**Section 25.355 Endorsement for Superintendent**

The requirements of this Section apply to individuals seeking a superintendent endorsement.

a) This endorsement is required for superintendents and assistant superintendents.

b) A superintendent endorsement shall be affixed to a PEL provided that the candidate holds a master's degree or equivalent (e.g., juris doctor (J.D.), doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.), doctor of education (Ed.D.)) and either successfully completes each of the requirements specified in 23 Ill. Adm. Code 33 (Programs for the Preparation of Superintendents in Illinois) or meets each of the requirements specified in Section 21B-35(b-5) of the Code (see Section 25.425).

c) In accordance with Section 21B-25(2)(D) of the Code, each candidate shall hold an Illinois PEL and have two years of full-time administrative or supervisory experience in a general administrative position or as a principal, director of special education, or chief school business official either:

1) on the Illinois general administrative, principal, director of special education, or chief school business officer endorsement in:

A) an Illinois public school; or

B) a nonpublic school recognized under 23 Ill. Adm. Code 425 (Voluntary Registration and Recognition of Nonpublic Schools) whose chief administrator is required to hold a PEL endorsed for general administrative or principal and when a majority of the teachers employed in the school are required to hold a PEL endorsed in the teaching field specific to each teacher's assignment; or

2) while holding a credential required by the employing state in order to serve as principal, director of special education, or chief school business official that is comparable *in validity and educational and experience requirements* (Section 21B-25(2)(D) of the Code) to the applicable Illinois endorsement, if the candidate completed a comparable out-of-state program for the applicable credential held. (See also Section 25.425 of this Part.)

d) Each candidate shall be required to pass the applicable content-area test (see Section 25.710).

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