

STANDARD APPLICATION For Teaching Positions in Pennsylvania Public Schools

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

POSITION(S) DESIRED _____

NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER¹

PRESENT ADDRESS _____
STREET (AREA CODE) TELEPHONE
_____ CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
STREET (AREA CODE) TELEPHONE
_____ CITY STATE ZIP CODE

E-MAIL ADDRESS (IF AVAILABLE) _____

LIST, IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE, THE GRADES, SUBJECTS AND/OR POSITIONS FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

CERTIFICATION

(LIST ALL AREAS IN WHICH YOU HOLD VALID PENNSYLVANIA AND/OR OUT-OF-STATE TEACHING CERTIFICATES. NOTE: APPLICANTS HOLDING A CERTIFICATE FROM ANOTHER STATE MUST OBTAIN A PENNSYLVANIA CERTIFICATE IN ORDER TO TEACH IN PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.)

AREA OF CERTIFICATION	ISSUING STATE	DATE ISSUED

HAVE YOU ACQUIRED TENURE IN PENNSYLVANIA? _____

IF YES, IN WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT? _____

DATE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT _____

IF YOU ARE NOT EMPLOYED FULL TIME, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING PLACED ON OUR SUBSTITUTE LIST? YES NO
LONG-TERM YES NO SHORT-TERM YES NO

¹ Federal Privacy Act [5 U.S.C.§552A NOTE] Statement. Authority for requesting social security account numbers: Public School Code of 1949 [24 P.S. § 12-1212, 24 P.S. §1224] Principal Purpose: To verify certification. Other Purposes: Identification and collection of criminal/disciplinary records for certified educators. Disclosure: Mandatory. Failure to provide the Social Security Number will result in an applicant not being considered for employment.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

	SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	MAJOR/ MINOR	DIPLOMAS, DEGREES OR CREDITS EARNED	GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)
HIGH SCHOOL				
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY				
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY				
GRADUATE STUDY				
GRADUATE STUDY				

EXPERIENCE

(PRESENT OR MOST RECENT FIRST)

Dates		Name of Employer and Address		Your Title
From				
To				
		(Area Code) Telephone:		
Work Performed:		Reason for Leaving:		
Name & Title of Supervisor:				Final Yearly Salary:
Dates		Name of Employer and Address		Your Title
From				
To				
		(Area Code) Telephone:		
Work Performed:		Reason for Leaving:		
Name & Title of Supervisor:				Final Yearly Salary:
Dates		Name of Employer and Address		Your Title
From				
To				
		(Area Code) Telephone:		
Work Performed:		Reason for Leaving:		
Name & Title of Supervisor:				Final Yearly Salary:

Please list activities that you are qualified to supervise or coach:

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If you have not been previously employed in a teaching position, please complete the following:

STUDENT OR PRACTICE TEACHING

GRADE OR SUBJECT TAUGHT	NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL	1. COLLEGE SUPERVISOR 2. COOPERATING TEACHER
		1.
		2.
		1.
		2.

Student Teaching References:

Please attach photocopies of letters of reference and/or evaluations from college/university student teacher supervisor and cooperating teacher(s).

REFERENCES

References should include superintendents, principals or professors who have first-hand knowledge of your professional competence and your personal qualifications. Experienced teachers should include the superintendent and principal of the two most recent schools in which employed. If any person(s) listed should not be contacted for reference at the present time, indicate in the left-hand margin the date contact(s) may be made.

NAME	POSITION	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Summarize special job-related skills and qualifications acquired from employment or other experiences (including U.S. military service) and/or state any additional information you feel may be helpful in considering your application, i.e. honors, awards, activities, technology skills or professional development activities:

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

You must give complete answers to all questions. If you answer "Yes" to any question, you must list all offenses, and for each conviction provide date of conviction and disposition, regardless of the date or location of occurrence. Conviction of a criminal offense is not a bar to employment in all cases. Each case is considered on its merits. Your answers will be verified with appropriate police records.

Criminal Offense includes felonies, misdemeanors, summary offenses and convictions resulting from a plea of "nolo contendere" (no contest).

Conviction is an adjudication of guilt and includes determinations before a court, a district justice or a magistrate, which results in a fine, sentence or probation.

