

**8710.4100 TEACHERS OF AMERICAN INDIAN LANGUAGE, HISTORY, AND CULTURE.**

Subpart 1. **Issuance of license authorized.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall, under this part and Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.75, authorize the issuance of a license to teach American Indian language, history, and culture to an applicant who has achieved and demonstrated competence in an American Indian language or knowledge and understanding of American Indian history and culture.

Subp. 2. **Scope of practice.** A teacher of American Indian language, history, and culture is authorized to teach an American Indian language or an American Indian history and culture to students birth through grade 12. This part shall not prohibit a school board from employing a person to teach an American Indian language or American Indian history and culture who does not hold a license under this part.

Subp. 3. **License requirements for a Tier 3 license.** An applicant for a Tier 3 license to teach American Indian language, history, and culture shall submit an application that:

- A. specifies the American Indian language or history and culture to be taught;
- B. demonstrates that one of the following qualifications is met:
  - (1) the applicant possesses competence in the American Indian language for which licensure is requested;
  - (2) the applicant possesses unique qualifications relative to or knowledge and understanding of the American Indian history and culture for which licensure is requested;
  - (3) the applicant holds a bachelor's degree or academic degree approved by the board;
  - (4) the applicant completed a course of study approved by the board;
  - (5) the applicant holds a professional license in another state aligned to the license sought, the license is in good standing, and the applicant has two years of teaching experience; or
  - (6) the applicant has completed a state-approved teacher preparation program aligned to the license sought; and
- C. includes a certified copy of a resolution or letter that:
  - (1) is prepared by the tribal government governing the tribe or community speaking the language or representing the history and culture for which licensure is requested; and
  - (2) attests to the applicant's competence in an American Indian language or the knowledge and understanding of an American Indian history and culture.

In lieu of a certified copy of a resolution or letter, the applicant may submit an affidavit attesting to the applicant's competence in an American Indian language or the knowledge and understanding of an American Indian history or culture. The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board,

in consultation with the Tribal National Education Committee, must evaluate the applicant's eligibility for a Tier 3 license.

Subp. 3a. **License requirements for a Tier 4 license.** An applicant for a Tier 4 license to teach American Indian language, history, and culture must demonstrate the following:

A. the applicant has three years of teaching experience in Minnesota on a Tier 3 license to teach American Indian language, history, and culture;

B. the applicant's most recent summative evaluation must not have resulted in placing or otherwise keeping the teacher in an improvement process aligned to the district's teacher development and evaluation plan; and

C. the applicant has completed the renewal requirements, including completion of the mandatory professional development topics and clock hours, according to parts 8710.7000 to 8710.7600 and Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.187.

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 47 SR 986]

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 47 SR 986]

Subp. 6. **Limitations.** The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board shall not issue a Tier 1 or Tier 2 license to teach American Indian language, history, and culture.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 122A.09; 122A.092; 122A.18*

**History:** *23 SR 1928; L 2017 1Sp5 art 12 s 22; 47 SR 986*

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