

In February 2011 the Office of Professional Preparation Services (OPPS) launched the Michigan Online Educator Certification System (MOECS). Feedback received to date has been utilized to make modifications and enhancements to improve the overall functionality of MOECS.

The OPPS is excited to announce two new functions available in MOECS. As of **January 18, 2012**:

1. **ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATES:** The OPPS will no longer print or mail educator certificates. Educators will print out their own certificates from their MOECS accounts. The duplicate certificate fee will be eliminated.

Educator certificates will continue to require notarization and employers must continue to verify an educator's certificate through MOECS or the Michigan Educator Certification Status search link:
<https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MOECS/PublicCredentialSearch.aspx>

The educator's notarized certificate must be recorded with the employer in accordance with 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1532 §1532.

2. **LOGIN RE-ACTIVATION:** MOECS users locked out of the system after three failed attempts will no longer have to contact the OPPS to re-activate their account. After a 30 minute waiting period, MOECS will automatically unlock their accounts.

If you do not know your password please go to the following link and click on "forgot password":

<https://mdoe.state.mi.us/MOECS/Login.aspx>

The OPPS will continue to notify you as more modifications and enhancements are implemented to the MOECS. Please share this information with your staff, constituents, and colleagues.

Attached is a sample of the new educator certificate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

State Board of Education

Department of Education

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATE

Type of Certificate

awarded to

FNAME LNAME

Name of the Educator

In accordance with the provisions of Act 287 of the Public Acts of 1964, the holder of this certificate is authorized to teach in any Michigan school all subjects and grades indicated.

Elementary K-5 all subjects (K-8 All Subjects Self Contained Classroom)
ACCOUNTING (GA) 5-12

Program Type and Endorsements issued

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Superintendent of Public Instruction

Issue Date : 10/28/2011
Expiration Date :
License Number : PV0000000773308

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License number

Certification requirements are subject to change. The certificate holder is responsible for being knowledgeable about current and revised regulations. It is the responsibility of the certificate holder to maintain a valid appropriate certification by meeting the requirements for certificate renewal as prescribed by statute and/or the State Board of Education.

MICHIGAN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S CODE OF ETHICS

The following ethical standards address the professional educator's commitment to the student and the profession:

- Service toward common good** - The professional educator's primary goal is to support the growth and development of all learners for the purpose of creating and sustaining an informed citizenry in a democratic society.
- Mutual respect** - Professional educators respect the inherent dignity and worth of each individual.
- Equity** - Professional educators advocate the practice of equity. The professional educator advocates for equal access to educational opportunities for each individual.
- Diversity** - Professional educators promote cross-cultural awareness by honoring and valuing individual differences and supporting the strengths of all individuals to ensure that instruction reflects the realities and diversity of the world.
- Truth and honesty** - Professional educators uphold personal and professional integrity and behave in a trustworthy manner. They adhere to acceptable social practices, current state law, state and national student assessment guidelines, and exercise sound professional judgment.

ADVISORY TO EDUCATOR

In accordance with Public Act 96 of the Public Acts of 1995, it is a criminal misdemeanor to : use a suspended, surrendered, revoked, nullified, fraudulently obtained, altered or forged educator certificate, or a certificate of another person.

TO BE EMPLOYED AS AN EDUCATOR IN MICHIGAN THIS EDUCATOR OATH MUST BE SIGNED, NOTARIZED, AND SUBMITTED TO YOUR EMPLOYER .

EDUCATOR OATH - STATE OF MICHIGAN

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States of America and the constitution of the State of Michigan, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of educator according to the best of my ability.

This certificate was subscribed and sworn to before me, along with picture identification, on _____

Notary Print Name

Notary Signature

Commission Expires: _____

Notary Seal

Educator Signature

To be employed as an educator in Michigan this oath must be signed and notarized, and submitted to your employer.