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Memorandum

TO: Administrative Heads and Education Directors of Nonpublic Schools Approved under COMAR 13A.09.10 to Provide Special Education

FROM: Virginia Cieslicki, Chief, Nonpublic School Approval Branch *Virginia Cieslicki*

DATE: December 9, 2005

RE: **Certification Requirements for Teachers of Art, Music, Physical Education, and Health in Nonpublic Schools Approved under COMAR 13A.09.10 Educational Programs in Nonpublic Schools and Child Care and Treatment Facilities**

This memo provides guidance regarding the certification required for an Art, Music, Physical Education, or Health teacher in a nonpublic school approved under COMAR 13A.09.10 to provide Special Education.

A valid professional PreK-12 certificate in Art, Music, Physical Education, or Health based on the assignment of the teacher is required for an Art, Music, or Physical Education teacher in a nonpublic school approved under COMAR 13A.09.10 to provide Special Education. If a teacher assigned to teach Art, Music, Physical Education, or Health holds a certificate in Special Education, that teacher must apply for content area certification appropriate for his or her assignment.

Expertise in behavior management strategies and instructional methodologies appropriate for students with special education needs should be provided to Art, Music, Physical Education, and Health teachers by the Education Director.

If you have questions regarding the preceding guidance, please contact the Nonpublic School Approval Specialist assigned to your school at (410) 767-0408.

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