

What every member should know about...

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (OPPS) - Michigan Department of Education

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Michigan Teacher Certification

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Michigan law requires that a person employed in an elementary or secondary school with instructional responsibilities shall hold a certificate, permit or vocational authorization valid for the positions to which he/she is assigned. Within the Michigan Department of Education, (MDE,) the Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) is the organization unit to which compliance with this requirement is assigned.

This office fosters the educational achievement of all Michigan youth and adults by assuring that all professional school personnel complete quality preparation and professional development programs which meet standards established by the Michigan legislature, the State Board of Education, and the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Mission of the OPPS is to provide leadership through collaboration with intra departmental units, other state and national agencies, professional organizations, higher education institutions, and school districts to develop, implement, monitor and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of systems for the preparation, licensure, approval and continued professional development of Michigan's preK-12 educational personnel.

Answers to most questions concerning certification, classifications and renewals, of many descriptions, can be found in the Michigan Department of Education downloadable brochure, **Frequently Asked Questions for Michigan Teacher Certification**, at

http://michigan.gov/documents/faq_21180_7.pdf. (This is an Adobe Acrobat document and requires the free Acrobat Player)

A listing of all certification fees can be found at

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Requirements for all Teachers

Legislation: PA 289 (1995) Section 1527 - Requires professional development for all teachers in Michigan beginning with one day in 1997-98 and increasing a day a year until the year 2001-2002 when the total will be five days.

These days do not apply to fifteen days of professional development required for beginning teachers under Section 1527.

For more information on Professional Development see '**Michigan Requirements for Professional Development**', **Section 1526 and 1527**

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For information about the **State Board Certified Education Unit Program** [SB-CEU Program] go to http://www.solutionwhere.com/mi_sbceu/main.asp. This is a wonderful resource site for nearly all school related regulations and requirements.