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RE: Director's Memo

APPRENTICESHIPS

Registration for the **2nd Annual Convening on Registered Apprenticeships in Teaching** is filling up fast. You can register here: https://www.nasdtec.net/page/2025_Reg_Apprenticeships
Laramie County School District #1 is sending a team that was selected to present about their experience during the pilot phase of the Wyoming Teacher Apprenticeship.

PTSB has a new Apprentice Permit available. The permit is good for 3 years and can be renewed once. It can also be used to allow the apprentice to substitute for their mentor teacher during their experience – but not be used like a substitute permit – to maintain the integrity of the apprentice experience. This permit is also NOT like an Exception Authorization or Consultant Specialist permit where those allow the individual to be the primary teacher and assign grades.

NASDTEC

PTSB is a member of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC). As a member PTSB abides by the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement which facilitates the mobility of educator licenses across states. NASDTEC also maintains the NASDTEC Educator Identification Clearinghouse (Ed ID Clearinghouse). This is where all states report educator misconduct once a case is final and the disposition is made public.

The information in the Clearinghouse is now available to P-12 public and private local education agencies (LEAs) and state-approved educator preparation providers (EPPs). The Ed ID Clearinghouse is a subscription-based resource for qualifying NASDTEC Associate Members. Associate Members also receive discounted member registration fees for NASDTEC conferences and institutes. Interested districts can find more information on the NASDTEC website at: <https://www.nasdtec.net/page/Membership>

DATA on EAs

At the September WASA New Superintendents Meeting, I was asked to provide some data on Exception Authorizations issued over the past few years. The following charts contain information about the most requested endorsement areas for EA Option #2 - Program Completion. The charts do not show unique individuals, and may show some who are on a renewed EA.

