

PSC PROPOSES NEW LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

As you may know, the Professional Standards Commission is proposing changes in the rules regarding leadership certificates. PAGE posted a link to these changes on our website and through our listserv last month, providing interested members the opportunity to be informed and to respond to the PSC with any questions and concerns they might have.

On October 5, 2007 PAGE staff attended an informational meeting conducted by the PSC regarding the proposed certification rule changes, which subsequent to September 1, 2008 will require a performance-based leadership certification program.

The first issue of note, (and we have received many e-mails about this issue) is that if you have a leadership certificate of any kind or you get your leadership certificate before Sept. 1, 2008, you are "grandfathered" and so the existing PSC rules apply and there are no changes. Even if you do not currently occupy a leadership position you will continue to retain your leadership certificate and be eligible for it to be renewed every 5 years. You will also get paid for having the leadership degree and certificate, which is an issue under the control of the State Board of Education (SBE) and not the PSC. It is the SBE who enacts the rules regarding the salary schedule.

There are two attachments with this document. The first is a summary of the new requirements and the second is a PSC produced set of examples of how the new requirements would affect various educators in different scenarios.

[Click here for the summary of the new requirements.](#)

[Click here for the set of examples.](#)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the PSC. [Contact information is below:](#)

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