February 3, 2010 [e-mailed to dcokeman@sbcglobal.net]

David Coker

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Dear Mr. Coker:

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received 2/1/10.

You have requested information regarding Director of Special Education endorsements.

Request 1 - "A list of all courses, by title, course number, institution, and if possible, year, that was used when granting endorsements of Director of Special Education by transcript evaluations."

Response 1 - ISBE does not maintain such a list of courses.

Per 23 Illinois Administrative Code Section 25.365, the Director of Special Education endorsement requires 30 semester hours of credit distributed among all of the areas listed below:

Survey of exceptional children
Special methods covering at least three areas of disabilities
Supervision of special education programs and personnel
Educational and psychological assessment and remedial techniques
Guidance and counseling

ISBE staff review courses to determine if they meet the proper criteria.

Request 2 - "The number of endorsements of Director of Special Education issued since January 1, 2005, to January 31, 2010."

Response 2 - ISBE records currently show 609 Director of Special Education endorsements with an issue date on or after January 1", 2005.
If you have questions, contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information