



Iowa Board of Educational Examiners



BoEE Superintendent Update – March/April 2019

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If you have other staff members, such as human resource directors, principals, or teachers that you would like to receive these monthly updates, they may sign up on our website under “[announcements](#)” (left side bullet). Licensed educators will also receive our quarterly newsletter if we have a valid email address on file.

Helpful Hints for School Administrators and HR Directors

The BoEE has created a document for you that contains helpful links to our licensure information and BEDS crosswalk, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

[BoEE Information - Helpful Hints for School Administrators and HR Directors](#)

Topics include:

- Iowa license types and information
- BoEE online search for a license
- BEDS crosswalk
- Hiring new graduates
- Open positions
- Substitute License vs. Substitute Authorization
- Mandatory code of professional conduct and ethics reporting items
- Coaching
- Pathways to licensure

New Online Licensure Application System

The Iowa Board of Educational Examiners has now moved all applications online to improve efficiency. Our continuous improvement process also includes a brand new software system projected to launch in March 2019. Complete applications in the current system that are received prior to the new system launch will still be processed.

Initial Licenses: wait – and check your expiration date!



Educators who hold an initial license must wait until after the last day of school to apply for their standard license once they have met the experience requirement. Applications received early will not be processed. School administrators should not sign their portion of the application form if it is submitted early.

If you hold an **initial** license, and your expiration date month was sometime between January and May, we have added more time to your license by moving the expiration date to June 30 of your current expiration year. The change is viewable on our website under "search for a license".

Science Endorsements

The BoEE receives many questions about which science endorsements are required for science course assignments.

BEDS crosswalk - click here to see each course code and the approved endorsements.

Additional information:

- 1) The 5-12 All Science endorsement allows the holder to teach all science courses in grades 5-12.
- 2) Any middle school science course may be taught the holder of:
 - a. ANY 5-12 Science endorsement
 - b. K-8 Science
 - c. 5-8 Middle School science
- 3) 5-12 General Science endorsement vs. 5-12 Basic Science endorsement
 - a. The older 5-12 General Science endorsement was eliminated in 2012 and replaced with 5-12 Basic Science.
 - b. The older 5-12 General Science endorsement coursework did not include any preparation in earth science, so it is not approved to teach those courses.
 - c. Applicants who hold the older 5-12 General Science endorsement may apply for a Class B conditional license for 5-12 Basic Science if needed.

Any questions about science endorsements can be directed to Dave Wempen, Consultant, Iowa Board of Educational Examiners: david.wempen@iowa.gov or 515-281-3605.

Troops to Teachers

The Troops To Teachers program assists transitioning service members by providing financial assistance as they choose their pathway to become a teacher.

Please feel free to pass this information along to any veteran who may be interested in becoming a teacher.

More information: - click [Troops To Teachers](#)

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