



Update

December 13, 2018

TPEP & STEM Clock Hour Requirements

These clock hour requirements relate to which type of certificates you hold, not what you are teaching. If you are renewing after September 1, 2019 TPEP and STEM clock hours are required if they apply to your certification.

All clock hour requirements for certificate are considered to be met by holders of a valid National Board Certification.

Here is the brief explanation of each of these new requirements.

15 TPEP clock hours- this requirement applies to anyone who holds a professional or continuing certificate. You need to complete 15 clock hours in 5 years. This 15 is part of the 100 clock hours total that are needed in that same 5-year time period.

If you are completing the district LEAP clock hours, then you will be able to meet this requirement because the district has made sure the class meets the requirement. There are also other classes being offered by the District or LWEA that meet this requirement, just look for the letters TPEP in the description or on the flyer.

Finally, one last way to meet the TPEP requirement is to complete a Professional Growth Plan (PGP) that focuses on one of the state 8 criteria. LWEA offers a class each year on how to complete this process, look for a class in the fall of 2019.

15 STEM Clock hours - The new STEM requirements are for anyone who has a K-8, math, science, computer science, early childhood, or CTE certificate/endorsement. For the complete list, check on the OSPI website:

<https://www.pesb.wa.gov/educator-pathways/current-washington-educators/stem-renewal-requirement/>

You are required to complete 15 clock hours or one PGP over the five years before renewing. Those 15 clock hours are part of the 100 clock hours, meaning that 15 of the 100 clock hours need to meet the STEM requirement.

STEM integration is the authentic combination of at least two of the STEM components (science, technology, engineering, mathematics). In order for a clock hour to be counted as a STEM clock hour, it has to be listed in the offering as meeting that requirement. When a class gets approved for STEM clock hours by a provider it has to show that it meets specific requirements. Tech hours in a building do not meet this requirement because it does not consistently integrate two of the STEM components.

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Pizza & Politics



Join us for a Q&A Session where members will be able to ask questions and hear responses from some of our political leaders in the 45th District. We will discuss issues that greatly affect our students and our profession. This event is open to all LWEA members. Pizza provided.

December 13th TODAY!

5:00 PM

LWEA Conference Room #214

RSVP: [Terri Neely](#)

Affirmative Action = Justice

The Seattle Martin Luther King Jr. Organizing Coalition is hosting an event to increase diversity, build awareness and promote affirmative action. Workshops and speakers will focus on the goals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. of defeating racism, poverty, and war. Come to Garfield High School, Seattle WA on Monday, January 21, 2019. It is fun for the whole family. For more information, go to their website <https://www.seattlemlkcoalition.org/>

Event Schedule

Opportunity Fair 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Workshops 9:30 - 10:50 a.m.

Rally in Gymnasium 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

March 12:30 p.m. - 1:30pm

Rally at March Destination: TBD

Safety in Our Schools

All WEA members are invited to our one-day "Advocating for Safety in our Schools" conference on Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Seattle Airport. [Register here!](#)

This conference will focus on taking action at the bargaining table, in Olympia, and with our community to maintain and improve school safety, a huge concern among students, WEA members and community members. We'll hear from experts and learn effective ways to advocate for school safety. Sessions will include panel discussions and classes on topics such as mental health, bullying, student discipline and a host of other issues related to maintaining and improving school safety. Bob Ferguson, Washington State Attorney General, will be our key note speaker.

Click [here for course descriptions](#) or [here to register](#).



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Correction: Professional Fund – Allowable/Unallowable Expenses

Last weeks Update article contained an error.

Allowable Expenses – **should be this:**

- Purchases of accessory technology items are allowed (e.g. keyboards, monitors, mice, etc). Computer/laptop and printer purchases are not allowed due to network requirements.

Not This:

- District approved software and technology purchases are allowed. See portal for approved list.

From Accounting:

- Submit all Professional Fund receipts together – itemized and attached to Prof Fund form.
- Submitting receipts “piecemeal” can cause documentation and/or receipts to get lost.
- We have a huge job ahead of us – submitting organized receipts and documentation will expedite the audit process.
- Your support is greatly appreciated.



Homework for vacationing students

One of the more frustrating experiences for teachers is when they receive a request to provide class work in advance for students who are going on vacation during school time. It's especially frustrating when the teacher spends hours and hours compiling the work, only to have the students return to school having completed none of it.

You should know that you're not required to provide advance work for students who will miss school due to a vacation.

When faced with such a request, here are some suggestions for parents:

- Recommend that the student or parent get the school assignments online from your class site.
- Consider telling the student or parent that your policy is to have the student make up missed work after the vacation.
- Depending on the grade level, you might also direct the student to find a friend who will collect the assignments during the time he or she is away.

Marketplace

Ads are run in the Update on a first come, first served basis. All ads need to be in written form. Send directly to [Sheila Hagerman](#) in the LWEA office.

All ads are subject to the approval of the LWEA Executive Committee and may be edited for length.



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Pizza & Politics

Dec. 21

First Day of Winter
Bundle Up

Dec. 22 – Jan 6

Winter Break
Relax
Enjoy
Rejuvenate!



Winter driving tire tips

Cold, wet weather can affect your tires and their performance. As the weather turns, check these tips to get the most out of your tire's performance.

- Check the tires when they are cold, and use a quality gauge to get the most accurate reading. The tires will heat up while driving and actually increase pressure.
- Never use just two snow tires – this can be worse than no snow tires at all. If the snow tires are put on just the front of a front-wheel drive car, the combination can cause over-steering or fishtailing.
- All-season or all-terrain tires may not be the best tire to have on the car for all road conditions, especially if snow and ice is severe. In this situation, snow tires may be your best choice.

These tips have been brought to you by the NEA Auto & Home Insurance program. For a free, no-obligation policy comparison, call 1-888-497-1090.



FOR SALE

Avalanche Studded Snow Tires: Size 235/55R17 used 1 season. \$350 or OBO Contact 253-205-5396 milleekim696@gmail.com (Kimberly Miller, Transportation)

MOVIE

My sons, Jake and Kyle Love, [graduates of RHS](#) and the film school at CWU (Go Wildcats!) wrote & directed a feature film called **Snowed In**. It's a thriller and essentially R-rated. Search "Snowed In Movie" on Amazon.com to see the trailer or to rent/buy. Questions? drtoonz@toonz.org (John Love, RC)