



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3319.227 Teach for America educator's license.

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(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code or any rule adopted by the state board of education to the contrary, the state board shall issue a resident educator license under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code to each person who is assigned to teach in this state as a participant in the teach for America program and who satisfies the following conditions for the duration of the program:

- (1) Holds a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education;
- (2) Maintained a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.5 out of 4.0, or its equivalent;
- (3) Has passed an examination prescribed by the state board in the subject area to be taught;
- (4) Has successfully completed the summer training institute operated by teach for America;
- (5) Remains an active member of the teach for America two-year support program.

(B) The state board shall issue a resident educator license under this section for teaching in any grade level or subject area for which a person may obtain a resident educator license under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code. The state board shall not adopt rules establishing any additional qualifications for the license beyond those specified in this section.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of the Revised Code or any rule adopted by the state board to the contrary, the state board shall issue a resident educator license under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code to any applicant who has completed at least two years of teaching in another state as a participant in the teach for America program and meets all of the conditions of divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section. The state board shall credit an applicant under this division as having completed two years of the teacher residency program under section 3319.223 of the Revised Code.



(D) In order to place teachers in this state, the teach for America program shall enter into an agreement with one or more accredited four-year public or private institutions of higher education in the state to provide optional training of teach for America participants for the purpose of enabling those participants to complete an optional master's degree or an equivalent amount of coursework. Nothing in this division shall require any teach for America participant to complete a master's degree as a condition of holding a license issued under this section.

(E) The superintendent of public instruction, on behalf of the state board, shall inactivate a resident educator license issued to a participant in the teach for America program who is assigned to teach in this state if the participant resigns or is dismissed from the program prior to completion of the two-year teach for America support program. The inactivation of a license under this division does not constitute a suspension or revocation of the license by the state board under section 3319.31 of the Revised Code and the state board and the state superintendent need not provide the person with an opportunity for a hearing with respect to the inactivation.