

Proposed 2019 ISBA Resolution

FLEXIBILITY OF MISSASSIGNMENT IN TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

WHEREAS, there are many school districts in Idaho in need of teachers with the appropriate content area endorsements; and

WHEREAS, there are many districts in Idaho who have the need for only one period of a subject be taught due to scheduling and no staff endorsed in that content area; and

WHEREAS, there are many school districts in Idaho who have excellent teachers who do not have endorsements in some needed content areas; and

WHEREAS, a teacher with experience teaching at the P1 level or higher can be more effective in a subject in which they have no endorsement than a teacher with an alternative authorization and little or no teaching experience; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho currently only allows teachers to teach in the content areas of their endorsement; and

WHEREAS, teachers with substantial background in educational pedagogy and some coursework in content areas for which they have yet to be endorsed would be able to effectively teach that content; and

WHEREAS, local school boards could benefit from utilizing these teachers to teach content with which they are familiar but are not endorsed for one period per day;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Idaho School Boards Association work to allow local districts additional flexibility in making teacher assignments. Such flexibility would be limited to teaching outside the teacher's endorsed content area for no more than one period per day (or less than 25% of the teacher's total contract time).

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Due to the limited number of applicants in the current teaching pool with multiple endorsements, the lack of teaching experience for alternatively authorized educators, and the need to fill one of a kind classes in many small and rural schools, the Idaho School Boards Association should actively work to allow local districts additional flexibility in teacher assignments in having experienced teachers temporarily fill assignments outside their areas of endorsement.

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