



# PE/APE Updates

## Professional and Advanced Professional Endorsement Updates

### DEFINITION OF “ACCREDITED PRIVATE SCHOOL’ EXPANDED

Effective December 6, 2024, an ‘accredited private school’ [I.C. § 33-1201A(6)] can hold accreditation from one of several K-12 accrediting bodies.

Educators who have worked in private K-12 schools accredited by the following bodies may use those years of experience, in whole or in part, to meet the time requirement for PE or APE:

- Cognia
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
- Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CES)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)
- Any accreditor listed in the *Cognia Non-Public Accreditation Partner Directory and Fact Sheets* ©2024

See <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/pe-ape/> for links to accrediting body school directories and a link to the summary of the *Cognia Non-Public Accreditation Partner Directory and Fact Sheets* ©2024.

### CLDS EVALUATION CORRECTION WINDOW EXPANDED

Effective December 6, 2024, the CLDS Evaluation Correction Window is expanded from three (3) prior school years to five (5) prior school years. A CLDS Data entry error made to an evaluation within the five (5) prior school years can be corrected and recertified in CLDS. Evidence to support the correction must be maintained in the educator’s file.

If a CLDS Evaluation Data Entry correction results in an educator’s eligibility for APE within the five (5) prior school years, the district or charter administrator may submit a backdated, hard copy APE recommendation form to the Department for processing.

**Important:** Funding may be backdated up to three (3) years per I.C. § 33-1009(5)