You may omit: minor traffic violations, offenses committed before your 18th birthday which were adjudicated in juvenile court or under a Youth Offender Law, and any convictions which have been expunged by a court or for which you successfully completed an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition program.

Were you ever convicted of a criminal offense? Yes No

Are you currently under charges for a criminal offense? Yes No

Have you ever forfeited bond or collateral in connection with a criminal offense? Yes No

Within the last ten years, have you been fired from any job for any reason? Yes No

Within the last ten years, have you quit a job after being notified that you would be fired? Yes No

Have you ever been professionally disciplined in any state? Yes No

Professional disciplined means the annulment, revocation or suspension of your teaching certification or having received a letter of reprimand from an agency, board or commission of state government, such as the Pennsylvania Professional Standards and Practices Commission.

Are you subject to any visa or immigration status, which would prevent lawful employment? Yes No

Note: If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please provide a detailed explanation on a separate sheet of paper, including dates, and attach it to this application. Please print and sign your name on the sheet, and include your social security number.

ACT 34 Clearance (PA State Police Criminal Background Check)

Each applicant must submit with his/her employment application a copy of a Criminal History Record from the Pennsylvania State Police. Prospective employees must submit ORIGINAL report, which may not be more than one (1) year old.

ACT 114 (Federal Criminal History Record)

Each applicant must submit with his/her employment application a copy of a Federal Criminal Record from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Prospective employees must submit ORIGINAL report, which may not be more than one (1) year old.

FBI Fingerprint Registrant # _____

ACT 151 Clearance (PA Child Abuse History Clearance)

Each candidate must submit with his/her employment application a copy of an official clearance from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Prospective employees must submit ORIGINAL report, which may not be more than one (1) year old.

ESSAY

Please write an essay as described on page six. For your convenience, you may attach a sheet; however, your essay may not exceed one page. At the bottom of the attachment, please print and sign your name.

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

I certify that all of the statements made by me are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I further certify that I am the sole author of the essay. I understand that any misrepresentation of information shall be sufficient cause for: (1) rejecting my candidacy, (2) withdrawing of any offer of employment, or (3) terminating my employment.

I hereby authorize any and all of my previous employers and/or supervisors to release any and all of my personnel records, and to respond fully and completely to all questions that officials of _____ (school district) may ask regarding my prior work history and performance. I will hold such previous employers and/or supervisors harmless of any and all claims that I might otherwise have against them with regard to statements made to this school district. I further authorize these officials to investigate my background, now or in the future, to verify the information provided and release from liability all persons and/or entities supplying information regarding my background. However, I do not authorize the production of medical records or other information, which would tend to actually identify a disability nor do I authorize inquiries which would include information related to any medical condition or medical history. Further, I do not waive any rights which I may have under state or federal law related to my right to challenge the disclosure of unlawful or inaccurate information, whether by the school district or by entities or persons providing such information to the school district, including any and all claims concerning allegations of employment discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, age or disability.

Date

Signature of Candidate (in ink)
[Must be original]

Pennsylvania school districts shall not discriminate in their educational programs, activities or employment practices based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ancestry or any other legally protected classification. This policy is in accordance with state and federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Information relative to special accommodation, grievance procedure, and the designated responsible official for compliance with Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504 may be obtained by contacting the school district.

ESSAY

We are interested in your ability to organize and express thoughts on a specific topic in a succinct manner. Please select one of the following topics and write an essay in the space provided on this page.

1. The Most Important Qualities of an Outstanding Educator.
2. My Philosophy of Student Discipline.
3. The Importance of Continuing Professional Development and How I Plan to Incorporate It Throughout My Career.
4. Essential Elements of Instruction, Administration or Area of Certification.
5. How Information Technology (i.e., computers, Internet) Can Be Integrated into the Instructional Process and Curriculum.

Signature _____ **Name** _____

Note to applicants: This application can be downloaded from the Department of Education's home page which is accessible at: <http://www.state.pa.us>.

This application was developed, in accordance with Section 1204.1 of Act 107 of 1996, by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in consultation with organizations representing school administrators, including personnel administrators, teachers and school boards. Questions should be referred to PDE School Services Unit at Voice Telephone (717) 787-4860, Text Telephone TTY (717) 783-8445 or FAX (717) 783-6802. If you need accommodation in completing this application, including alternate format, please contact the school district.

