

## Professional Standards – State Discretionary Items – Missouri

1. Are acting personnel, temporary workers, substitutes and volunteers required to complete training hours?
  - The state agency will not require that any acting personnel, temporary workers, substitutes and volunteers to complete training hours.
2. Will the state allow for an extension of compliance over a two-year period?
  - The state agency will allow excess training hours to be carried over to an immediate previous or an immediate subsequent school year, as long as a reasonable amount of training occurs in each school year.
3. What are the hiring requirements for a Food Service Director in an LEA with 500 or fewer students?
  - The State agency will allow for the hiring of a Food Service Director with a high school diploma (or GED) and less than 3 years of relevant program experience. The LEA must demonstrate to the State agency that the applicant in question meets the minimum educational standard and is otherwise qualified for the position.
4. Will acting school nutrition program directors be required to meet the new hiring standards?
  - The state agency will not require that acting directors meet the new hiring standards.