Ohio Revised Code

Section 3319.236 Qualifications to teach computer science.

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(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, a school district shall require an individual to hold a valid educator license in computer science, or have a license endorsement in computer technology and a passing score on a content examination in the area of computer science, to teach computer science courses.

(B) A school district may employ an individual, for the purpose of teaching computer science courses, who holds a valid educator license in any of grades kindergarten through twelve, provided the individual meets the requirements established by rules of the state board of education to qualify for a supplemental teaching license for teaching computer science. The rules shall require an applicant for a supplemental teaching license to pass a content examination in the area of computer science. The rules also shall permit an individual, after at least two years of successfully teaching computer science courses under the supplemental teaching license, to advance to a standard educator license in computer science by completing a pedagogy course applicable to the grade levels in which the individual is teaching. However, the rules may exempt an individual teaching computer science from the requirement to complete a pedagogy course if the individual previously completed a pedagogy course applicable to the grade levels in which the individual is teaching.

(C) In order for an individual to teach advanced placement computer science courses, a school district shall require the individual to also complete a professional development program endorsed or provided by the organization that creates and administers national advanced placement examinations. For this purpose, the individual may complete the program at any time during the calendar year.