Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Chapter 2016-237 (HB 7029, section 30) Frequently Asked Question and Answers Regarding Out-of-Field Teachers

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- Q-01. Is the requirement for the district to post out-of-field teachers on the district website in addition to the requirement to provide notice to the parents of the students in the class?
- A-01. The requirement for the district to report the out-of-field teachers on the district website is in addition to notifying the parents of all students in the class in writing.
- Q-02. Is the 30 days accrued as calendar days or school days?
- A-02. 30 calendar days.
- Q-03. Should the district post the out-of-field teachers prior to the board's approval?
- A-03. Under rule 6A-1.0503, F.A.C., a district may only hire an out-of-field teacher who has been approved by the school board or charter school governing board to teach out-of-field after determination that a teacher with appropriate certification coverage is not available; therefore, posting the assignment prior to board approval would be premature.
- Q-04. What if the district hires a teacher or makes an out-of-field assignment less than 30 days before the semester?
- A-04. A district must post known out-of-field teachers on the district's website within 30 days before the beginning of each semester. If a district hires an out-of-field teacher or if a teacher becomes out-of-field after that date (because, for example, an ELL has been placed in his/her class), they must promptly update the website posting.