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Certification Staffing Assignment
PROGRAM SPECIALIST

Program Specialist certificates are required for an assignment for which no instructional, educational specialist, supervisory or administrative certificate exists and shall be issued for the following areas:

1. English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Specialist K-12

To qualify for an ESL Program Specialist certificate, an individual must currently hold a Pennsylvania Instructional I or II certificate and complete, or be evaluated by the Department of Education as having met, the state required ESL training components as offered through the approved ESL state training providers.

ESL Program Specialists have the capacity to:

- Provide assistance supporting the fundamental concepts and practices of English as a second language instruction
- Provide English as a second languages services
- Select and design teaching resources for English language learners
- Provide instructional adaptations/modifications to assist English language learners
- Conduct effective assessments to identify levels of language proficiency, acquisition and content learning
- Monitor English language learners content learning
- Participate in individualized education plan preparation for English language learners who are participating in special education assistance/services.
- Provide school staff with resources/professional activities to promote understanding and sensitivity toward all cultures
- Provide appropriate information and services to English language learner's family.
- Provide assistance to academic content teachers as they instruct English language learners in the required content knowledge.

<u>Special Considerations:</u>
An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills, may serve in the role of mentor or advisor, and may assist students in understanding the "reading" content area materials in related subject areas.

Effective with the school year 2004-2005, all individuals providing ESL educational assistance/services must hold the Program Specialist-ESL certificate.

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References:

22 PA Code: Chapter 49: §49.11

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