

## **6A-5.067 Teacher Apprenticeship Program**

(1) No change.

(2) Definitions. In this rule, the following definitions apply:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) “Participating Employer” means the public school districts, ~~and~~ charter schools and charter management organizations that have been approved by the Department of Education (Department) to participate in the Teacher Apprenticeship Program. The responsibility to hire, employ, and pay the progressive wage structure of the teacher apprentice and the wages of the teacher apprentice mentor who is training the teacher apprentice rests with the participating employer as specified in Rule 6A-23.002(19), F.A.C.

(d) No change.

(e) “Sponsor” means the Department; the Department administers the program on behalf of participating school districts, ~~and~~ charter schools and charter management organizations in accordance with the Standards of Apprenticeship registered in accordance with Rule 6A-23.004, F.A.C.

(f) through (h) No change.

(3) Teacher Apprentice Requirements. As a condition of participating in the program, a teacher apprentice must:

(a) through (b) No change.

(c) Commit to spending at least the first two (2) years in the classroom of a teacher apprentice mentor using team teaching strategies, and fulfilling the on-the-job training component of the registered apprenticeship and its associated standards;

(d) through (h) No change.

(4) Teacher Apprentice Mentor Eligibility and Responsibilities. A classroom teacher who is selected by the participating employer to serve as a teacher apprentice mentor must:

(a) Meet the following requirements for eligibility:

1. Have at least five (5) ~~seven (7)~~ years of teaching experience in Florida;

2. through 3. No change.

(b) through (c) No change.

(5) Participating Employer Responsibilities. Responsibilities of the participating employer are as follows:

(a) No change.

(b) Agree to select for the Teacher Apprentice Program only those persons who meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Have received an associate degree from an accredited postsecondary institution;
2. Have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 ~~3.0~~ in that degree program;
3. through 5. No change.

(c) through (i) No change.

(6) No change.

(7) A teacher holding a temporary teacher apprenticeship certificate as outlined in 6A-4.004, F.A.C., is not eligible to:

(a) ~~S~~serve as a classroom teacher as defined in Section 1012.01(2)(a), F.S., or be reported as the teacher of record for funding and class size purposes; and-

(b) Apply for a professional certificate as set in Rule 6A-4.0012, F.A.C., until he or she has completed at least two years in an apprenticeship program.

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