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Comments on § 49.62b. Program Endorsement Certificate:

We are very pleased to see that gifted education is an area for which there will be a Program Endorsement Certificate. However, we are very concerned that this certificate will not be required.

We request that this certificate be **required** for those who are hired or are reassigned within their school district to teach gifted students. Those who are currently teaching gifted students could be grandfathered in.

Thank you for allowing us to comment on the proposed changes.

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