

# NCAE SBE Review

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The NC State Board of Education met July 7<sup>th</sup>, in Raleigh.

The following actions took place:

1. Approved changes for the academic scholars program which include: a cumulative un-weighted GPA of 3.5000, 3 additional credits of higher level courses (*carrying 5- 6 quality points*) taken during the junior and/or senior years **OR** taking 2 additional credits of higher level courses **and** completing The NC Graduation Project.
2. Approved the Academically or Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Program Standards that can be found here  
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/07/gcs/07gcs02.pdf>
3. Approved the State Evaluation Committee recommendations for Teacher Education Programs for **Campbell University, Elizabeth City State, and UNC-Chapel Hill**. The SBE also approved two new LEA lateral entry programs; the CMS Lateral Entry Program for Career and Technical Education Teachers and the Tri County Mt. Olive Lateral Entry Program.
4. Approved a new math add-on license for elementary teachers. The new add-on license program allows elementary teachers to add math to their current license if they have taught at least 3 years in NC and complete the six courses connecting high-level mathematics teaching practices. The courses will be offered on line via a collaborative group of UNC Schools. If a teacher is interested in pursuing a math master's degree, they could continue using these 18 hours as the starting point. LEAs will be allowed to use Title II funds to encourage and entice teachers to pursue this add-on license to strengthen the math taught in grades K-5. Two of these new courses will be ready to pilot this fall.
5. Approved new members to serve on the Governor's School Board of Governors.
6. Granted approval for QZAB/QSCB Bond administration in locals to support school planning and construction.
7. Approved standard cooperative innovative education program waivers for high schools. The standard waivers fall in one of four categories: calendar, personnel, curriculum and testing. The waivers can be found here  
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/stateboard/meetings/2009/07/lfi/07lfi01.pdf>
8. Received information from Superintendent Atkinson regarding the impact retesting had on students this year. A random sampling of schools retest scores shows an eight percent to twelve percent increase and movement of students from level II to level III. The Dare County Superintendent said she was very pleased with the new policy and the positive impact on student success.
9. Received an update on the Halifax Transformation Support. The major initiatives are on track and half of the instructional coach positions have been filled. Teachers attending the 2 week PD sessions this August will each receive \$1,000.
10. Charter school issues were pulled and not discussed.