

WAC 181-85-045 Approved in-service education agency—Definition.

As used in this chapter, the term "approved in-service education agency" shall mean an agency approved by the professional educator standards board to provide in-service education programs and to grant continuing education credit hours to all or a selective group of educators. Such agency must demonstrate the following characteristics:

(1) The agency is one of the following entities or a department or section within such entities:

(a) A college or university referenced in WAC 181-85-025(1);

(b) (i) An organization which for the purpose of this chapter shall mean any local, state, regional, or national organization which offers in-service education programs to teachers, administrators, educational staff associates, or paraeducators. These organizations must be nonprofit or not-for-profit organizations;

(ii) Organizations shall provide documentation of their nonprofit or not-for-profit status as part of their annual assurances of compliance with program and recordkeeping standards under WAC 181-85-210;

(iii) Organizations that are filed as a 501 (c)(4) with the Internal Revenue Service shall not be approved as continuing education providers.

(c) A school district, an educational service district, the superintendent of public instruction, or any local, state, or federal agency;

(d) An approved private school which for the purpose of this chapter shall mean the same as provided in WAC 180-90-112; or

(e) An educator preparation program provider approved under chapter 181-78A or 181-77A WAC by the professional educator standards board.

(2) The in-service education agency has either a committee or board of directors that provide prior approval to proposed in-service education programs on the basis that the proposed programs are designed to meet the program standards set forth in WAC 181-85-200, and the content standards in WAC 181-85-202.

The committee will be composed of individuals who may include teachers, educational staff associates, administrators, paraeducators, community members, or representatives from colleges and universities.

(3) Beginning in the 2025-26 school year, in-service education agencies providing continuing education under WAC 181-79A-244(3) shall submit the following as part of the application process:

(a) The entity's mission and vision;

(b) The entity's experience and expertise in providing professional development to educators generally, as well as specific experience and expertise in equity-based practices;

(c) Possible subject matter topics of continuing education to be provided by the entity;

(d) Information on clock hour pricing;

(e) Transcript processes.

(4) School districts, tribal compact schools, and the superintendent of public instruction shall be considered to be approved in-service education agencies.

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