May 10, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: County and City Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Teachers of Algebra I and Geometry

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that I have advised members of my staff to take whatever steps necessary to ensure that teachers who hold valid Alabama educator certificates endorsed for mathematics for Grades 4-8 (Professional, Interim Employment, or Provisional in a Teaching Field) will be deemed properly certified to teach Algebra I and Geometry, regardless of the grade level of the students to be taught.

Please be advised that we are working to adopt a Praxis test for Algebra and another Praxis test for Geometry, both for Grades 6-12, to provide additional options for prospective teachers and current teachers who wish to add an endorsement via our Additional Certificate in a Teaching Field (certification by test) option.

The changes indicated in the first paragraph above will be in place before for the 2019-2020 school year. Adoption of scores for the new Praxis tests may take a little longer. If you have general questions, please contact Dr. Daniel Boyd, Dr. Jayne A. Meyer, or Ms. Shavon H. Cummings by email at dboyd@alsde.edu, jmeyer@alsde.edu, or seummings@alsde.edu.

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