

## **LCS General Knowledge Test Waiver Program Entry Form**

According to revisions to state board of education rule 6A-4.002(4)(g)1-3, an educator who has taken and failed the General Knowledge Test (GK) typically required for progress towards certification may receive a waiver exempting them from earning a passing score on the exam if they

- 1.) have taken the GK at least once during their temporary certification period and received a failing score,
- 2.) have received classroom summative evaluation ratings of effective or highly effective in their three most recent years of teaching, and
- 3.) have received three or more years' worth of support and instruction in preparation for the GK exam.

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### **Program Terms and Requirements for Educators with Temporary Certificates Expiring AFTER June 2024**

In order to serve current LCS educators with the needed resources to meet the requirements of the GK waiver, currently employed educators must enter the LCS GK Support Program with the following understanding:

- Educators must meet the requirements for exam participation and summative evaluation ratings as outlined in 6A-4.002 and in the document above.
- Educators must have participated in and successfully completed an LCS (or other district-provided) Beginning Teacher/Professional Education Competence (PEC) program. This completion and the acceptance of the GK preparation materials provided at the end of the program will serve as year one of the three years of needed support to qualify for a waiver.
- Educators must enroll in and successfully complete the LCS online course entitled LCS General Knowledge and Subject Area Content Knowledge Support—Course #26716. This course is available for registration in LEADS and requires a course grade of 70% or higher for completion to be shown on an LCS LEADS transcript to serve as year two of the three years of needed support to qualify for a waiver.
- Educators must enroll in and successfully complete the live professional learning seminars for the subject areas in which they have not demonstrated mastery on the GK exam. These courses will be entitled Subject Area Content Knowledge Support – ELA, Subject Area Content Knowledge Support – Math, Subject Area Content Knowledge Support – Writing/Essay, and Subject Area Content Knowledge Support – Reading and will be available for registration in LEADS. Only one section of each content area session will be available per semester—please check the Academic Services Update that comes weekly via email for section dates OR email [waldens@leonschools.net](mailto:waldens@leonschools.net) regarding the schedule for upcoming sessions. Completion of these course(s) must be verified as appearing on the educator's Leon LEADS transcript to serve as year three of the three years of needed support to qualify for a waiver.

***Please complete assurances one and two on the back of this document to officially begin the program. A copy will be provided to you for your records.***

***The program verification section will be completed by the LCS Certification Officer or a Professional Learning staff member at the end of your program before applying for your official FLDOE exam waiver.***

### **Assurances Part One: Program and Timeline Understanding**

If you would like to participate in the program outlined above and pursue the possibility of qualification for a GK exam waiver, please sign indicating your understanding of the program requirements.

Program Participant Name (PRINT):

Program Participant Signature:

Program Agreement Entrance Date (Date Signed):

### **Assurances Part Two: Certification Officer Verification of Unsuccessful GK Exam Attempt AND Summative Evaluation Ratings**

In this section, the LCS Certification Officer must provide the date of the unsuccessful attempt at passing the GK exam and provide information on mastered/not mastered subsections of the exam as well as verifying that the educator has been rated effective or highly effective for the three most recent years of teaching experience.

Unsuccessful GK Exam Attempt Date:

- **Please attach a copy of your official score report for the GK test to this document when submitting.**

Does the educator show effective or highly effective as their summative evaluation rating in the three most recent years of teaching experience? Circle: YES/ NO

- **Please attach a copy of summative evaluation reports for the applicable years from LEADS.**

**Signature of LCS Certification Officer and Date:**

### **Program Completion Verification**

*(to be completed AFTER participant finished program and only by LCS district staff only)*

- Did the participant successfully complete an LCS Beginning Teacher/PEC program and receive exam preparation materials at its conclusion?
  - Circle: YES/ NO
- Does the participant's LEADS transcript show successful completion of the online course LCS General Knowledge and Subject Area Content Knowledge Support?
  - Circle: YES/ NO
- Does the participant's LEADS transcript show successful completion of live Subject Area Content Knowledge professional learning sessions in the subsections of the GK exam which were not successfully passed?
  - Circle: YES/ NO

**Signature of Verifying LCS Official and Date:**