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TO: Deans and Directors of Teacher Education
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John F. Brown, Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: Single Subject Waiver Programs

At the June meeting of the Commission, the attached staff recommendations for amendments to Title 5 Regulations affecting the Single Subject Waiver Programs were approved.

While these proposed amended regulations have been scheduled for a public hearing in October, only after which can formal adoption occur, you are urged to begin your Single Subject revisions as soon as possible. Preliminary plans are to schedule reviews of programs during February and April of 1984.

The recommended amendments were developed after staff had the opportunity to conduct several "mock" reviews of programs, including a review utilizing an ad hoc external panel. The proposed regulations are intended to give institutions maximum flexibility, while also providing sufficient information for panels to exercise their evaluation responsibility.

Should you have any questions regarding waiver programs, please feel free to contact Dr. Robert Kane at (916) 324-2450.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 5 REGULATIONS

80085 Programs of Academic Preparation:

In accordance with the requirements of Sections 44310, 44311 and 44312 of the Education Code, the commission shall evaluate a subject matter program submitted to it as adequate and appropriate for the purpose of waiving the respective subject matter examination, and shall grant such subject matter program waiver status upon fulfillment of the general requirements as specified in Section 80085.1 and the specific requirements as specified in Section 80086, by the institution requesting approval of such programs of academic preparation. The following requirements shall be addressed by programs seeking Commission approval:

- (a) The head of the institution shall submit a written statement assuring that the Dean or Director of Teacher Education was consulted as to the appropriateness of the proposed coursework, during the institutional review of the submitted program(s).
- (b) Programs of academic preparation other than foreign languages and mathematics shall provide a listing and catalog descriptions of courses, clearly identifying which of the courses constitute the 2/3 basic core (a minimum of 30 semester units or its equivalent quarter units) designed to relate directly to those subjects "commonly taught" in the public schools.
- (c) The remaining 1/3 of the program (a minimum of 15 semester units or their equivalent quarter units) may include courses either directly related to the courses commonly taught, as listed in Title 5 Regulations Section 80086, or courses designed to provide breadth and perspective to the basic core, and shall specify whether semester or quarter units are used.
- (d) Programs of academic preparation for foreign languages and mathematics shall consist of a minimum of 45 semester units, or their equivalent quarter units, designed to relate directly to those subjects "commonly taught" in the public schools.
- (e) For purposes of clarification, an institution shall submit a matrix which indicates the relationship of each course, in the required 2/3, to the subjects listed in Title 5 Regulations Section 80086.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code
Reference: Section 44310, 44311, and 44312, Education Code.

80085.1 Programs of Academic Preparation; General Requirements:

To receive Commission approval, programs of academic preparation, other than foreign languages and mathematics, must contain a core of courses (a minimum of 30 semester units, or their quarter unit equivalent), not less than 2/3 of the total, which relate directly to those subjects "commonly taught" in the public schools. The remaining third (a minimum of 15 semester units or their quarter unit equivalent) may include courses either directly related to subjects commonly taught or courses that provide breadth and perspective to supplement the basic core. ~~The remaining third should include courses that provide breadth and perspective to supplement the essential core.~~

Programs of foreign language and mathematics shall consist of 45 semester units, or their quarter unit equivalent, designed to directly relate to subjects "commonly taught", as specified in Section 80086.

Institutions shall have the flexibility to define their program (both the required 2/3 core and the remaining 1/3) in terms of specifically required coursework or in terms of electives within each area.

Institutions shall have flexibility to determine whether their programs offer a specific course or courses for each subject "commonly taught", or provides a course or courses offering multiple coverage across subjects "commonly taught".

This regulation is not intended to inhibit or unnecessarily restrict college or university curricula.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code
Reference: Sections 44310, 44311, 44312, Education Code

80087. Institutional Procedures and Standards:

The responsible head of the institution, following regular review by procedures appropriate to the institution, in consultation with the Dean or Director of Teacher Education, shall report to the Commission the subject matter programs of academic preparation the institution has selected as meeting the general and specific requirements cited in Sections 80085, 80085,1, and 80086, and he shall explain to the Commission what academic standards were borne in mind, upon that campus, during the process of selecting such programs.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44224, Education Code.
Reference: Section 44311 and 44312, Education Code.

80088. Submission Procedures for Programs of Academic Preparation:

- (a) The institution shall submit seven (7) copies of the program of academic preparation and the letter from the responsible head of the institution, as cited in Section 80087;
- (b) Commission staff will review the proposed program of academic preparation in terms of the general requirements, as stipulated in Section 80085.1;
- (c) The Commission ~~will~~ shall appoint panels to review the program of academic preparation for each of the statutory single subjects, in terms of the specific requirements as stipulated in Section 80086, ~~and breadth and perspective to supplement the essential core.~~ The panels shall also evaluate the program in terms of its adequacy and appropriateness for waiving the subject matter examination in terms of the requirements of Section 80085.1. Each panel ~~will~~ shall be comprised of secondary and college/university teachers of the subject and supplemented by one public school specialist in curriculum or school administration;
- (d) Subject matter programs that meet the requirements described in Title 5 Regulations, Sections 80085.1 and 80086 may be submitted to the Commission for approval/denial;
- (e) Candidates initially enrolled in a subject matter program after June 30, 1984 shall be so enrolled in a Commission approved program that meet the requirements described in Title 5 Regulation Section 80085.1 and 80086;
- (f) Subject matter programs approved under regulations that existed on March 31, 1982, shall have until June 30, 1986 to complete requirements and apply for the appropriate single subject credential.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code.

Reference: Sections 44310 and 44311, Education Code.