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Steve Canavero
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Nevada Department of Education
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Dear Steve Canavero:

Thank you for submitting a report of your State's proposed teacher shortage areas, and providing the appropriate supporting information. The U.S. