

Kanawha County Schools
 BEST (Beginning Educator Support and Training)
**Dates for required professional development to complete
 Year 1 of the 2019-2020 Alternative Certification Program**

Required for all teachers attempting to become certified teachers through the **Alternative Certification program.**)

1. Attend all Professional Development:

This session is required for:	Date(s)	Location	Topic
REQUIRED for all recently hired teachers attempting to earn Alternative Certification	August 12 - November 30, 2019 (20 day practicum)	Your Home School and Classroom	This is the 20 day practicum re-quired for all teachers attempting to earn alternative certification. Your Beginning Teacher Academic Coach (BTAC) will spend 2 hours per day in your classroom observing and meeting with you for 20 days.
Weekly observation of you teaching and/or conference with your BTAC	August 12, 2019 through May 15, 2020	Your School and Classroom	Weekly time required during the work day with your assigned Academic Coach/Mentor
Required for all newly hired teachers including ALL TEACHERS HIRED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION	July 29-Aug. 2, 2019	Edison Staff Development Center 8:30-3:00	BEST Instructional Orientation For teachers attempting to earn alternative teacher certification
Required for all newly hired teachers including ALL TEACHERS HIRED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION	October 3-4 (substitute authorization codes provided.)	Edison Staff Development Center 8:30-3:00	MAKE UP SESSION REQUIRED if you did not attend July 29-Aug. 2 BEST Instructional Orientation
Teachers in the alternative certification program: You MUST attend this class first semester in order to complete the alternative certification program in 2019-2020. If you do not attend, you will not complete requirements for alternative certification in 2019-2020.	Tuesdays, October 1, 2019 through November 5, 2019 4:30-7:30 p.m.	Edison Staff Development Center Break Out Room 2	<i>Blended Learning Class</i> Instructor: Rosie Rhodes rrhodes@mail.kana.k12.wv.us (no fee unless taking the course for graduate credit)
Teachers in the alternative certification program: You MUST attend this class second semester in order to complete the alternative certification program in 2019-2020. If you do not attend, you will not complete requirements for alternative certification in 2019-2020.	Second Semester Dates to be announced	Edison Staff Development Center	<i>Personalized Learning Class</i> Instructor: Megan McCorkle mmccorkle@mail.kana.k12.wv.us (no fee unless taking the course for graduate credit)

<p>Required for all newly hired teachers including ALL TEACHERS HIRED THROUGH <u>ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION</u></p>	<p>November 7 (elementary & special ed) November 8 (secondary, itinerant PE & fine arts) 8:30-3:00 (substitute authorization codes provided.)</p>	<p>Edison Staff Development Center</p>	<p>Strategies & Support for regular ed teachers Special Ed Topics for special educators</p>
<p>Required for all newly hired teachers including ALL TEACHERS HIRED THROUGH <u>ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION</u></p>	<p>Dec. 5 (elementary, special ed) Dec. 6 (secondary, itinerant PE & fine arts) 8:30-3:00 (substitute authorization codes provided.)</p>	<p>Edison Staff Development Center</p>	<p>John Strebe Part II Special Ed Topics for special educators</p>
<p>PRAXIS PLT (Alternative Certification in Math, Science, and Special Ed)</p> <p>Praxis Content Exam (Multi categorical) Special Education alternative certification must complete to move to the next phase, the one year temporary certificate</p>	<p>Last day to complete the required exams in order to move from alternative certification to a one year temporary certificate is April 10, 2020.</p>	<p>You must register and go to a testing site at Praxis.com</p>	<p>Praxis PLT Exam (See next page for details.) Praxis #5543 Content Exam (Special Education Multi Categorical)</p>
<p>Formal Evaluation by the School Principal</p>	<p>Before April 30, 2020</p>	<p>Your School</p>	<p>Formal Teacher Evaluation</p>
<p>End of Year Meeting to: 1. <u>Renew the alternative certification</u> for one additional year. OR 2. Apply for one year Temporary Certification (followed by an additional year on a one year temporary certification before becoming fully certified through a provisional certificate.)</p>	<p>May 4, 2020 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Edison Staff Development Center</p>	<p>Required Certification Meeting for Teachers seeking Alternative Certification</p>

PRAXIS Content Exams
Professional Learning and Teaching (PLT) Exam

1. Praxis Content Exams: With the exception of Special Education Multicategorical #5543 or Autism #5354, those hired through the alternative certification process in math, science, ELA, or Spanish complete the content Praxis Exam BEFORE being hired **while Special Education. Multicategorical and Autism must complete the content exam by April 10 of the school year.**

Special Education Content Exams

To Be Certified in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Autism (PreK; K–6; 5–Adult)	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Applications	5354	151
	or		
	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications	5543	153
Multi-Categorical Special Education (E/BD, MI, SLD, excluding Autism) (K–6; 5–Adult)	Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications	5543	153

Continue to next page for information on the PLT exam.

2. Principals of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Exams

To Be Certified in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Professional Education	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K–6 N/A because no content teachers have been hired in elementary through alternative certification. Only special education teachers have been hired in K-6.	5622	160
Middle and High School Math			
Middle and High School Science	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 5–9	5623	160
Middle and High School ELA	Middle School Teachers attempting to become certified through alternative certification must complete Praxis exams in two content areas; For example Math and ELA, Math and Science, Math and Soc. Studies, Spanish and Social Studies, etc.		
Grades 7-12 Spanish	or		
	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7–12	5624	157
Special Education Multicategorical *(Complete PLT for K-6 or 7-12, depending on level you were hired to teach.)	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K–6	5622.	160
	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7–12.	5624.	157
Autism *(Complete PLT for K-6 or 7-12, depending on level you were hired to teach.)	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K–6.	5622.	160
	Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7–12.	5624	157