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Certification Update



Educator Certification

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- Staff of 12
- Issue certificates
- Process background check clearances
- Technical assistance & support for educators, districts, and universities



Educator Certification System

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- Online system opened June 2011
- Applications submitted electronically
- Streamlined certification process for educators, districts & universities
- Over 300,000 educators/100,000 active users
- Current processing time under 24 hours



Certification Processes

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FY2014:

- Certificates Issued = 40,646

Since the Educator Certification System opened in 2011:

- Certificates Issued = 136,740



Assistance & Support

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- 48,000 phone calls per year
- 12,000 email inquiries per year
- Certification webpage = most hits on DESE website



Certification System Features

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- Districts verify educators' certificates, background check results & assessment results
- Educators view & print certificates
- Educators view/print transcript evaluations



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Background Checks



Background Checks - Statistics

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- 2001 - Current = 479,972
- FY14 = 39,664
 - 93% cleared
 - 7% not cleared



Background Checks

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- Fingerprint & name checks completed through the Missouri Highway Patrol
- Individuals must register with the Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS) provided by the Highway Patrol
- The registration site is located at www.machs.mo.gov



Background Checks

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- A four-digit registration code is required to register.
- The four-digit registration code ensures that the background check response is returned to both DESE, as well as the correct school district.
- Registration must be completed for both an FBI and Highway Patrol check. Total cost is \$44.80.



Name Checks

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- Missouri law (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 168.133; “Amy Hestir”) outlines the mandatory criminal background name checks that are to be conducted by local school districts.
- The Department has been working in two areas to facilitate school district compliance with this mandate.



Name Checks

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- Development of the Missouri Highway Patrol's Missouri Automated Criminal History Site (MACHS)
- Linked to the Educator Certification System
- Real-time feedback for mandated criminal background name checks
- Immediate notice of an arrest or charge



Name Checks

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- Fall 2015 - Phase II of the MACHS project completed
- School districts to monitor fingerprinting process for their certified & non-certified staff
- Automatic email notification to district official of arrests and charges
- Notification within 24 hours



Name Checks

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DESE annually provides over 500,000 data files to the MHP to crosscheck against the current criminal records database.

- Results reviewed
- School districts notified
- Discipline of certificate determined by state board

Note: The majority of background check cases are for educators who have left the profession or for whom licensure proceedings have already been conducted or are underway.



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