WAC 392-121-250 Definition—Highest degree level. As used in this chapter, the term "highest degree level" means:

(1) The highest degree earned by the employee from an accredited institution of higher education, pursuant to WAC 392-121-249; or

(2) "Nondegreed" for a certificated instructional employee who:

(a) Holds no bachelor's or higher level degree; or

(b) Holds a bachelor's or higher level degree and a valid vocational/career and technical education certificate, but:

(i) The bachelor's or higher level degree was not a requirement of any past or present education certificate or permit, including the vocational/career and technical education certificate, pursuant to chapter 181-77 or 181-79A WAC; and

(ii) Whose highest placement pursuant to WAC 392-121-270 is as a nondegreed certificated instructional employee.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290(1). WSR 11-21-065, § 392-121-250, filed 10/17/11, effective 11/17/11; WSR 09-15-127, § 392-121-250, filed 7/20/09, effective 8/20/09; WSR 08-08-033, § 392-121-250, filed 3/25/08, effective 4/25/08; WSR 06-19-045, § 392-121-250, filed 9/15/06, effective 10/16/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.150.290, 28A.150.400 and the Biennial Operating Appropriations Act. WSR 94-01-190, § 392-121-250, filed 12/22/93, effective 1/22/94. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.41.055 and 28A.41.170. WSR 88-03-013 (Order 88-8), § 392-121-250, filed 1/11/88.]