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## Department will hold public hearing on proposed rule related to educator preparation programs and licensing revisions

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will hold a preliminary public hearing and comment period to consider promulgation of administrative rules under a statement of scope on a proposed permanent rule relating to educator preparation programs and licensing revisions.

The proposed permanent rule, [SS 050-22](#), seeks to amend [Wis. Admin. Code Ch. PI 34](#) to provide educator preparation programs the flexibility to address student teaching requirements in the clinical programs they offer. Under this proposed rule, a teaching candidate's pre-student teaching requirements may be completed in a variety of settings related to effective instruction, safe and supported students, family and community engagement, or building meaningful relationships with students in prekindergarten through grade 12. The proposed rule will also provide that a teaching candidate's student teaching may also occur in alignment with the cooperating school's current plan for teaching and learning. The proposed rule creates flexibility by allowing cooperating teachers, who would otherwise not meet current rule experience requirements, to be assigned if they have been recommended by their principal and deemed acceptable by the approved program.

Pursuant to [Wis. Stat. 227.135\(1\)](#), a statement of scope is prepared in advance of any rule that an agency plans to promulgate. A preliminary public hearing and comment period on a statement of scope does not relieve the agency of its obligation to hold an agency hearing on proposed rules after proposed rules are available for review. When a proposed rule is available for review, the department will conduct additional public hearings on the proposed rule.

The DPI will hold the public hearing by teleconference only. Additional information on attending is provided below. Written comments received no later than the date of the hearing will be given the same consideration as testimony presented at the hearing.

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A copy of the scope statement is available on [the department's Administrative Rules webpage](#).  
Written comments may be submitted in lieu of testimony online via [the legislature's webpage for submitting public comment](#). Questions or additional testimony may be sent [by email to the department's administrative rules coordinator](#).

**WHAT:** Administrative rules hearing

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022

**WHERE:** Conference call only; Phone number: 608-620-9781; Conference ID: 646 271 62#

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