Calculating Percentages of Teachers

Appropriately Endorsed

For Elementary Schools:

- Total **Teaching Assignments** based on FTE (Full-Time Equivalency).
- Total **All Teachers Teaching in the Area of Endorsement** (FTE).
- Divide total **assignments** (FTE) by the total **number of teachers** (FTE) teaching in the area of endorsement.

  (**Note**: Special Education Teachers Are Excluded from These Calculations.)

  For example:
  - 20 FTE Teaching Assignments
  - 19.3 Teachers Teaching in Their Area of Endorsement:

$$19.3 \div 20 = 97\%$$

19.3 divided by 20 equals **97% of Teachers Teaching in Their Endorsed Area**.

For Secondary Schools: (9-12 or 7-12)

- Total the instructional units for all secondary grade classes (9-12 or 7-12) in the school system. (All sections of all courses.)
- Total the instructional units of all classes assigned to appropriately endorsed teachers. (All sections of all courses.)
- Divide the total instructional units provided by the school by the total number of instructional units taught by appropriately endorsed teachers.

  (**Note**: Special Education, Library, and Guidance Staff Are Excluded from These Calculations.)

  For example:
  - 604 Instructional Units Provided by the School
  - 500 Instructional Units Taught by Teachers Holding Properly Endorsed Certificates

$$604 \div 500 = 82.8\%$$

    - 500 divided by 604 equals 82.8%, indicating that **82.8% of the instructional units are being taught by properly endorsed teachers.**

Required minimum percentage of endorsed instructional staff:

Rule 10 (accredited):		**Rule 14 (approved):**	
Elementary:	95% (10-007.01A)	Elementary:	90% (14-005.02A)
Middle:	90% (10-007.02A)	Middle:	80% (14-006.02A)
Secondary:	80% (10-007.03A)	Secondary:	70% (14-007.02A

Resources

Rule 10 (Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools) June 2, 2024
Rule 14 (Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools) June 2, 2024;
Rule 21 (Regulations for the Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Provide Special Services, and Administer in Nebraska Schools) February 18, 2024
Rule 24 (Regulations for Certificate Endorsements) June 2, 2024

The official version of the rule is available on the Nebraska Secretary of State's Rules and Regulations webpage. Users should scroll to the appropriate section to locate the specific rule they are seeking. Updated PDFs are posted to their website approximately five days after rule changes take effect.

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