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LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Human Resources

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AUTHORIZATION TO TEACH HEALTH IN Superintendents
MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND SENIOR HIGH Local District School
SCHOOLS Support Directors
Administrators

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For further information, please call Certificated Credentials and Contract Services Section at (213) 241-6520.

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I. BACKGROUND

Health Science educators have raised concerns about which credentials and supplementary authorizations permit the teaching of health in a departmentalized setting. During the academic year 1988-89 a series of temporary authorizations to teach health were established. These temporary authorizations included the holder of the following credentials: a Standard Secondary Teaching Credential with a major or minor in Physical Education, a Special Secondary Teaching Credential in Physical Education, a Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education or Life Science, or a General Secondary Teaching Credential.

Following a review of credential authorizations and the academic preparation required for each credential or supplementary authorization, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing has established a set of guidelines for determining which credentials authorize teaching health. The Los Angeles Unified School District implemented these guidelines as of July 1, 1989.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform District staff of the guidelines for the authorization to teach health in a departmentalized setting as determined by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

III. ADVISEMENT

The following credentials/authorizations have been deemed appropriate for an assignment to a Health Science departmentalized class, as long as the health assignment is at the appropriate grade level of the credential/authorization:

- Specialist Instruction Credential in Health
- Single Subject Teaching Credential in Health Science
- Emergency Full-time Single Subject Permit, Health
- Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education initially issued prior to 1/1/81
- Standard Elementary or Secondary Teaching Credential with a major or minor in Health, Health Science or Health Education (grades K-9)
- General Elementary Teaching Credential (grades K-8)
- General Junior High School Teaching Credential (grades 7-9)
- General Secondary Teaching Credential (grades 7-12)
- Single Subject Teaching Credential in Life Science

- Supplementary Authorization in:
 - Health Science (restricted to classes composed of students in grades 6, 7, 8 or 9)
 - Introductory Health Science (restricted to curriculum commonly taught in grades 9 and below)
 - Health Education (authorizes grade levels K-12 in a departmentalized setting)

- Board Permit in:
 - Health Science
 - Life Science

- Middle School Authorization in Health Science

IV. PROCEDURES FOR VERIFYING AND REGISTERING SINGLE SUBJECT TEACHING CREDENTIALS IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION TO VERIFY THE AUTHORIZATION TO TEACH HEALTH

Prior to assigning a teacher with a Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education to a health class, the Certificated Credentials and Contract Services Section must verify that the initial issuance date of the credential was prior to January 1, 1981. Once verified, the authorization to teach health will be entered into the individual teacher's permanent credential file maintained by the District. If this verification process is not completed, and the authorization is not entered into the employee's permanent credential file, the teacher will be deemed to be misassigned.

To verify that the initial issuance date of a Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education was prior to January 1, 1981, the following information is required:

- Teacher's name as it appeared on the initial Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education (a name change may have occurred)
- Teacher's full employment name (no initials)
- Employee Number
- Social Security Number
- Work Location
- If available, a copy of the initial teaching credential with an issuance date prior to January 1, 1981.

When requesting verification of the authorization to teach health, direct a memorandum to Human Resources, Certificated Credentials and Contract Services Section, Beaudry Building, 15th Floor, including the above information. Upon receipt of the required information, the Certificated Credentials and Contract Services Section will research the initial issuance date of the credential with the cooperation of the Commission on Teaching Credentialing.

When the issuance date is established and verified, the Certificated Credentials and Contract Services Section will notify the principal of the school of the approval or disapproval to teach health. If approved, the authorization will be added to the employee's permanent credential file. The health authorization will remain active as long as the Single Subject Teaching Credential in Physical Education is valid.

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