

Kanawha County Schools

**BEST (Beginning Educator Support and Training)**

**Dates required to complete are included - Additional Dates will be added pending reopening plans due to Covid 19.**

Year 1 of the 2020-2021 Alternative Certification Program Program Requirements for all teachers attempting to become certified teachers through the BEST Alternative Certification Program.

**1. Attend the Beginning Teacher Academy, July 27-31, 2020. Details be will sent to you when you are hired. You will be compensated \$1000 for attending all five days. A makeup session will be held for those hired after the Thursday, July 16 Board of Education Meeting.**

Additional Requirements	Date(s)	Location	Topic
2. Teaching Practicum	August 10-December 18, 2020	Your School & Classroom	This is the <b>20 day practicum re-quired</b> for all teachers attempting to earn alternative certification. Your Beginning Teacher Academic Coach ( <b>BTAC</b> ) will spend 2 hours per day in your classroom observing and conferencing with you for 20 days
3. Weekly observation of you teaching and/or conference with your <b>BTAC</b>	August 10, 2020 through May 21, 2020	Your School and Class-room	Weekly time required during the work day with your assigned Academic Coach/Mentor
<b>Required Meeting Explaining the Program for all teachers HIRED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION</b>	Date & Time to be announced pending reopening plans	Edison Staff Development Center	For teachers attempting to earn al-ternative teacher certification
<b>Required Make-up Session for those hired after July 16, 2020.</b>	Date & Time to be announced pending reopening plans	Edison Staff Development Center	<b><u>MAKE UP SESSION REQUIRED if you did not attend July 27-31 BEST Academy</u></b>
<b><u>Teachers in the alternative certification program: You MUST attend this evening class first semester in order to complete the alternative certification program requirements in 2020-2021, and move to a temporary certificate.</u></b>	<b>Date &amp; Time to be announced.</b>	Edison Staff Development Center Break Out Room 2	<i>Blended Learning Class</i> Instructor: Rosie Rhodes <a href="mailto:rrhodes@mail.kana.k12.wv.us">rrhodes@mail.kana.k12.wv.us</a> (no fee unless taking the course for graduate credit)
<b><u>Teachers in the alternative certification program: You MUST attend this class second semester in order to complete the alternative certification program requirements in 2020-2021, and move to a temporary certificaion.</u></b>	<b>Second Semester Dates to be announced</b>	Edison Staff Development Center	<i>Personalized Learning Class</i> Instructor: Megan McCorkle <a href="mailto:mmccorkle@mail.kana.k12.wv.us">mmccorkle@mail.kana.k12.wv.us</a> (no fee unless taking the course for graduate credit)

<b>Program Required Professional Development for ALL TEACHERS HIRED THROUGH <u>ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION</u></b>	<b>Additional Dates to be announced between August 10, 2020 and May 14, 2021</b>	Edison Staff Development Center	Strategies & Support for regular ed teachers  Special Ed Topics for special educators
Please see REQUIRED Praxis and PLT Examination requirements below.			
<b>PRAXIS PLT (Alternative Certification in Math, Science, and Special Ed)</b>  <b>Praxis Content Exam (Multi categorical) Special Education alternative certification must complete to move to the next phase, the one year temporary certificate</b>	Last day to complete the <b><u>required exams</u></b> in order to move from alternative certification to a one year temporary certificate is April 16, 2021.	You must register and go to a testing site at Praxis.com	Praxis PLT Exam (See next page for details.)  Praxis #5543 Content Exam (Special Education Multi Categorical )
<b>Formal Evaluation by the School Principal</b>	Before April 30, 2021	Your School	Formal Teacher Evaluation
<b>End of Year Meeting to:</b> <b><u>1. Renew the alternative certification</u> for one additional year.</b> <b>OR, <u>2. Apply for one year Temporary Certification</u> (followed by an additional year on a one year temporary certification before becoming fully certified through a provisional certificate.)</b>	<b>May 10, 2021 4:00 p.m.</b>	Edison Staff Development Center	Required Certification Meeting for Teachers seeking Alternative Certification

PRAXIS Content Exams  
Professional Learning and Teaching (PLT) Exam

1. **Praxis Content Exams:** With the exception of Special Education Multicategorical #5543 or Autism #5354, those hired through the alternative certification process in math, science, ELA, or Spanish complete the content Praxis Exam BEFORE being hired **while Special Education. Multicategorical and Autism must complete the content exam by April 15 of the school year.**

**Special Education Content Exams**

To Be Certified in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Autism (PreK; K–6; 5–Adult)	<a href="#">Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications</a>	5354	151
	or		
	<a href="#">Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications</a>	5543	153
Multi-Categorical Special Education (E/BD, MI, SLD, excluding Autism) (K–6; 5–Adult)	<a href="#">Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications</a>	5543	153

Continue to next page for information on the PLT exam.

## 2. Principals of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Exams

To Be Certified in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Professional Education	<a href="#">Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K–6</a>	5622	160
Middle and High School Math	N/A because no content teachers have been hired in elementary through alternative certification. Only special education teachers have been hired in K-6.		
Middle and High School Science	<a href="#">Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 5–9</a>	5623	160
Middle and High School ELA	Middle School Teachers attempting to become certified through alternative certification must complete Praxis exams in two content areas; For example Math and ELA, Math and Science, Math and Soc. Studies, Spanish and Social Studies, etc.		
Grades 7-12 Spanish	or		
	<a href="#">Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7–12</a>	5624	157
Special Education Multicategorical	<a href="#">Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K–6</a>	5622.	160
*(Complete PLT for K-6 or 7-12, depending on level you were hired to teach.)	<a href="#">Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7–12.</a>	5624.	157
Autism *(Complete PLT for K-6 or 7-12, depending on level you were hired to teach.)	<a href="#">Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K–6.</a>	5622.	160
	<a href="#">Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7–12.</a>	5624	157