Applicant Information Release

I hereby authorize any person, educational institution, or company I have listed as a reference on my employment application to disclose in good faith any information they may have regarding my qualifications and fitness for employment. I will hold Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29, any former employers, educational institutions, and any other persons giving references free of liability for the exchange of this information and any other reasonable and necessary information incident to the employment process.

I also give my permission to contact my :

Current Employer Yes No

Prior Employer Yes No

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Act 168 Form Instructions

Due to new legislation in Pennsylvania, Act 168 of 2014 requires school districts to collect employment history reviews for all potential employees who have a possibility of direct contact with children.

All applicants must complete a Sexual Misconduct/Abuse Disclosure Release Form.

Please complete the 'TO:' section with the employer's name, address and phone number. Complete Section 1 with your information and sign on page 2. Return the forms with your application. **DO NOT** send them to your former employers.

In order to be eligible for hire, this form must be completed with the above sections and returned with your application for your **current employer, all former employers that were school entities and all former employers where you were employed in a position that involved direct contact with children**. One form should be filled out for each former employer.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT/ABUSE DISCLOSURE RELEASE
(Pursuant to Act 168 of 2014)

Instructions

This standardized form has been developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, pursuant to Act 168 of 2014, to be used by school entities and independent contractors of school entities and by applicants who would be employed by or in a school entity in a position involving direct contact with children to satisfy the Act's requirement of providing information related to abuse or sexual misconduct. As required by Act 168, in addition to fulfilling the requirements under section 111 of the School Code and the Child Protective Services Law ("CPSL"), an applicant who would be employed by or in a school entity in a position having direct contact with children, must provide the information requested in SECTION 1 of this form and complete a written authorization that consents to and authorizes the disclosure by the applicant's current and former employers of the information requested in SECTION 2 of this form. The applicant shall complete one form for the applicant's current employer(s) and one for each of the applicant's former employers that were school entities or where the applicant was employed in a position having direct contact with children (therefore, the applicant may have to complete more than one form). Upon completion by the applicant, the hiring school entity or independent contractor shall submit the form to the applicant's current and former employers to complete SECTION 2. **A school entity or independent contractor may not hire an applicant who does not provide the required information for a position involving direct contact with children.**

Relevant Definitions:

Direct Contact with Children is defined as: "the possibility of care, supervision, guidance or control of children or routine interaction with children."

Sexual Misconduct is defined as: "any act, including, but not limited to, any verbal, nonverbal, written or electronic communication or physical activity, directed toward or with a child or a student regardless of the age of the child or student that is designated to establish a romantic or sexual relationship with the child or student. Such acts include, but are not limited to: (1) sexual or romantic invitation; (2) dating or soliciting dates; (3) engaging in sexualized or romantic dialogue; (4) making sexually suggestive comments; (5) self-disclosure or physical exposure of a sexual, romantic or erotic nature; or (6) any sexual, indecent, romantic or erotic contact with the child or student."

Abuse is defined as "conduct that falls under the purview and reporting requirements of the CPSL, 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63, is directed toward or against a child or a student, regardless of the age of the child or student."

Please Note

A prospective employer that receives any requested information regarding an applicant may use the information for the purpose of evaluating the applicant's fitness to be hired or for continued employment and shall report the information as appropriate to the Department of Education, a state licensing agency, law enforcement agency, child protective services agency, another school entity or to a prospective employer.

If the prospective employer decides to further consider an applicant after receiving an affirmative response to any of the questions listed in SECTIONS 1 and 2 of this form, the prospective employer shall request that former employers responding affirmatively to the questions provide additional information about the matters disclosed and include any related records. The **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Sexual Misconduct/Abuse Disclosure Information Request** can be used to request this follow-up information. Former employers shall provide the additional information and records within 60 calendar days of the prospective employer's request.

The completed form and any information or records received shall not be considered public records for the purposes of the Act of February 14, 2008 (P.L. 6, No. 3) known as the "Right to Know Law."

The Department of Education shall have jurisdiction to determine willful violations of Act 168 and may, following a hearing, assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000. School entities shall be barred from entering into a contract with an independent contractor who is found to have willfully violated the provisions of Act 168.

