

FULL APPROVAL FOR TEACHER CONSULTANT

POLICY & CRITERIA:

1. The candidate must possess a master's degree in education or a field of study related to special education.
2. The candidate must meet all of the requirements of R. 340.1782 of the *Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education (MARSE)*.
3. Approval is specific to the category of endorsement. A request for Teacher Consultant approval may be made for each area of special education endorsement.
4. A request for approval must be received by the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education (MDE, OSE) during the school year (July 1 to June 30) in which the effective date applies.
5. The candidate must show evidence of a minimum of three years of satisfactory teaching experience, not less than two years of which shall be teaching in a special education classroom. Substitute teaching in general or special education classrooms is acceptable in meeting this requirement.
6. Private school teaching experience is recognized by the MDE, OSE as meeting the one year of teaching experience that candidates are not required to spend in a special education classroom. Private school teaching experience, however, does NOT meet the two years of required special education classroom teaching experience.
7. Teacher Consultant approval is granted from the beginning of the school year in which the request was initiated or the date that all requirements for the approval are met, whichever is later.
8. Teacher Consultant approval does not expire as long as the teacher maintains a valid Michigan teaching certificate.
9. Teacher Consultant approval is transferable from one school district to the next.