

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to sections 14, 101, 207, 208, 305, 308, 3001, 3004 and 3009 of the Education Law.

1. Subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (c) of section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(vi) Requirements for program completion and recommendation for professional certificate.

(a) Candidates shall have successfully met all program requirements established by the institution of higher education and requirements for program registration.

(b) Candidates who have not earned a master's degree prior to admission shall qualify for a master's degree upon program completion, and shall have successfully completed 60 semester hours of graduate study that may include graduate study completed prior to admission and the graduate study required to develop knowledge and skills for school district leadership, as specified in the program's content requirements.

[(c) Candidates shall have completed successfully the New York State assessment for school district leadership, except that the candidate shall be exempt from such assessment for program completion and for the institutional recommendation for the professional certificate in response to the time period of the State of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis, if the candidate completed all program requirements other than the assessment requirement during the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 academic year. The requirement of achieving a satisfactory level of performance on the New York State assessment for school district

leadership shall be waived if the candidate completes the registered program prior to the availability of such New York State assessment. The department shall determine the date on which such assessment is available and required.]

2. Clause (a) of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (4) of subdivision (c) of section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(a) The program may recommend that the department issue transitional D certificates to admitted candidates who also meet the following requirements:

(1) Written commitment. Candidates shall hold a written commitment from a school district or BOCES for district-mentored and college-supervised employment as a school district leader, with mentoring of candidates for superintendent of schools to be provided by the regional BOCES District Superintendent or the New York City Regional Superintendent, or a superintendent identified by the regional BOCES District Superintendent or New York City Regional Superintendent, subject to the approval of the employing authorities.

(2) Program endorsement. Candidates shall have the program's endorsement for the transitional D certificate, including the program's description of how the candidate met each criterion used by the program to determine that the candidate had exceptional qualifications for becoming a school district leader with the substantial equivalent of three years of experience as a teacher, administrator, or pupil personnel provider in schools.

[(3) State assessment. Candidates shall pass the New York State assessment for school district leadership, except that the candidate shall be exempt from such

assessment for the institutional recommendation for the transitional D certificate in response to the time period of the State of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis, if the candidate completed all requirements for admitted candidates other than the assessment requirement on or before September 1, 2021.]

3. Clause (c) of subparagraph (vi) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (c) of section 52.21 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended to read as follows:

(vi) Requirements for program completion and recommendation for professional certificate.

(a) Candidates shall have successfully met all program requirements established by the institution of higher education and requirements for program registration.

(b) Candidates who have not earned a master's degree prior to admission shall qualify for a master's degree upon program completion, and shall have successfully completed 60 semester hours of graduate study that may include graduate study completed prior to admission and the graduate study required to develop knowledge and skills for school district business leadership, as specified in the program's content requirements.

[(c) Candidates shall successfully complete the New York State assessment for school district business leadership, except that the candidate shall be exempt from such assessment for program completion and for the institutional recommendation for the professional certificate in response to the time period of the State of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to an Executive Order for the COVID-19 crisis, if the

candidate completed all program requirements other than the assessment requirement during the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 academic year. The requirement of achieving a satisfactory level of performance on the New York State assessment for school district business leadership shall be waived if the candidate completes the registered program prior to the availability of such New York State assessment. The department shall determine the date on which such assessment is available and required.]