

# CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE OF SCHOOL COUNSELORS CODE: SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

Proposed amendments to this rule set are designed to create consistency in terminology and processes across all certification rule sets promulgated by the Department of Education (i.e., Teacher Certification Code, School Administrator Certification Code, School Psychologist Certification Code, and Certification and Licensure of School Counselors). The goal of many of these proposed amendments is also to streamline the rules, eliminate duplication, and present a logical, more customer-friendly regulatory scheme. There are nine approved school counselor educator programs in Michigan.

Rule	Section/Sub-Section	Summary of Change(s)
390.1301	Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarified, standardized, updated definitions as necessary</li> </ul>
1302	School Counselor credentials and role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor wordsmith changes to address the role of school counselor</li> </ul>
1303	School counselor endorsement; applicant trained in Michigan approved school counselor preparation program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No substantive changes</li> </ul>
1303a	School counselor endorsement; applicant trained in an out-of-state school counselor preparation program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No substantive changes</li> </ul>
1304	Preliminary employment authorization to work as a school counselor for in-state applicants only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements are clarified including specific reference to training in Michigan</li> <li>Deletion of wording "outstanding coursework"</li> </ul>
1305	School counselor license; applicant trained in Michigan approved school counselor preparation program.	
1306	School counselor license; applicant trained in out-of-state school counselor preparation program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Validity period of license is clarified</li> <li>Modified to align with the standardization of other advance credentials</li> <li>Continuing education renewal requirements are updated to be more lenient</li> <li>Replaced 5 year renewal requirement for completing professional development with "since issuance of last school counselor credential"</li> </ul>

1307	Temporary school counselor authorization; applicant trained in out-of-state school counselor preparation program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No substantive changes</li> </ul>
1308	School counselor credential restrictions and expiration dates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validity period of the license is specified and renewal requirements of R390.1305</li> <li>• Rule consolidates and clarifies the expiration dates of school counselor credentials</li> </ul>
1309	Initial program approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly proposed rule is standard across all certification rule sets promulgated by Dept. of Education.</li> </ul>
1310	Denial, suspension, or revocation of school counselor credential; reinstatement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newly proposed rule is standard across all certification rule sets promulgated by Dept. of Education.</li> </ul>
1311	Investigation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added new section to align with other certification rules</li> <li>• Added to include language involving the investigation process</li> </ul>
1312	Notice of basis for action; notice of right to hearing; informal conference to show compliance; referral for hearing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added new section to align with other certification rules</li> <li>• Added to identify a mechanism for denial or revocation of certification for those who engage in conduct that demonstrates lack of fitness to serve a school counselor</li> <li>• Added to provide procedural protections for individuals who challenge action taken against their certificate including reasonable notice and opportunities to be heard</li> </ul>
1313	Action by superintendent of public instruction on proposal for decision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added new section to align with other certification rules</li> <li>• Added to identify the role of the superintendent</li> <li>• Superintendent of public instruction must approve any finding of compliance or settlement and makes the final decision following an administrative hearing.</li> </ul>

**Pertinent laws impacting school counselor certification:**

Certification Requirements: MCL 380.1251

District Provided PD: MCL 380.1527

School Safety: MCL 380.1535a & 380.1539b

State Aid Deductions: MCL 388.176