

STANDARD APPLICATION For Teaching Positions in Pennsylvania Public Schools

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

POSITION(S) DESIRED _____

NAME

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER¹

PRESENT ADDRESS

STREET

(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PERMANENT ADDRESS

STREET

(AREA CODE) TELEPHONE

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

E-MAIL ADDRESS (IF AVAILABLE) _____

LIST, IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, THE GRADES, SUBJECTS AND/OR POSITIONS FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

CERTIFICATION

(LIST ALL AREAS IN WHICH YOU HOLD VALID PENNSYLVANIA AND/OR OUT-OF-STATE TEACHING CERTIFICATES. NOTE: APPLICANTS HOLDING A CERTIFICATE FROM ANOTHER STATE MUST OBTAIN A PENNSYLVANIA CERTIFICATE IN ORDER TO TEACH IN PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.)

AREA OF CERTIFICATION	ISSUING STATE	DATE ISSUED

HAVE YOU ACQUIRED TENURE IN PENNSYLVANIA? _____

IF YES, IN WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT? _____

DATE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT _____

IF YOU ARE NOT EMPLOYED FULL TIME, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PLACED ON OUR SUBSTITUTE LIST?

LONG-TERM

☐

YES

☐

NO

SHORT-TERM

☐

YES

☐

NO

¹ Federal Privacy Act [5 U.S.C. § 552A NOTE] Statement. Authority for requesting social security account numbers: Public School Code of 1949 [24 P.S. § 12-1212, 24 P.S. § 1224] Principal Purpose: To verify certification. Other Purposes: Identification and collection of criminal/disciplinary records for certified educators. Disclosure: Mandatory. Failure to provide the Social Security Number will result in an applicant not being considered for employment.
PDE 353A (3/20/07)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

	SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	MAJOR/ MINOR	DIPLOMAS, DEGREES OR CREDITS EARNED	GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)
HIGH SCHOOL				
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY				
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY				
GRADUATE STUDY				
GRADUATE STUDY				

EXPERIENCE

(PRESENT OR MOST RECENT FIRST)

Dates		Name of Employer and Address	Your Title
From			
To			
		(Area Code) Telephone:	
Work Performed:		Reason for Leaving:	
Name & Title of Supervisor:		Final Yearly Salary:	
Dates		Name of Employer and Address	Your Title
From			
To			
		(Area Code) Telephone:	
Work Performed:		Reason for Leaving:	
Name & Title of Supervisor:		Final Yearly Salary:	
Dates		Name of Employer and Address	Your Title
From			
To			
		(Area Code) Telephone:	
Work Performed:		Reason for Leaving:	
Name & Title of Supervisor:		Final Yearly Salary:	

Please list activities that you are qualified to supervise or coach:

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If you have not been previously employed in a teaching position, please complete the following:

STUDENT OR PRACTICE TEACHING

GRADE OR SUBJECT TAUGHT	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL	1. COLLEGE SUPERVISOR 2. COOPERATING TEACHER
		1.
		2.
		1.
		2.

Student Teaching References:

Please attach photocopies of letters of reference and/or evaluations from college/university student teacher supervisor and cooperating teacher(s).

REFERENCES

References should include superintendents, principals or professors who have first-hand knowledge of your professional competence and your personal qualifications. Experienced teachers should include the superintendent and principal of the two most recent schools in which employed. If any person(s) listed should not be contacted for reference at the present time, indicate in the left-hand margin the date contact(s) may be made.

NAME	POSITION	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Summarize special job-related skills and qualifications acquired from employment or other experiences (including U.S. military service) and/or state any additional information you feel may be helpful in considering your application, i.e. honors, awards, activities, technology skills or professional development activities:

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You must give complete answers to all questions. If you answer "Yes" to any question, you must list all offenses, and for each conviction provide date of conviction and disposition, regardless of the date or location of occurrence. Conviction of a criminal offense is not a bar to employment in all cases. Each case is considered on its merits. Your answers will be verified with appropriate police records.

Criminal Offense includes felonies, misdemeanors, summary offenses and convictions resulting from a plea of "nolo contendere" (no contest).

Conviction is an adjudication of guilt and includes determinations before a court, a district justice or a magistrate, which results in a fine, sentence or probation.

You may omit: minor traffic violations, offenses committed before your 18th birthday which were adjudicated in juvenile court or under a Youth Offender Law, and any convictions which have been expunged by a court or for which you successfully completed an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program.

Were you ever convicted of a criminal offense? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you currently under charges for a criminal offense? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever forfeited bond or collateral in connection with a criminal offense? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Within the last ten years, have you been fired from any job for any reason? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Within the last ten years, have you quit a job after being notified that you would be fired? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been professionally disciplined in any state? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Professional disciplined means the annulment, revocation or suspension of your teaching certification or having received a letter of reprimand from an agency, board or commission of state government, such as the Pennsylvania Professional Standards and Practices Commission.

Are you subject to any visa or immigration status, which would prevent lawful employment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please provide a detailed explanation on a separate sheet of paper, including dates, and attach it to this application. Please print and sign your name on the sheet, and include your social security number.

ACT 34 COMPLIANCE (Background Check of Prospective Employees)

Each applicant must submit with the employment application a State and Federal criminal history report or a copy of the completed form/request.

