

OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS
Summary of State Board of Education Items
July 13-14, 2011

EDUCATOR LICENSURE

17. Approval of five (5) new license codes for vocational education (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act process with no public comment)

Background:

Since 2006, the Certification Commission and State Board have approved several new vocational licenses through the high school vocational Redesign program. On May 6, 2011, the Certification Commission approved a proposal by the Office of Vocational Career/Technical Education for 5 new license codes:

- 978 - Career Pathway – Electrical
- 979 – Career Pathway - Masonry and Plumbing.
- 980 – Career Pathway - Plumbing.

These new construction licenses will replace the old vocational codes. Training for these new programs will be held for teachers this summer and the pilot sites will begin this fall.

988 – Simulation and Animation Design – originally proposed with the title Video Game Design, this new course will be piloted in Pearl and Rankin county schools this fall.

905 - Entrepreneurship - is a new course being developed by Vocational Career/Technical Education and the 905 license endorsement will be the license needed to teach this new course. It is an add-on endorsement for certified teachers that already hold a license in Business, Marketing, Social Studies or Economics.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached