

Missouri NEA MACCE Report
*Notes from the December 6, 2021 meeting of the
Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

Alison O'Very, MNEA member from Pattonville, is MACCE chairperson for 2021-22. Other MNEA representatives on MACCE are Jenna Adkins (Raytown NEA), Kyla Ward (Park Hill NEA), Jacqueline McGill (Hazelwood NEA), Rachelle Banhart (Lexington), Amy Taylor (Lee's Summit).

TeachMO.org - An online recruiting and resource platform for educators

DESE has launched a new teacher recruitment platform — **TeachMO.org** — to identify and cultivate the next generation of teachers. The platform will serve as a hub for teacher candidates to access resources and apply to programs. Public service announcements and digital advertising will begin statewide to encourage candidates to choose education as a profession. DESE plans to invest \$50 million dollars in several recruiting and retention programs and initiatives over the next three years. TeachMO.org is a “one stop shop” for education candidates to connect with local school districts, educator preparation programs, scholarships, and career information.

Revisions to the Elementary Education Assessment continues

The elementary education assessment was revised in 2021 to combine the current four subtests into two subtests: math/science and English language arts/social studies. Educator preparation programs worked with DESE to transfer prior scores for students. DESE is working with Pearson and preparation programs to adjust test preparation, item development, and candidate scores.

Fingerprinting/background check requirements and processes for discipline of certificates

A criminal background check is required for everyone (certificated and non-certificated) applying for a teaching certificate, anyone employed by a school district, or a volunteer who will be alone with students. DESE processes over 35,000 background checks each year, and 98% of applicants clear the process without any negative indicators. Missouri statutes guide the discipline of teaching certificates and the due process for discipline hearings and actions. Since July 2020 to December 2021, the State Board of Education has revoked 30 teaching certificates.

Certification Updates

The Business Education certificate requirements have been updated to combine several courses. The total hours required for the certificate has changed from 39 to 36. The requirements can be found [here](#).

The Substitute certificate [requirements](#) have been updated to include twenty hours of online training. DESE will present MACCE's additional recommendations for substitute certification in February or March. DESE has issued 5,224 substitute certificates since August 1, 2021, with approximately 2,700 issuances after completing the online training.

The Superintendent certificate will be updated to include the new superintendent [standards](#).

A Path Forward literacy training for educators

A literacy council and a literacy fellows group will be created to continue the ongoing work of the [Path Forward initiative](#). The groups will develop recommendations for possible revisions to Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education certificates to incorporate the reading instruction recommendations from the Path Forward program.

The next MACCE meeting will be held on February 7, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Rebeka McIntosh or Ann Jarrett at 800-392-0236. Details of MACCE agenda items can be found at: <https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/macce-news-and-updates>

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