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Title: Policy of West Virginia Board of Education Regarding
Certification of Prevocational Exploration Personnel

Section 1. General

1.1 Scope - These legislative rules establish the employment and eligibility criteria for teachers of prevocational exploration.

1.2 Authority - West Virginia Code 18A-3-2

1.3 Filing Date - January 2, 1985

1.4 Effective Date - March 2, 1985

Section 2. Role Description

The prevocational exploration teacher provides instruction in a variety of career clusters that enables youth to make more informed, realistic occupational choices. The primary method of the process is the use of "hands on" experiences to illustrate abstract symbols and concepts related to self, education, and careers.

There are four clusters within the prevocational exploration program. Outlined below are the clusters available and the licensure required for the endorsement in each of the clusters within the prevocational exploration program.

2.1 Prevocational/Business - requires a Professional Certificate endorsed in business education, distributive education, secretarial studies, or business principles and the completion of the prevocational exploration program.

2.2 Prevocational/Environmental - requires a Professional Certificate endorsed in vocational agriculture, industrial arts, biology, general science, or physical science and the completion of the prevocational exploration program.

2.3 Prevocational/Industrial - requires a Professional Certificate endorsed in industrial arts or vocational agriculture or a Vocational Certificate endorsed for an industrial or technical laboratory and the completion of the prevocational exploration program. Personnel may be recruited from business and industry to provide instruction in the industrial cluster, providing all efforts to locate industrial arts, vocational agriculture, or vocational certificated teachers have been exhausted. This applicant shall meet the requirements as set forth in the Minimum Requirements for the Licensure of

Educational Personnel, 1975 Revised 1982 edition, for the Vocational Permit in the industrial area. The county superintendent may then request, in writing to the Office of Educational Personnel Development, an authorization to employ such an individual until an individual with the appropriate licensure can be found. Such authorizations are valid for the 1984-85 school year only.

2.4 Prevocational/Service - requires a Professional Certificate endorsed for home economics or a Vocational Certificate endorsed for health occupations and the completion of the prevocational exploration program.

Section 3. Conditions of Employment

3.1 Effective August 15, 1983, any person employed in a prevocational exploration cluster must hold a valid license endorsed in the appropriate prevocational exploration cluster.

3.2 Any individual who was assigned to provide instruction in a prevocational exploration program during the 1982-83 school year may be issued an endorsement in prevocational exploration provided he/she:

- a. holds the appropriate prerequisite certification as specified in this policy for the approved cluster in which instruction is provided,
- b. is employed in the appropriate cluster for the 1984-85 school year,
- c. has completed by September 1, 1985, a minimum of one state approved training workshop related to principles and practices for teaching prevocational exploration,
- d. the state supervisor of prevocational education verifies the teacher's attendance at the state approved training workshop, and
- e. the county superintendent recommends the issuance of the endorsement on the basis of the teacher's successful performance.

3.3 Applications under this provision must be filed with the Office of Educational Personnel Development not later than November 1, 1985.

3.4 Any new employee in prevocational exploration beginning with the 1983-84 school year must complete the state approved teacher education program in prevocational exploration. To qualify for a permit, a person holding a Professional Certificate in a prerequisite endorsement employed in a prevocational exploration cluster who has not completed the approved program must:

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- a. file an application for the prevocational exploration endorsement (I-TP-1),
- b. file a Professional Commitment (I-TP-25) indicating enrollment in a state approved teacher education program leading to the prevocational exploration endorsement,
- c. have the recommendation of the employing county superintendent, and
- d. have the recommendation of the designated official at the institution of higher education where the program is being completed.

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