- WAC 250-81-020 Definitions. (1) "Board" means the higher education coordinating board.
- (2) "OSPI" means the office of the superintendent of public instruction.
- (3) "Public school" means an elementary school, a middle school, junior high school, or high school within the public school system referred to in Article IX of the state Constitution.
 - (4) "Eligible applicant" means a person who:
- (a) Did not possess a master's degree in any subject prior to July 1, 1999;
- (b) Receives either a master's in education or a master's in teaching degree from an institution of higher education in Washington after June 30, 1999; and
- (c) Is teaching in one of the state's public elementary, middle, or secondary schools or has a contract to teach in one of those schools for the next academic year at a rate of half-time or greater.
- (5) "Master's degree" means a master's in education or a master's in teaching degree.
- (6) "Institution of higher education" means an accredited public or private college or university offering graduate degree coursework in the state of Washington including the branch campuses of out-of-state institutions which have a physical classroom presence within the state of Washington.
- (7) "Accredited" means an institution certified by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges or by a similar regional accrediting body.
- (8) "Teaching credential" means a teaching endorsement conferred by the office of the superintendent of public instruction or documentation that shows completion of a major or minor in one or more specific priority areas.
- (9) "Mathematics or science" means an endorsement or major or minor in mathematics or science, biology, chemistry, earth science, or physics, as determined by the OSPI.
- (10) "Priority areas" means those curriculum or teaching specialties defined as priorities in the selection of recipients for reimbursement.
 - (11) "Documentation" means evidence supporting the applicant's:
 - (a) Current teaching service;
 - (b) Possession of a teaching credential in priority area; and
- (c) Receipt of an appropriate master's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.
- (12) "Educational expenses" means the current representative average annual tuition and fees for resident graduate students attending the state's research institutions, as determined by the board.

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