

# SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST CERTIFICATION 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.

Part	Rule	Section/Sub-Section	Summary of Change(s)
SP rules are not divided into "parts"	380.201	Definitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renamed, redefined, added definitions</li> </ul>
	380.202	Individuals required to hold school psychologist certification; exception.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renamed rule title</li> <li>Simplified/clarified language</li> <li>Eliminated obsolete reference to 1992 requirement</li> <li>Added subrule allowing licensed psychologist to practice as school psychologists</li> </ul>
	380.203	Role of school psychologist.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed detailed description of roles from rules so that roles can be defined by state board-approved standards</li> </ul>
	380.204	Preliminary school psychologist certificate; applicant trained in Michigan approved school psychologist preparation program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renamed rule title</li> <li>Simplified/clarified language</li> <li>Defined practicum/internship hours in greater detail</li> <li>Simplified application and recommendation requirements</li> <li>Added experience requirement for supervising school psychologist</li> <li>Added option to renew with a valid out-of-state certificate</li> </ul>
	380.205	Preliminary school psychologist certificate; applicant trained in out-of-state approved school psychologist preparation program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renamed rule title</li> <li>Simplified/clarified language</li> <li>Clarified the application steps</li> <li>Added option to renew with a valid out-of-state certificate</li> </ul>
	380.206	School psychologist certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simplified language and changed some terminology (replaced "school age pupils" with "students")</li> <li>Changed credit requirement for specialist degree from 45 + 15 to 60 credits</li> <li>Changes the internship requirement from 600 clock hours to 1200 clock hours to align with national standards and eliminated the 1-year experience requirement.</li> <li>Defined supervisor hours – 2 hours weekly</li> <li>Simplified application and recommendation requirements</li> <li>Aligned renewal requirements with those of other MI professional certificates – 150 hours of professional learning (college credits, SCECHs, DPPD) earned "since the issuance of"</li> <li>Added renewal options for a holder of a MI professional certificate, a valid out-of-state certificate, or a national certificate</li> </ul>

	380.206a	Out-of-state applicants for school psychologist certificate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rescinded. Requirements addressed in 380.206 (4)</li> </ul>
	380.207	Initial program approval.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renamed rule title</li> <li>Aligned program approval language with other certification rules</li> <li>Clarifies the steps for initial program approval, continued approval, and accreditation</li> </ul>
	380.208	School psychologist competencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed detailed description of competencies from rules so that competencies can be defined by state board-approved standards</li> </ul>
	380.209	Eligibility of persons who have temporary or full approval on August 31, 1992	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rescinded since the option under this rule is no longer available</li> </ul>
	380.211	Denial, suspension, or revocation of preliminary school psychologist certificate or school psychologist certificate; reinstatement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added new section to align with other certification rules</li> <li>Added to address the denial, suspension, and revocation of school psychologist credentials for enumerated reasons</li> <li>Added to include language for the reinstatement of school psychologist credentials</li> </ul>
	380.212	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 including designating the person to perform the investigation</li> </ul>
	380.213	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 individuals who engage in conduct that demonstrates lack of fitness to serve as a school psychologist</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>
	380.214	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> </ul>

**Pertinent laws impacting school psychologist certification:**

Certification Requirements: MCL 380.1251

School Safety: MCL 380.1535a & 380.1539b

Transfer of authority: E.R.O. 1996-7, MCL 388.993 & 388.994

State Aid Deductions: MCL 388.176

District Provided PD: MCL 380.1527