

SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION FOR TEACHERS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Teacher _____ SS# _____
Work Site _____ Major Degree _____
Beginning Date _____ Assignment _____

1. As a non-education major teaching in Sarasota County Public Schools, I may seek certification by either completing college coursework or by completing the Sarasota County Public Schools Alternative Certification for Teachers (ACT) program. In order to qualify for ACT, I must have all subject area requirements completed for a Temporary Certificate and lack only professional education coursework as determined by the Florida Department of Education.

2. As an applicant to the ACT program, I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines of the program as approved by the School Board (see Guidelines for the Sarasota County Public Schools Alternative Certification for Teachers). I understand that I must successfully complete **this two-year program** in its entirety as listed:
 - Performance Assessment
 - Summer Seminar for New Instructional Staff
 - Sarasota County Induction Program
 - Teachers Learning Collaboratively Sessions (ACT coursework and assignments)
 - Field Experience: Employment as a full-time instructional employee for two years

3. Further, I understand that I am responsible for payment of program costs totaling \$2,000 payable to the Sarasota County School Board in four non-refundable installments of \$500 each. Payments are due August 30 and February 1 of each year. Failure to comply will result in termination from the program.

Signature of ACT Participant _____ Date _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL

I have read the Guidelines for the Sarasota County Public Schools Alternative Certification for Teachers Program and understand that the program will be implemented at this site for the above applicant.

Signature of Principal _____ Date _____

***Duplicate and distribute to:**

- Department of Professional Development, Teacher Appraisal and School Improvement
- ACT Participant
- ACT Liaison

TEACHER CERTIFICATION ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION

TEMPORARY CERTIFICATION	PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION
BA DEGREE	BA DEGREE
2.5 GPA	2.5 GPA
CONTENT COURSEWORK/ELIGIBILITY	CONTENT COURSEWORK/ELIGIBILITY
EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYMENT
	GENERAL KNOWLEDGE EXAM [COMPLETED WITHIN FIRST CALENDAR YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT]
	SUBJECT AREA EXAM
	* PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION COURSEWORK MAY BE COMPLETED: AREA COLLEGES OR DISTRICT ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (ACT)
	PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION EXAM
	DEMONSTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COMPETENCIES

*** PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION COURSEWORK AT COLLEGE LEVEL:**

- fifteen hours in education courses with credit in the following professional education areas:
 - classroom management including safe learning environments
 - human development and learning
 - educational assessment to include the content measured by state achievement tests and the interpretation and utilization of data to improve student achievement
 - effective instructional strategies including the needs of diverse learners
 - curriculum and special methods of teaching ENGLISH in the middle or secondary school
 - foundations of research-based practices in teaching reading
- the Practical Teaching Experience requirement by completing one year of full-time teaching experience in an elementary or secondary school