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To: Personnel Administrators and Credentialing Personnel
in County Offices of Education

From: 
Philip A. Fitch, Executive Secretary

Subject: Clarification of Section 80047.2 of the Code of
Administrative Regulations Related to the Authorization
to Teach Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Students

Questions have been raised about the one year of full-time teaching experience required in §80047.2 (a) (2) (A). Some have interpreted this section to mean that the experience must have been obtained in a California public school. That is not an appropriate interpretation. Out-of-state teaching experience on an appropriate special education credential may be used to meet this requirement so long as:

1. the teacher can verify that the majority of students taught in a non-California public school classroom were identified as seriously emotionally disturbed; (the verification can be made by a letter from the school principal or some other school or district official who could reasonably be assumed to have knowledge of the teaching assignment);
2. the teacher can verify that the assignment was full-time for a minimum of one year prior to September 1, 1991;
3. the teacher provides verification that he or she was evaluated successfully as a teacher of SED students.

These requirements are the same as those for teachers who obtained their experience within California.

If you have any question about this correspondence please contact Dr. Marie Schrup at our office.