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2016 Legislative Update

A summary of rule changes are attached to this email in the *New Legislation 2016 Session* document. There is additional information on the State Department of Education's website that was presented at the Post-Legislative Tour. The link is as follows: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/topics/post-leg/> .

For teacher certification rules, all changes were originally recommended by the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) as part of their review of professional standards for teachers, as stated in 33-1258, Idaho Code.

Each rule was submitted to the State Board of Education for approval as a proposed or temporary rule, made available for public comment, resubmitted for Board approval as a pending rule, and finally approved by the 2016 Legislature.

Teacher Preparation Standards, Certification, Endorsement, and Praxis exam changes will be updated on the SDE/PSC website by August 1, 2016.

Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel

The current *Idaho Standards for Initial Certification of Professional School Personnel* (i.e. Teacher Preparation Standards) will be posted to SDE/PSC website by August 1, 2016. http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher_certification/accredited.htm

Changes were made to the following standards:

- Blended Early Childhood Education
- Blind and Visually Impaired
- Communication Arts Foundation
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing
- Economics
- Geography
- Government/Civics
- Health
- History
- Journalism
- Physical Education
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Social Studies Foundation
- Speech and Debate