



# NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION EDUCATOR PREPARATION NEWSLETTER

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The Office of Higher Education (OHE) newsletter describes the current and upcoming activities related to higher education, with a particular focus on the preparation of educators. This newsletter, past newsletters, and a subscription link are available online on the [OHE website](#).

## BOARD OF REGENTS FEBRUARY ITEMS

**Indigenous Culture and Language Studies Certificate.** Increasing the capacity and number of teachers who can teach indigenous cultures and languages would support and bolster the awareness, knowledge, appreciation, and preservation of indigenous cultures and languages both within and outside of the Nations. To promote the teaching of indigenous cultures and languages, the Department [proposed a regulatory amendment](#) to establish the Indigenous Culture and Language Studies (All Grades) certificate. The proposal includes the certification requirements and the registration requirements for teacher preparation programs leading to the certificate. The [presentation](#) to the Board of Regents also provides an overview of the proposal. Public comments on the proposal can be submitted to [oheregcomments@nysed.gov](mailto:oheregcomments@nysed.gov) through May 1, 2023.

**Student Teaching.** Currently, New York State registered teacher preparation programs must implement new student teaching requirements, according to the Commissioner's regulations, for candidates who enroll in a program in Fall 2023 or later. At the October 2022 Board of Regents meeting, the Department [proposed a regulatory amendment](#) to revise the new requirements. During the public comment period for the proposal, teacher preparation program faculty expressed an interest in making the "limited exemption" available immediately for eligible candidates who are enrolled in a graduate teacher preparation program that leads to certification, rather than when the new student teaching requirements go into effect. With the limited exemption, eligible candidates complete at least 50 clock hours of student teaching or practica (unless otherwise prescribed) in lieu of the clinical experience clock-hour requirement and the full-semester student teaching requirement. In response, the Department [revised the proposal](#) to also allow the limited exemption to be available for eligible candidates upon adoption of the proposed amendment and presented the revised proposal to the Board of Regents. Public comments on the proposal can be submitted to [oheregcomments@nysed.gov](mailto:oheregcomments@nysed.gov) through April 17, 2023, during the 45-day public comment period for revised proposals. Information about the limited exemption, including the eligibility requirements, is available through the links on the [Core Requirements webpage](#).

**Pilot P-20 Partnerships for Principal Preparation Program.** The Department [proposed an emergency rule](#) to extend the end date of the Pilot P-20 Partnerships for Principal Preparation Program to September 30, 2025. This three-year extension will support the sustainability of the pilot programs and allow them to continue under their registration requirements. The proposed amendment also allows institutions with pilot programs to request flexibility from the Department regarding any of the specific program requirements and permits an eligible public school district that has demonstrated leadership development expertise to serve as the Leadership Development Partner (LDP) in the partnership, subject to approval from the Department. The emergency rule becomes effective on March 1, 2023. Public comments on the proposal can be submitted to [oheregcomments@nysed.gov](mailto:oheregcomments@nysed.gov) through May 1, 2023.

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[Office of Higher Education](#)  
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## NYSTCE MULTI-SUBJECT: TEACHERS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD (BIRTH-GRADE 2) - PART TWO: MATHEMATICS TEST

**Revised Framework.** As part of the New York State Education Department's (NYSED's) regular review of the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations (NYSTCE), the Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) - Part Two: Mathematics test framework was revised and no longer includes mathematics content above grade 6. This is the only change to the exam content. The revised framework is available [online](#).

**Redeveloped Test.** The Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) - Part Two: Mathematics test will be redeveloped based on this revised framework and is tentatively scheduled to become available in May 2023. The current Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) - Part Two: Mathematics test will retire after the redeveloped Part Two test is available. Information about the redeveloped Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) - Part Two: Mathematics test is available on the [NYSTCE website](#), including when registration opens. The study guide for the redeveloped Part Two test will be available in spring 2023.

*We encourage teacher preparation programs to share this information with candidates so that they can make an informed choice about whether to take the current Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) - Part Two: Mathematics test (212) that includes some mathematics content above grade 6, or the redeveloped Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) - Part Two: Mathematics test (246) that does not include mathematics content above grade 6.*

**Webinar.** The Evaluation Systems group of Pearson will be hosting two webinars on the redeveloped Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) - Part Two: Mathematics (246) test. The webinars will provide an overview of the revised [framework](#) for this test and review the [NYSTCE website](#), including test preparation materials. A portion of each webinar will be reserved for questions and answers. The webinars will be offered on the following two dates. Each webinar will include the same information. Individuals must register for the webinars. The registration links are provided below. The webinar slide deck will be posted on the NYSTCE website and sent to webinar registrants after the webinar.

- April 3, 2023, 3:00-4:00 pm ET: [registration link](#)  
OR
- April 4, 2023, 10:00-11:00 am ET: [registration link](#)

**Standard Setting Committee.** NYSED is seeking educators to participate in the standard setting committee for the redeveloped Multi-Subject: Teachers of Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 2) - Part Two: Mathematics test in May 2023. Higher education professionals, including both higher education educator preparation faculty and higher education faculty who have content expertise, are encouraged to apply to participate on the committee by visiting the [NYSTCE Test Development Participation Opportunities webpage](#) and completing the new, brief [recruitment form](#).

## NEW YORK STATE GRADUATION MEASURES DISCUSSION

The New York State Blue Ribbon Commission on Graduation Measures invites you to respond to the following question through [ThoughtExchange](#). The deadline to respond is March 17, 2023.

- Foundational skills, like initiative, time management, and collaboration, are shown to prepare students for school, college, career, civic engagement, and life, and are priorities of the business world. How can these skills be fostered and encouraged in K-12 education?

## MY BROTHER'S KEEPER TEACHER OPPORTUNITY CORPS II REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NYSED has issued a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) for the 2023-2028 My Brother's Keeper Teacher Opportunity Corps II (TOC II) grant program. The purpose of TOC II is to increase the participation rate of historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged individuals in teaching careers. Only New York State public and independent degree-granting colleges and universities that have a teacher preparation program registered by NYSED may submit applications for this grant opportunity. Information about the RFP and grant application is available [online](#). A non-mandatory Notice of Intent (NOI), which includes the organization's legal name and NYS Vendor ID, is due by March 6, 2023 and would be sent to [TOCRFP@nysed.gov](mailto:TOCRFP@nysed.gov). **All applications must be received by March 13, 2023.**

## LITERACY (ALL GRADES) AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

**Literacy (All Grades).** The Literacy (All Grades) certificate application is now available in the TEACH system. The certificate requirements are described on the [Search Certification Requirements webpage](#).

**School Counselor.** The Initial and Professional School Counselor certificate applications are now available in the TEACH system. The certificate requirements are described on the [Search Certification Requirements webpage](#). The Provisional School Counselor certificate application is no longer available per regulations, while the School Counselor Provisional Renewal and time extension applications will continue to be available. Information about all of the school counselor certificates, including the Permanent School Counselor certificate requirements, is available on the [School Counselor Certification webpage](#).

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