



Interim Superintendent Certification

Question:

Do Interim Superintendents have to meet all the same requirements for certification that permanent superintendents do?
Do they need to have a Superintendent Certificate or Endorsement?

Answer:

Yes. IDAPA 08.02.02.03 states that “Every person who serves as a superintendent, a secondary school principal, or principal of an elementary school with eight (8) or more teachers (including the principal), or is assigned administrative duties over and above those commonly assigned to teachers, is required to hold an Administrator Certificate. The certificate may be endorsed for service as a school principal, a superintendent, or a director of special education and related services. Assistant superintendents are required to hold the Superintendent endorsement.” Pursuant to this rule, the State Department of Education (SDE) may withhold funding for the position, even though it is only an “interim” position, if the requirement is not met. However, if someone is not properly certified, the district can always use the Provisional Authorization for a year, or put someone on an alternate route to certification if they meet the majority of the certification requirements and just need to do a few other things to fully qualify. For more information on certification feel free to contact Christina Linder at the SDE at cplinder@sde.idaho.gov or 208-332-6886.

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