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SUBPART G: STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1.780 Standards for Teachers in Bilingual Education Programs
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- a) No individual shall be assigned as a bilingual education teacher in prekindergarten, kindergarten or any of grades 1-12 unless he or she:
 - 1) holds a valid professional educator license endorsed for the grade levels of the students to be served and an endorsement for bilingual education that is specific to the language of instruction, issued pursuant to Section 1.781 of this Part; or
 - 2) holds a valid educator license with stipulations endorsed for transitional bilingual educator specific to the language of instruction, issued pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.90; or
 - 3) holds a valid educator license with stipulations endorsed for visiting international educator and the grade levels of the students to be served and meets the requirements set forth at 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.92(i); or
 - 4) was employed in a State-approved bilingual education program prior to September 1, 1985 and continues to hold a valid professional educator license endorsed for the grade level or levels of the students to be served;
or:
 - 5) for the 2020-2021 school year only, holds a valid Illinois educator license and a bachelor's degree and has demonstrated English and target language reading, writing, grammar skills, and speaking proficiency via an interview with the hiring entity. A school district employing an individual who meets the requirements of this subsection (a)(5) must, no later than 10 days after employing the individual, file on a form provided by the State Board of Education an assurance with its regional office of education indicating that the individual meets these criteria. An individual who is assigned as a bilingual education teacher under this subsection (a)(5) may continue to serve in that role until the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.

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- b) No individual shall be assigned as a teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) in prekindergarten, kindergarten or any of grades 1-6 unless he or she:
- 1) holds a valid professional educator license endorsed for the grade levels of the students to be served and an endorsement for ESL or English as a New Language (ENL), issued pursuant to Section 1.782 of this Part; or
 - 2) holds a valid professional educator license endorsed for the grade levels of the students to be served and an endorsement for bilingual education or ENL with a language designation; or
 - 3) holds a valid educator license with stipulations endorsed for transitional bilingual educator issued pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.90; or
 - 4) holds a valid educator license with stipulations endorsed for visiting international educator and the grade levels of the students to be served and meets the requirements set forth at 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.92(i); or
 - 5) was employed in an approved bilingual education program prior to September 1, 1985 and continues to hold a valid professional educator license endorsed for the grade level or levels of the students to be served.
- c) No individual shall be assigned as a teacher of English as a Second Language in any of grades 7-12 unless he or she:
- 1) holds a valid professional educator license endorsed for the grade levels of the students to be served and an endorsement for ESL or ENL, issued pursuant to Section 1.782 of this Part; or
 - 2) holds a valid educator license with stipulations endorsed for visiting international educator and the grade levels of the students to be served and meets the requirements set forth at 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.92(i).
- d) Additional requirements for teachers in grades 5 through 8 serving students with home languages other than English shall be as set forth in Section 1.720 of this Part.

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- e) Additional requirements for teachers in State-supported early childhood programs serving students with home languages other than English shall be as set forth in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 228.

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