

Tennessee

Standards

Notes: All persons employed as educational interpreters by the public schools of Tennessee should obtain a level 3, level 4, or level 5 on the EIPA as rated by the team of evaluators. While these standards do exist, they are not known about in the community and they are not enforced. Very few, if any, school systems or interpreters follow these guidelines.

Licensure: No; Educational Interpreter Licensure - Yes

Governing Body: Tennessee Board of Education

Website(s): [Educational Interpreters Policies](#) [1]

[Department of Education Rules and Regulations](#) [2]

[Tennessee Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf](#) [3]

Qualifications: According to SBE Rule 0502-1-2-.03(10)(L) Interpreter/Educational Assistant- HS diploma/GED, Interpreter/Educational Tutor: a minimum of 48 semester hours of coursework at a postsecondary level: and successfully complete training or screening developed by the State Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education. Educational Interpreter/Instructor shall have completed a bachelors degree and a program in educational interpreting or hold a valid teacher license; and successfully complete training or screening developed by the State Department of Education and approved by the State Board of Education.

CEUs: Educational interpreters may satisfy training requirements by annually submitting evidence of one of the following training options: (1) successful completion/participation in the one-week Institute of Educational Interpreters sponsored by the Department of Education; (2) successful completion of the Basic Interpreter Training Program offered by UT-Knoxville; (3) earning a grade of "C" or better in 6 hours of college level course work preferably in the areas of deaf education and/or educational interpreting; (4) successful completion of 40 clock hours of staff development specifically designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of practicing educational interpreters; (5) successful completion of at least one module of the Minnesota Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf Self-Paced Modules for Educational Interpreters Skill Development; or (6) successful completion of 40 clock hours of training identified by the employing entity and approved by the Department of Education.

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Links:

[1] <http://www.state.tn.us/sbe/Policies/5.400%20Educational%20Interpreters.pdf>

[2] <https://www.tn.gov/sos/rules/0520/0520-01/0520-01-02.20080926.pdf>

[3] <http://www.tennrid.org/K-12-Licensure>