BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
Reading Endorsement, Grades K-12

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a reading endorsement (grades K-12). There were no concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time.

Request: Bowling Green State University (BGSU) requests continued approval for a Reading Endorsement, Grades K-12. Bowling Green State University is a public, non-profit university located in Bowling Green, Ohio. The University is the largest educator preparation institution in the state and is currently approved by the State Department of Education to provide teacher preparation programs leading to licensure in the following areas: early childhood education, middle childhood education, adolescent and young adult education, foreign language education, intervention specialist (mild/moderate and deaf), and business and marketing education. BGSU also offers four graduate programs in education, including a masters degree program in reading and a specialist program in reading. Bowling Green State University is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national reading standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Bowling Green State University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level until 2015. The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. BGSU is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2013.

Background: The Reading Endorsement can be added to an existing teacher license, K-12 and meets the knowledge and skills standards of the International Reading Association and the Ohio Performance Based Teacher Licensure Standards. Bowling Green State University requires 15 semester hours of graduate study for the reading endorsement.

Recommendation: This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a reading endorsement, K-12. There were no concerns identified in the review and continued approval is recommended for a three-year period.

End of Comment Period: November 3, 2009
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED

11/12/09

Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor — Date

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