holding a valid certificate or license issued by the state board.

(c) "Continuous assistance" means ongoing, structured, and unstructured contact throughout the school year.

(d) "Kansas exemplary educators network" means the Kansas teacher of the year program, Milken family foundation national educator awards program, presidential award for excellence in math and science teaching, and the Christa McAuliffe fellowship program.

(e) "Mentor teacher" means a certificated or licensed teacher who meets the following criteria:

(1) Has completed at least three consecutive school years of employment in the same school district;

(2) has been selected by the board on the basis of having demonstrated exemplary teaching ability as indicated by criteria established by the state board in these regulations; and

(3) has participated in, and successfully completed, a training program for mentor teachers provided for by the board in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the state board.

(f) "Mentor teacher program" means a program established and maintained by a board for the purpose of providing probationary teachers with the professional support and continuous assistance of an on-site mentor teacher.

(g) "On-site" means at the location where a probationary teacher is assigned.

(h) "Probationary teacher" means a certificated or licensed teacher to whom the provisions of K.S.A. 72-5438 through 72-5443, and amendments thereto, do not apply.

(i) "School year" means July 1 through June 30.

(j) "State board" means the state board of education.

(k) "Training" means professional development provided to mentor teachers to enable them to support and assist probationary teachers.

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