BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY
Program Leading to Principal Licensure, Grades 4-9, Grades 5-12, and Grades P-6

RECOMMENDATION

This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an educational program leading to the Principal License, Grades 4-9, Grades 5-12, and Grades P-6. No major concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time until 2014. It should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio licensure continue to be met.

Request: Muskingum University requests continued approval for an educational program leading to the Principal License, Grades 4-9, Grades 5-12, and Grades P-6.

Profile: Muskingum University is a private, non-profit university established in 1837 and located in New Concord, Ohio. Muskingum University has more than 2200 students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including multiple majors in preK-12 education leading to provisional licensure in Ohio and preparation for educational leaders in various specializations.

Accreditation/Authorization: The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Muskingum University is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2013. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Muskingum University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level. The next NCATE accreditation review is scheduled for fall of 2012.

Background: The principal license is issued to individuals who have completed an approved educator preparation program at the graduate level and seek an administrative position providing leadership for schools designed to serve three different grade ranges: prekindergarten through grade six, grades four through nine, and grades five through twelve. Muskingum University has approved programs leading to licensure that encompass these grade ranges. Muskingum University's program is aligned with the building level standards of the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) and includes a building-level educational leadership internship in either Grades P – 9 (Ages 3-14) or Grades 4-12 (Ages 8-21).

Recommendation to the Chancellor: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an educational program leading to the Principal License Grades P – 9 (Ages 3-14) and Grades 4-12 (Ages 8-21). No major concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time until 2014. It should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio licensure continue to be met.

End of Comment Period: February 18, 2011
No comments received, recommend approval

APPROVED	
	2/28/11
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date

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