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT/ABUSE DISCLOSURE RELEASE
(under Act 168 of 2014)**

(Hiring school entity or independent contractor submits this form to ALL current employer(s) and to former employer(s) that were school entities and/or where the applicant had direct contact with children)

To:	Name of Current or Former Employer:	<input type="checkbox"/> No applicable employment
	Street Address:	
	City, State, Zip:	
	Telephone Number:	Fax Number: Email:
	Contact Person:	Title:

The named applicant is under consideration for a position with our entity. The Pennsylvania General Assembly has determined that additional safeguards are necessary in the hiring of school employees to ensure the safety of the Commonwealth's students. The individual whose name appears below has reported previous employment with your entity. We request you provide the information requested in SECTION 2 of this form within **20 calendar days** as required by Act 168 of 2014.

SECTION 1: APPLICANT CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT EVEN IF THE APPLICANT HAS NO CURRENT OR PRIOR EMPLOYMENT TO DISCLOSE)

Applicant's Name (First, Middle, Last):	
Any former names by which the Applicant has been identified:	
DOB:	
Last 4 digits of Applicant's Social Security Number:	PPID (if applicable):
Approximate dates of employment with the entity listed above:	
Position(s) held with the entity:	

Pursuant to Act 168, an employer, school entity, administrator, and/or independent contractor that provides information or records about a current or former employee or applicant shall be immune from criminal liability under the CPSL, the Educator Discipline Act, and from civil liability for the disclosure of the information, unless the information or records provided were knowingly false. Such immunity shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any other immunity provided by law or any absolute or conditional privileges applicable to such disclosure by the virtue of the circumstances of the applicant's consent thereto. Under Act 168, the willful failure to respond to or provide the information and records as requested may result in civil penalties and/or professional discipline, where applicable.

Have you (Applicant) ever:

- Yes No Been the subject of an abuse or sexual misconduct investigation by any employer, state licensing agency, law enforcement agency or child protective services agency (unless the investigation resulted in a finding that the allegations were false)?
- Yes No Been disciplined, discharged, non-renewed, asked to resign from employment, resigned from or otherwise separated from employment while allegations of abuse or sexual misconduct were pending or under investigation or due to adjudication or findings of abuse or sexual misconduct?
- Yes No Had a license, professional license or certificate suspended, surrendered or revoked while allegations of abuse or sexual misconduct were pending or under investigation or due to an adjudication or findings of abuse or sexual misconduct?

By signing this form, I certify under penalty of law that the statements made in this form are correct, complete, and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements herein, including, without limitation, any willful failure to disclose the information required, shall subject me to criminal prosecution under 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities) and to discipline up to, and including, termination or denial of employment, and may subject me to civil penalties and disciplinary action under the Educator Discipline Act. I also hereby authorize the above-named employer to release to the entity listed on page 3, the information requested in SECTION 2 of this form and any related records. I hereby release, waive, and discharge the above-named employer from any and all liability of any kind that may arise from such disclosure or release of records. I understand that third party vendors may be used to process this Act 168 pre-employment history review.

Signature of Applicant

Date

SECTION 2: CURRENT/FORMER EMPLOYER VERIFICATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S CURRENT EMPLOYER(S) AND ALL FORMER EMPLOYERS THAT WERE SCHOOL ENTITIES AND/OR WHERE THE APPLICANT HAD DIRECT CONTACT WITH CHILDREN)

Dates of employment of Applicant: _____ Contact telephone #: _____

To the best of your knowledge, has Applicant ever:

- Yes No Been the subject of an abuse or sexual misconduct investigation by any employer, state licensing agency, law enforcement agency or child protective services agency (unless the investigation resulted in a finding that the allegations were false)?
- Yes No Been disciplined, discharged, non-renewed, asked to resign from employment, resigned from or otherwise separated from employment while allegations of abuse or sexual misconduct were pending or under investigation or due to adjudication or findings of abuse or sexual misconduct?
- Yes No Had a license, professional license or certificate suspended, surrendered or revoked while allegations of abuse or sexual misconduct were pending or under investigation or due to an adjudication or findings of abuse or sexual misconduct?

No records or other evidence currently exists regarding the above questions. I have no knowledge of information pertaining to the applicant that would disqualify the applicant from employment.

Former Employer Representative Signature and Title

Date

Return all completed information to:

School Entity/Independent Contractor:			
Address:		Phone:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Email:
Contact Person:		Title:	

Date Form Received: _____

Received by: _____