

VII. Certified Personnel

Certification

All teachers shall meet the minimum requirements set forth by the State Department of Public Instruction and any standard, which the School Board shall deem necessary.

1. A teacher training on a lifetime certificate shall have earned a minimum of 4 semester / 6-quarter hours of college credit in the last 5 years. Elementary teachers teaching on a second grade professional certificate shall have earned 8 semester / 12 quarter hours in the last 5 years.
2. A teacher teaching on a two-year or a five-year Educator's Professional Certificate shall earn a minimum of 4 semester / 6 quarter hours of college credit as specified in section 67-02-03-02, Two-year and Five-year Renewals of the "Guidelines and Regulations for North Dakota Educator's Professional Certificate.
3. In addition to meeting the above appropriate requirement, each teacher shall participate in a minimum of 64 clock hours of in service training during the same specified time period. The in service training may be substituted with college credit at a ratio of 1 semester hour for 16 clock hours of in service.
4. The following exceptions to the Professional Growth Requirements will be observed by the Department of Public Instruction:
 - a. Teachers new to state or returning to teaching after an absence of a least two years will have two years to obtain the 4 semester/6 quarter hours of college credit.
 - b. Teachers employed less than half of the normal school day are exempt from the professional growth requirement.
5. Once coursework taken for lane advancement has been approved and completed it will not be revoked later.