ACT 151 (PA Child Abuse History Clearance)

Each candidate must submit with his/her employment application a copy of an official clearance statement obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare or a statement from the Department of Public Welfare that no record exists. The clearance statement must be no more than one (1) year old. The applicant MUST submit the ORIGINAL report prior to employment.

ESSAY

Please write an essay as described on page six. For your convenience, you may attach a sheet; however, your essay may not exceed one page. At the bottom of the attachment, please print and sign your name.

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I certify that all of the statements made by me are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I further certify that I am the sole author of the essay. I understand that any misrepresentation of information shall be sufficient cause for: (1) rejecting my candidacy, (2) withdrawing of any offer of employment, or (3) terminating my employment.

I hereby authorize any and all of my previous employers and/or supervisors to release any and all of my personnel records, and to respond fully and completely to all questions that officials of _____ (school district) may ask regarding my prior work history and performance. I will hold such previous employers and/or supervisors harmless of any and all claims that I might otherwise have against them with regard to statements made to this school district. I further authorize these officials to investigate my background, now or in the future, to verify the information provided and release from liability all persons and/or entities supplying information regarding my background. However, I do not authorize the production of medical records or other information, which would tend to actually identify a disability nor do I authorize inquiries which would include information related to any medical condition or medical history. Further, I do not waive any rights which I may have under state or federal law related to my right to challenge the disclosure of unlawful or inaccurate information, whether by the school district or by entities or persons providing such information to the school district, including any and all claims concerning allegations of employment discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, age or disability.

Date

Signature of Candidate (in ink)

[Must be original]

Pennsylvania school districts shall not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ancestry or any other legally protected classification. This policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Information relative to special accommodation, grievance procedure, and the designated responsible official for compliance with Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504 may be obtained by contacting the school district.

ESSAY

We are interested in your ability to organize and express thoughts on a specific topic in a succinct manner. Please select one of the following topics and write an essay in the space provided on this page.

1. The Most Important Qualities of an Outstanding Educator.
2. My Philosophy of Student Discipline.
3. The Importance of Continuing Professional Development and How I Plan to Incorporate It Throughout My Career.
4. Essential Elements of Instruction, Administration or Area of Certification.
5. How Information Technology (i.e., computers, Internet) Can Be Integrated into the Instructional Process and Curriculum.

Signature _____ **Name** _____

Note to applicants: This application can be downloaded from the Department of Education's home page which is accessible at: <http://www.state.pa.us>.

This application was developed, in accordance with Section 1204.1 of Act 107 of 1996, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in consultation with organizations representing school administrators, including personnel administrators, teachers and school boards. Questions should be referred to PDE School Services Unit at Voice Telephone (717) 787-4860, Text Telephone TTY (717) 783-8445 or FAX (717) 783-6802. If you need accommodation in completing this application, including alternate format, please contact the school district.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
ChildLine and Abuse Registry**

PLEASE COPY AND ATTACH THIS DIRECTION SHEET TO EVERY APPLICATION DISTRIBUTED

Do not use Xeroxed copies of the Child Abuse History clearance. To reorder forms, please call (717) 783-6211.

DIRECTIONS

1. Type or print **CLEARLY AND NEATLY IN INK** Section I only.
2. Address must be **APPLICANT'S** current home address.
3. All information must be completed in full. (The form asks for all previous names, addresses, and household members **SINCE 1975**). This information must be provided to the best of your knowledge and belief. If necessary, attach additional pages.
4. Application must be **SIGNED**.
5. Enclose a **\$10.00 MONEY ORDER** for each application. No cash or personal checks accepted. Agency or business checks are acceptable.
6. **DO NOT** send any postage paid return envelopes.
7. Application should be placed in a **BUSINESS-SIZED OR LARGER** envelope prior to mailing.
8. **ONE BLOCK** must be checked for Purpose of Clearance. **DO NOT** check more than one block.
 - a) **Check the Volunteers Block** if performing a service (paid or unpaid) for organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, Little League, or churches. A **COPY** of your Criminal Record Check results obtained within the past year must be attached. **DO NOT** send original Criminal Record results. If you are not a Pennsylvania resident, you must also attach a copy of your FBI results obtained within the past year. **THIS BLOCK SHOULD NOT BE CHECKED FOR ANYONE VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOLS.**
 - b) **Check the School Block** if seeking to have involvement within a school (public, private, vocational, technical, nursing) **FOR ANY REASON**
 - c) **Check the Foster Care/Block** if applying for foster parenting or custody of a child.
 - d) **Check the Adoption Block** if in the process or planning to adopt a child.
 - e) **Check the Child Care Block** if planning to work in a day care setting or if all other blocks do not apply
 - f) **Check the CWEP Block** if you are participating in a Department of Public Welfare training program. The signature and phone number of the County Assistance Representative is required.

CLEARANCE RESULTS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU WITHIN 14 DAYS FROM THE DATE THAT THE CLEARANCE IS RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE. THERE WILL BE NO REPLACEMENTS AFTER 90 DAYS

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE DELAY

Please contact the following for applicable criminal history requests:

PA Criminal Record Checks (SP4 164):	(717) 783-5494 or (717) 783-5492
FBI Cards for School Employees (FD 258):	(717) 783-3750