

Tulsa Public Schools  
Division of Teaching and Learning  
Department of Special Education and Student Services

To: Leadership Team

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Re: Changes to the HOUSE Requirements for Special Education Teachers

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In regards to the memo issued July 12, 2006 by The Oklahoma Department of Education related to changes in the HOUSSE requirements for special education, please be advised that our office is conducting a review of all certification issues related to the new requirements so that we may present a uniform District response to the new regulations.

Obviously, as this new requirement was issued on July 12, 2006, we will have staff who will not meet the HOUSSE requirements; however, we will have a plan in place before the end of the 06-07 school year which will systematically allow each school and each special education teacher to become compliant with the new requirements. The new requirements are significant!

In the upcoming charge session on August 3-4, I plan to present a proposal for your input which will allow us to begin the implementation of the HOUSSE requirements.

I will be conducting mandatory meeting with special education staff in the months of September and October to inform them of the new HOUSSE requirements and the District response.