



Update

August 26, 2019

STEM Professional Development Requirement for Certificate Renewal

Beginning on Sept. 1, 2019, many teacher certificate renewal applicants will need to document 15 clock hours, or one goal from a Professional Growth Plan, in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) professional development. This professional development must integrate at least two out of the four STEM elements. Teacher certificate holders who are endorsed in one or more of the endorsement areas listed below and are renewing after Sept. 1, 2019 must meet the STEM requirement.

Teachers with June 30, 2020 certificate lapse dates and beyond need to have completed this requirement prior to applying for renewal. (Note: Teachers with June 30, 2020 lapse dates can apply for their certificate renewal between July 1 and Aug. 30 of 2019 without needing to document the STEM requirement.) NBCTs who maintain a valid National Board Certificate can use that for certificate renewal, and do not need to complete this STEM requirement.

Who needs to complete this requirement? Teachers with residency, professional, initial or continuing certificates who have endorsements in any of the following areas:

- Computer Science
- CTE (All Areas)
- Designated Sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science; Physics
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Mathematics; Middle Level Mathematics
- Science; Middle Level Science

Learn more about the certificate renewal requirements the Professional Educator Standards Board website: www.pesb.wa.gov For specific certification questions, please contact OSPI's certification office at 360-725-6400

WARNING
DUE DATES ARE CLOSER
THAN THEY APPEAR

TEACHERS SUPPORT LWESP



Show your solidarity for the LWESP's (Lake Washington Education Support Staff) as they negotiate their contract with the district. Attend the school board meeting **TONIGHT August 26 at 6:45 PM**, Resource Center. Wear a red shirt - Stand together, stand strong.

Did You Know?

- The LWSD bargaining team is proposing to cut the pay rate of some of the LWESP members positions.
- The LWSD has often started the school year working without a contract.

What You Can Do

Wear red to school and attend the school board meeting tonight, August 26 @ 6:45.

Elect Your Building Reps

If this hasn't been done in your building, now is the time to elect new LWEA building reps! Each building is entitled to 1 rep for every 15 members (or major fraction thereof). Check with your Office Manager for staff numbers. Reps must be elected by secret ballot vote that provides an opportunity for write-in candidates.

Once your reps are elected, please notify [Terri Neely](#) in the LWEA office as soon as possible. If you have questions about rep responsibilities, meeting schedules, or the amount of time involved, we can help with that.

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Office Manager: [Sheila Hagerman](#)

Admin Assistant: [Terri Neely](#)

UniServ Rep: [Katie Bishop](#) (to be introduced at 9/17 Rep Assembly)



Remembering a Good Friend

It is with great sadness that we share that Kevin Chandler, Inglewood Middle School math teacher, passed away on Saturday, August 17, after a collision with a utility truck. It is believed that Kevin suffered a medical event just prior to the collision.

Kevin started in LWSD in 2004, teaching math at Inglewood Middle School and remained there until his passing. During that time, he also coached baseball and basketball.

Kevin will be greatly missed by his former students, their parents, and his coworkers.

Retirement Webinars

The DRS offers webinars about retirement and plan choices. There are webinars in September to discuss the differences between Plan 2 and Plan 3. Many of the webinars are during work hours, but some of them are after school. Click the link below for more information.

<https://www.drs.wa.gov/education/webinar.html>

WANTED:

Matt Kearney tickets: Looking for 2 tickets to the sold-out Matt Kearney show, December 2019 at the Kirkland Performing Arts Center. Contact Sharlene Durbin (Keller) 425-298-0338

