

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT 210:20-18-1

Lead and master teaching certificates [NEW]

a. **What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

Pursuant to Senate Bill 980 (2018), the State Board of Education is directed to adopt rules implementing fees and renewal schedules for two new classes of advanced teacher certification, a lead teaching certificate and a master teaching certificate. The advanced certification classes will be available beginning with the 2021-2022 school year to any qualified applicants recommended by a school board, with lead and master certificates available before that time to teachers recommended by districts participating in a pilot program. The proposed rule will clarify the statutory eligibility requirements for the lead teaching certificate and master teaching certificate, and establish a fee that is linked by reference to the standard certification fee listed in *Oklahoma Administrative Code* 210:20-9-9. The renewal requirements will incorporate the standard certificate renewal process at 210:20-9-96, with additional requirements specific to the two advanced classes of certification. The rule will also outline how a lead teacher or master teacher may return to standard certification if they are no longer eligible for or no longer wish to hold the advanced certification.

b. **What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?**

The rule change will affect teachers who are eligible for lead or master teaching certification, and their employing school districts.

c. **What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?**

The rule change will benefit teachers who obtain an advanced certification by ensuring they have adequate time for mentoring and other leadership duties, and entitling them to a salary supplement associated with their additional role. School districts that recommend a teacher for advanced certification will benefit from the enhancement of professional development and instructional strategies mentoring among their teaching professionals.

d. **What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact upon political subdivisions or affected classes as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.

e. **What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any cost to the agency to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.

- f. **What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change?**

The agency does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change at this time. Once the advanced certification classes are implemented, a school district that chooses to recommend a teacher for advanced teaching certification will be responsible for meeting the statutory contract terms associated with the lead or master certificate under 70 O.S. § 6-190.

- g. **Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?**

The agency does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed rule change at this time.

- h. **Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?**

No.

- i. **Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.**

The agency does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of implementation of the proposed rule at this time.

- j. **What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?**

The agency does not anticipate any detrimental effect on public health, safety, or environment as a result of failure to implement the proposed rule at this time.

- k. **Date Prepared:** January 7, 2018