

## BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

### Kent State University Teacher Leader Endorsement

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a teacher leader endorsement (grades K-12). There were no major concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time. In addition, 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:** Kent State University (KSU) requests approval for a Teacher Leader Endorsement, Grades K-12.

**Profile:** Kent State University was founded as a public teacher-training institution in 1910 and now serves more than 18,000 undergraduate students and nearly 5000 graduate students through an array of associate, baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degrees. Kent State University is located in northeastern Ohio.

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

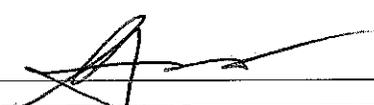
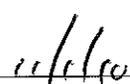
**Background:** Kent State University is currently approved by the State Department of Education to provide teacher preparation programs leading to licensure in the following areas: early childhood education, middle childhood education, adolescent and young adult education (major subject areas), intervention specialist (mild/moderate and deaf), library/media education, multi-age areas (e.g. art, health, foreign language, physical education) and career-technical teacher education. KSU also offers programs leading to licensure for educational personnel (principal, school counselor, school psychologist, superintendent, educational administrative specialist in various areas, audiologist, speech-language pathologist) and several endorsements. Kent State University has both undergraduate and graduate degrees leading to initial licensure. KSU is submitting its request to ensure alignment of the current program with national standards and Ohio standards and requirements.

The Teacher Leader Endorsement can be added to an existing teacher license, K-12. The endorsement requires that the applicant has successfully completed four years of teaching experience, has a master's degree and meets the program standards for the endorsement. The Teacher Leader Standards focus primarily on: providing effective leadership and teacher learning; using data in decision making and demonstrating evidence-based practice; facilitation of a collaborative learning culture; participation in a shared vision and goals for the school; and promotion and modeling of ongoing professional learning and improved practice.

The Teacher Leader endorsement is valid for mentoring and coaching teachers, providing staff development, and assisting the building principal in developing and supporting a shared vision and shared goals for the school.

**Recommendation:** This program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for a Teacher Leader endorsement, K-12. There were no major concerns identified in the review and approval is recommended for a three-year period. In addition, 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: October 6, 2010**  
**No comments received, recommend approval**

<b>APPROVED</b>	
	
<b>Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor</b>	<b>Date</b>

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