

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

# ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATIONS

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# WELCOME MESSAGE



## **Dr. J. Robin Cochran, Ed. D.** Superintendent

Washington County Schools commits to providing the greatest learning opportunities for our students by employing the BEST educators in the Commonwealth. We believe, regardless of where you are in your journey, it is always an honor to reach back and invest in the lives of our future and, sometimes, it begins with investing in yourself. We look forward to working with you to help you reach your dreams.



# OPTION 6: UNIVERSITY-BASED

If you hold a bachelor's or master's degree in a non-teaching major and are interested in attaining initial teacher certification, this is the option for you!

## How to Get Started

Contact the university of your choice to see if they participate in Option 6 for your desired position. If so, you will apply to the university, and once you are accepted, you can be hired for a teaching position while you are completing your degree.

## Requirements

You must meet the university admission requirements and maintain a GPA of at least a 2.75.

## Commitment

Washington County Schools provides tuition reimbursement for those who qualify, with a commitment to teach for 2 years after the point of reimbursement.



# OPTION 7: INSTITUTE-BASED

- This is a certificate ONLY program through CKEC for those who have a bachelor's degree in an academic content area, 2.75 GPA, a passing score on the GRE or Core Academic Skills for Educators assessment, and a passing score on the Praxis II academic content assessment in the area in which certification is being sought.
- A candidate seeking elementary teaching, the individual shall successfully complete the equivalent of 240 hour institute, based on 6 hour days for 8 weeks.
- A candidate seeking middle and secondary teaching, the individual shall successfully complete the equivalent of a 180 hour institute, based on 6 hour days for 6 weeks.

## COMMITMENT

- Washington County School District agrees to cover the cost of tuition when the candidate contracts with the district for 5 years after the program is complete. Should the candidate leave the district within 5 years, the employee would be responsible for the reimbursement of the cost at the rate of 20% per unfilled year.



# OPTION 9: EXPEDITED

## DO I QUALIFY?

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This certification is for those who are seeking a bachelor's degree and initial certification within 3 school years. You **MUST** be employed with Washington Co. Schools over the three years, holding an instructional assistant position in the final year of the program.

## COMMITMENT

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# APPLY TODAY!

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# OVERVIEW

## WHICH ALTERNATE ROUTE IS THE BEST CHOICE FOR ME?

Candidates seeking Option 6 and 9 will work with eligible universities to meet acceptance requirements. Option 7 is only available through CKEC.

	<b>Option 6</b>	<b>Option 7</b>	<b>Option 9</b>
<b>Degree</b>	Seeking Masters	Certificate Only	Seeking Bachelors
<b>Employment</b>	Teach while completing program.	Teach while completing program.	Employee of district until program completed.
<b>Commitment</b>	2 years from date of reimbursement.	5 years from date of reimbursement.	2 years from date of reimbursement.
<b>Previous Education</b>	Bachelors/ Masters in non-teaching area.	Bachelors in academic content area/ Qualifying PRAXIS score	High School Diploma

Information based on KY Educational Professional Standards Board as of July 11, 2023.



# NEXT STEPS



**Option 6:** Apply to university that accommodates Option 6 in your chosen content area. Apply to district for position and indicate you will be an option 6 candidate on your application. Your university can supply you with a letter stating you are eligible. Once you have submitted your application, the standard hiring operating procedure will be followed.

**Option 7:** Contact the district and let us know you would be interested in an Option 7 position. If you are a qualified candidate, you would apply. Upon being hired, you would sign a contract, agreeing to the terms set forth.

**Option 9:**

- Current Employees: Notify your principal of your interest. Principal will notify Superintendent or Designee, who will schedule a meeting with employee.
- Potential Employees: Apply for position and notify principal of interest in pursuing Option 9. If hired, follow current employees procedures.

## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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