

Beginning January 18, 2017, the Ohio Department of Education started offering another option for license renewal. It is called **Consistently High Performing Teachers**.

This option allows *certain* educators with professional, lead professional or senior professional teaching licenses the opportunity to renew without completing additional coursework or equivalent continuing education credits (CEU's). In order to qualify for this option, certain eligibility requirements must be met. An educator who meets the State Board of Education's definition of consistently high performing teacher is exempt from the requirements to complete any additional coursework for the renewal of a professional educator license for the NEXT renewal cycle.

Westfall educators renewing their license in 2018 (or beyond) would need to show proof of the eligibility criteria; which should be documented and placed in your LPDC file. You would still need to show that you completed 6 semester hours of coursework to renew your license. Then, you will be exempt from the requirements to complete any additional coursework for your renewal in 2022. This process insures that you have clearly met all requirements before receiving the benefit of exemption.

The eligibility criteria are:

During the current licensure cycle, a consistently high performing teacher has:

1. Received the highest final summative rating on evaluations for at least four of the past five years, **and**
2. Met at least one of the following additional criteria for at least three of the past five years:

Held a valid lead or senior professional educator license.

Held a locally recognized teacher leadership role that enhances educational practices by providing professional learning experiences at a district, regional, state or higher education level;

Served in a leadership role for a national or state professional academic education organization;

Served on a state-level committee supporting education; or

Received state or national educational recognition or award.

If you think you would like to work towards this benefit, you will need to obtain the Verification Form for Consistently High Performing Teachers and document the required information for the LPDC. Once the LPDC has verified your eligibility requirements, the form will be placed in your records for use during the appropriate renewal cycle.