

**WAC 181-78A-110 Approval status for existing programs.** Providers will be notified of their current program approval status after each annual review period. Approval status for all programs will be published on the board website.

(1) Based upon performance thresholds, formal program review reports, and national accreditation status, as applicable, the board shall take one of the following actions:

(a) **Full approval.**

(i) Teacher and principal preparation programs: The board shall approve programs that:

(A) Maintain overall performance at or above thresholds on program performance indicators; and

(B) Meet or exceed the program approval standards and requirements established in this chapter and published by the board.

(ii) School counseling and school psychology: The board shall approve programs that:

(A) Maintain accreditation from their national accrediting organizations; and

(B) Meet or exceed the program approval standards and requirements established in this chapter and published by the board.

(iii) Superintendent programs: The board shall approve programs that meet or exceed the program approval standards and requirements established in this chapter and published by the board.

(iv) Program administrator programs: The board shall approve programs that meet or exceed the program approval standards and requirements established in this chapter and published by the board.

(v) Career and technical education administrator and business and industry route educator preparation programs: The board shall approve programs that meet or exceed the program approval standards and requirements established in this chapter and published by the board.

(b) **Limited approval.**

(i) Teacher and principal: The board may grant limited approval to educator preparation programs with performance below thresholds established by the professional educator standards board for more than three consecutive review periods. Based on the report of the site-based review team, the board may elect to consider these programs "at-risk" for purposes of federal reporting. Programs deemed "at-risk" after subsequent review periods of low performance on established thresholds, and with board consideration of the outcome of the formal review and report submitted per WAC 181-78A-100, may be granted continued limited approval with the designation of "low-performing" for purposes of federal reporting.

(ii) School counseling and school psychology: The board shall give limited approval to programs with one or more of the following:

(A) Limited approval from their national accrediting organizations.

(B) That do not meet the program approval standards and requirements established in this chapter and published by the board.

(iii) Superintendent: The board shall give limited approval to programs that do not meet the program approval standards and requirements established in this chapter and published by the board.

(iv) Program administrator: The board shall give limited approval to programs that do not meet the program approval standards and requirements established in this chapter and published by the board.

(v) Career and technical education administrator and business and industry route educator preparation programs: The board shall give limited approval to programs that do not meet the program approval

standards and requirements established in this chapter and published by the board.

(vi) The board's staff may provide technical assistance to providers of low-performing preparation programs to help them improve their performance. Technical assistance may include, but is not limited to:

(A) Detailed information on the programs performance relative indicators.

(B) Assistance to address the performance and rigor of programs.

(C) Assistance to identify resources to assist program improvement.

(D) Sharing practices found effective in exemplary programs.

(c) **Disapproval.**

(i) A teacher or administrator program must be in limited approval status for at least one full review period before being considered by the board for disapproval. A provider whose program has been disapproved may request a hearing to be conducted through the office of administrative hearings under WAC 10-08-035.

(ii) Providers of school counseling programs must notify the board if the program loses approval from the council for the accreditation for counseling and related education programs or, if that program has been specifically approved to operate under alternative national standards per WAC 181-78A-225, from the relevant national organization. The board may rescind approval of the program upon receipt of this notification.

(iii) Providers of school psychology programs must notify the board if the program loses approval from the National Association of School Psychologists or, if that program has been specifically approved to operate under alternative national standards per WAC 181-78A-225, from the relevant national organization. The board may rescind approval of the program upon receipt of this notification.

(2) The board, upon receipt of a serious complaint from any source or upon its own initiative prompted by indications of the need for response, may at any time review all or any part of a preparation program for compliance with the provisions of this chapter. If deviations from standards or requirements are found, the board is authorized to change the program's current approval status, including full disapproval.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 28A.410 RCW. WSR 21-20-052, § 181-78A-110, filed 9/28/21, effective 10/29/21; WSR 18-17-089, § 181-78A-110, filed 8/14/18, effective 9/14/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.210. WSR 13-20-028, § 181-78A-110, filed 9/23/13, effective 10/24/13; WSR 10-23-078, § 181-78A-110, filed 11/15/10, effective 12/16/10; WSR 06-24-082, § 181-78A-110, filed 12/5/06, effective 1/5/07; WSR 06-14-010, § 181-78A-110, filed 6/22/06, effective 7/23/06. WSR 06-02-051, recodified as § 181-78A-110, filed 12/29/05, effective 1/1/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.410.010 and 28A.305.130 (1) and (2). WSR 99-23-023, § 180-78A-110, filed 11/9/99, effective 12/10/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130 (1) and (2), 28A.410.010 and 28A.150.220(4). WSR 99-01-174, § 180-78A-110, filed 12/23/98, effective 1/23/99.]