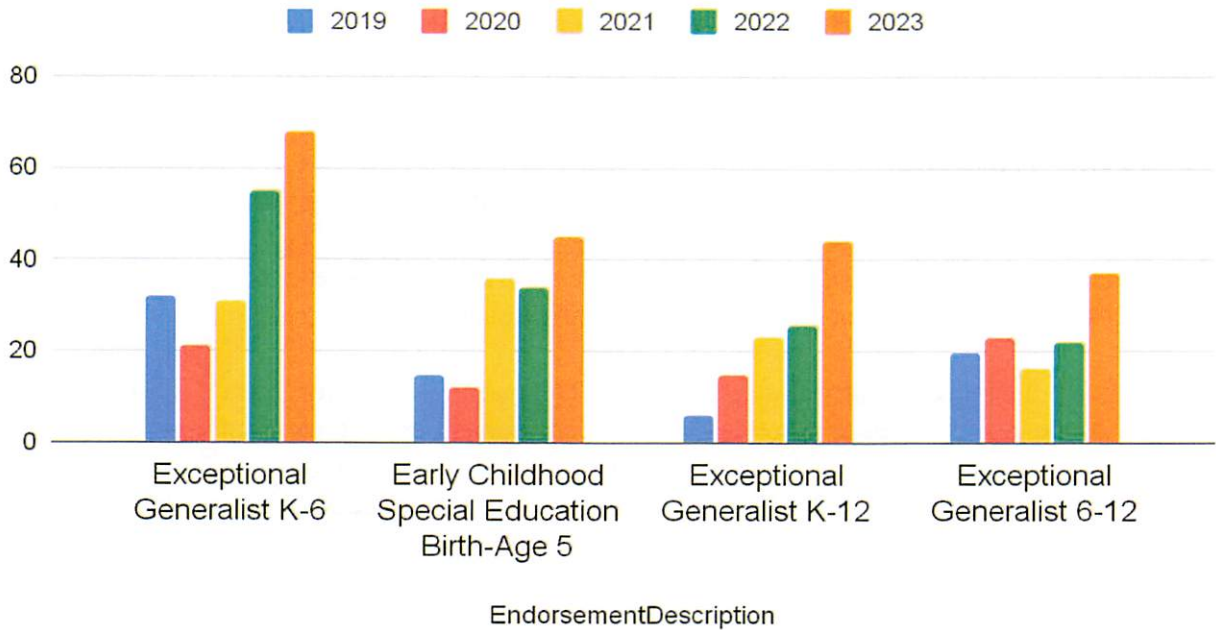


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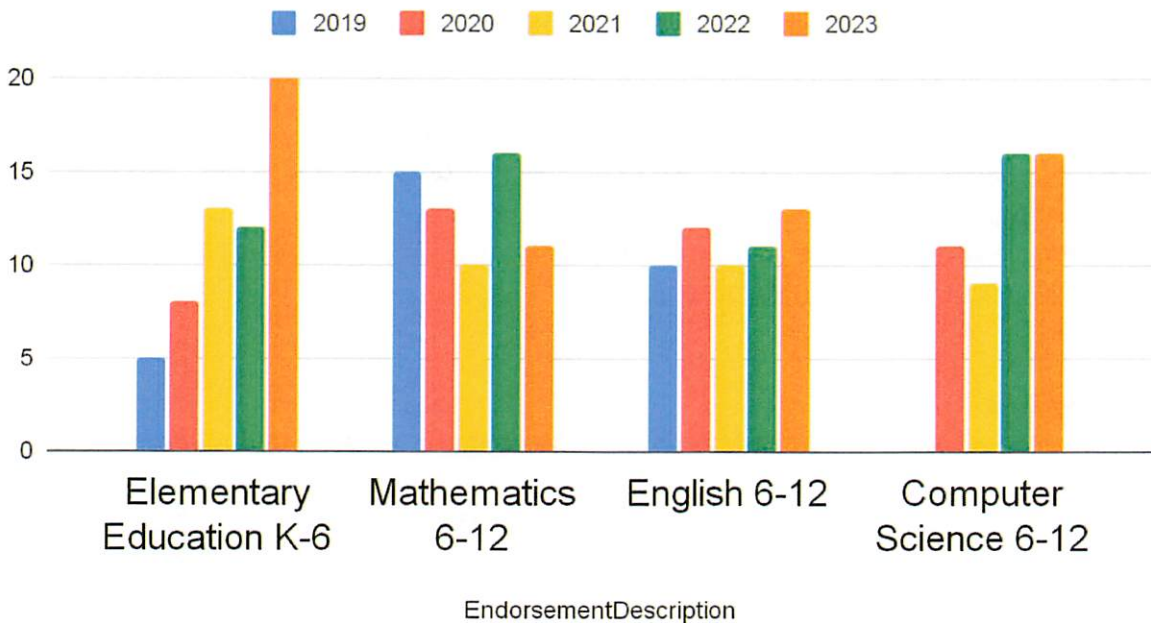
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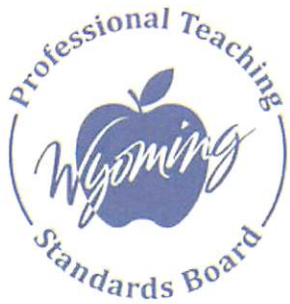
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Special Education EAs Issued 2019-2023



Other top EAs issued 2019-2023





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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I've received some questions about professional development credits earned from the **Albion Center at Idaho State University** - <https://www.isu.edu/educationpd/> PTSB has accepted professional development credits from the Albion Center since they do show as graduate-level credits on a transcript from an accredited institution. Many of these have just been single credits.

Based on information provided on the website, I would encourage districts to look closely into the courses offered before accepting them for salary advancement. When I taught, I had to get prior district approval for any college credits to be used toward salary advancement.

From their website:

- Important! It is your responsibility to ensure that our courses will be accepted by your state and/or district for certification renewal and salary advancement. We do not offer refunds and this policy must be acknowledged when you register.
- Note: We do require you to be enrolled in the course for two weeks before the course is completed. We will not grade a course before this two weeks has passed. Upon completion of the course, please give us 2 weeks to submit grades.
- There is a limit of 30 credits per semester, and we do require you to be enrolled in the course for two weeks before the course is completed. We will not grade a course before this two-week period has passed. Upon completion of the course, please give us 14 business days to submit your grades.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 4:00pm.

PTSB PRESENTATIONS

I appreciate the invitations and opportunities to present to a variety of professional organizations. Please contact me if your association or district would like a chance to ask questions and get more information about PTSB.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/CONCERNS

PTSB is available and open to all discussions that fall within the agency parameters of licensure, educator discipline, and program approval. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you would like to share with PTSB, please do not hesitate to contact our office. The PTSB continues to engage our stakeholders, implement changes proactively, be a resource, and plan for the future to meet our mission "to ensure that every student is served by competent, ethical educators, who meet rigorous performance standards" in Wyoming. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

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