

TCC Report

September 14, 2023

Aspiring Teacher Permit - Those with an ATP must meet the following requirements:

- o Cleared background checks
- o Meets all requirements for an internship/residency at the IHE - the IHE must have a MOU/Support Plan signed with the district that ensures additional support. Vetting of both candidate and placement.
- o Passing score on all content assessments required for licensure (includes Foundation of Reading for K-6 and SPED K-12)
- o Recommended for employment as teacher of record, in the appropriate licensure area, by a district
- o District must assign an experienced mentor teacher (Cannot be a practicing administrator or supervisor. 1-1 or 1-2)
 - Mentor must have the following:
 - A minimum of 3 years of teaching experience
 - Effective Teacher Summative evaluation
 - Coaching Training with Lead or Master Educator Designation Preferred (Will be required starting 2024-2025 school year)

Licensure Waiver

- A class of students shall not be under the instruction of a teacher who is not licensed to teach the grade level or subject of the class for more than sixty (60) consecutive school days in the same class during a school year.
- This applies to Long Term Sub (LTS), Emergency Teaching Permit (ETP), and Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) (ALCP)
- Any school district that obtains a waiver shall send written notice of the assignment to the parent or guardian of each student in the classroom no later than the sixtieth school day after the date of the assignment.

Lead/Master Teachers - Per DESE requirements, teachers who serve as mentors under the following options/programs should have Lead or Master Teacher designation:

- o Aspiring Teacher Permit--teachers serving as the teacher of record during their internship/residency portion of their educator preparation program.
- o Arkansas Registered Apprentice Program--experience mentor teachers serve as journeyman in this apprenticeship program

Serving as a mentor at the local level may make the mentor teacher eligible to apply for merit pay if the following criteria is met:

- o Have a minimum three (3) years of teaching experience
- o Have evidence of a summative evaluation with effective or higher ratings (current evaluation--during the most recent year)
- o Hold a standard Arkansas teaching license