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Validity of Information	
Document Title	<p>Rules Of The Tennessee Department Of Education The State Board Of Education Chapter 0520-1-2 Administrative Rules And Regulations</p> <p>Tennessee Code - State Board Of Education 5.4 - Screening And Training Requirements Of Educational Interpreters Who Serve Students Who Are Deaf</p>
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Related URL's	<p>Chapter 0520-1-2 Administrative Rules And Regulations www.tn.gov/sos/rules/0520/0520-01/0520-01-02.20080926.pdf</p> <p>Tennessee Code SBE 5.4 - Screening and Training Requirements http://www.state.tn.us/sbe/Policies/5.400%20Educational%20Interpreters.pdf</p>
Comments	<p>From Tennessee Code - State Board of Education 5.4 - Screening And Training Requirements Of Educational Interpreters Who Serve Students Who Are Deaf</p> <p>Persons employed by local school systems as interpreters for students who are deaf must satisfy the approved screening or training requirements consistent with SBE Rule 0502-1- 2-.03(10).1 Screenings will be conducted on an ongoing basis by a team of trained evaluators using video tapes of the interpreters in accordance with the criteria of the <i>Educational Interpreters Performance Assessment (EIPA)</i> by Williams & Schick, 1996. The interpreters will forward 30 minute video taped samples of their performance in their instructional setting(s) to the evaluation team coordinator. The 3-member team will independently rate the video tapes. All persons employed as educational interpreters by the public schools of Tennessee should obtain a level 3, level 4, or level 5 on the EIPA as rated by the team of evaluators.</p>
Educational Interpreter Guidelines	
Standards for:	
Formal Academic	<p>From the Rules, Chapter 0520-1-2</p> <p>2. An Interpreter/Educational Tutor shall have completed a minimum of 48 semester hours of coursework at a postsecondary level; and successfully complete training or screening developed by the State Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education.</p>
Oral	

Cued Speech	
Sign Language Professional Knowledge Exam	
Sign Language Interpreting Skill Exam	
CEU's	<p>From Tenn Code - State Board of Education 5.4 - SCREENING AND TRAINING Educational interpreters may satisfy training requirements by annually submitting evidence of one of the following training options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) successful completion/participation in the one-week Institute of Educational Interpreters sponsored by the Department of Education; (2) successful completion of the Basic Interpreter Training Program offered by UT-Knoxville; (3) earning a grade of "C" or better in 6 hours of college level course work preferably in the areas of deaf education and/or educational interpreting; (4) successful completion of 40 clock hours of staff development specifically designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of practicing educational interpreters; (5) successful completion of at least one module of the <i>Minnesota Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf Self-Paced Modules for Educational Interpreters Skill Development</i>; or (6) successful completion of 40 clock hours of training identified by the employing entity and approved by the Department of Education.
Developmental Alternatives (Often "Initial" or "Provisional")	<p>From the Rules, Chapter 0520-1-2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An Interpreter/Educational Assistant shall be a high school graduate or equivalent as determined by performance on the General Education Development (GED) Test: and successfully complete training or screening developed by the State Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education. [3. An Educational Interpreter/Instructor shall have completed a bachelor's degree and a program in educational interpreting or hold a valid teacher license; and successfully complete training or screening developed by the State Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education.]
Renewals	
Additional Information	<p>Tina Prochaska, Tennessee School for the Deaf Outreach Communication. Specialist 865-579-2429 Comment: Reports that the only standard is the "48 post-secondary hours" or pass the Praxis exam, as required by No Child Left Behind law for teacher's asst.</p>