

TITLE: Review of iTeach's Licensure Recommendations

In October 2022, Hawaii Teacher Standards Board (HTSB) received information from a concerned iTeach teacher candidate regarding their recommendation for licensure in a Special Education related field. HTSB staff researched the concern and affirms the following findings and recommendations from the review of iTeach's licensure recommendations.

Findings:

- All discrepancies were in Special Education license fields.
- iTeach recommended fifteen teacher candidates for licensure fields that iTeach is not approved to recommend.
- iTeach recommended twenty teacher candidates for a license field that does not match the content area in which iTeach is approved to recommend.

Recommendations:

- iTeach would like to use the ["one-off" NBI 08-58 policy](#) for thirteen of its recommended teacher candidates. NBI 08-58 for grades 6-12 secondary fields was in effect at the time of iTeach's recommendations.
- HTSB will notify sixteen of the license holders that their license will be reissued to match the field in which their content knowledge was verified.
- HTSB will notify the six license holders who do not qualify for the "one-off" that they will need to take Praxis test Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications (5354).
 - These license holders may keep their current license while working towards passing Praxis test 5354.
 - These license holders must pass Praxis test 5354 by August 1, 2023 (i.e., beginning of the 2023-2024 school year).
 - These license holders must submit an official Praxis passing score report for Praxis 5354 to HTSB by August 1, 2023.
 - Upon passing Praxis 5354 the license holder will surrender their current license and apply for a license in the correct Special Education field.
 - These license holders will be allowed to add the license field of the content knowledge as verified with their original passing Praxis test.
 - iTeach has offered to pay for the teacher candidates Praxis test and study prep.
- HTSB will audit all iTeach program completers for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, in the 2023 Annual Educator Preparation Provider Audit.

iTeach has reassured that they will work with HTSB staff and identified program completers to correct the issues found in the review.

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Referred to: Teacher Education Committee