



# COMMISSIONER'S GUIDANCE ON SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

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## Rule 21

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Commissioner of Education

## Commissioner's Guidance on Substitute Teaching Permit: Rule 21

Subject: Rule 21  
Topic Summary: Substitute Teaching Permit  
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The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) is aware of the need by schools to have substitute teachers during the 2022-2023 school year due to the inability of individuals to fill that role for numerous personal reasons during this pandemic.

Therefore, if an individual has filed an application with the NDE for a local substitute teaching permit or application that will result in a certificate or permit that can be used for substitute teaching, paid the fee for such permit/certificate, and the superintendent or local governing body of the school system or district has submitted the form indicating the desire to have such applicant be employed as a substitute teacher in that system or district (if applicable), then the school district or system may employ that person in a class as a substitute teacher during the time period it takes the NDE to process and issue a permit/certificate to the applicant.

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