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Description of Tiered Teacher Licensure System, Lines 23.6 to 24.41

License Name	Duration	Renewal	Qualification
Tier 1	One Year	Unlimited	<p>At least one of the following:            1) for a license to teach career and technical education, at least one of the following:            i) an associate’s degree in the content area;            ii) professional credential; or            iii) five years of work experience in the content area; or            2) for a license to teach in a content area not included in clause (1), a baccalaureate degree.</p> <p>A school board must confirm that it has attempted but is unable to hire a teacher with a Tier 2, 3, or 4 license for the position and that the candidate has the necessary skills and knowledge to teach in a specified content area.</p> <p>A candidate meeting the above qualifications must be granted a Tier 1 license upon the request of the employing school board or charter school board.</p> <p>Must participate in a school district’s mentorship and evaluation program that includes an individual growth and development plan.</p>
Tier 2	Two Years	Up to two times	<p>Meets Tier 1 qualifications and at least one of the following:            1) enrolled in and making satisfactory progress in a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board approved teacher preparation program;            2) passing scores on all required skills, content area, and pedagogy licensure exams; or            3) a master’s degree in content area.</p> <p>A school board must confirm that the candidate has the necessary skills and knowledge to teach in a specified content area.</p> <p>Must participate in a school district’s mentorship and</p>

			evaluation program that includes an individual growth and development plan.
Tier 3	Three Years	Up to three times	<p>Meets Tier 1 qualifications and at least one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) successful completion of a Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board approved teacher preparation program;</li> <li>2) successful completion of an out-of-state teacher preparation program that includes field-specific methods training and field-specific student teaching;</li> <li>3) an out-of-state professional teaching license in good standing;</li> <li>4) passing scores on all required skills, content area, and pedagogy licensure exams; or</li> <li>5) National Board for Professional teaching Standards certification.</li> </ol> <p>And meets at least one of the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) 12 weeks of student teaching experience;</li> <li>2) two years of field-specific teaching experience; or</li> <li>3) completion of a comprehensive teacher mentoring program offered by a Minnesota school.</li> </ol> <p>Must participate in a school district's mentorship and evaluation program that includes an individual growth and development plan.</p>
Tier 4	Five Years	Unlimited	<p>Meets Tier 3 qualifications and the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) at least three years teaching experience in any state; and</li> <li>2) passing scores on all required skills, content area, and pedagogy licensure exams.</li> </ol> <p>Must participate in a school district's mentorship and evaluation program that includes an individual growth and development plan.</p>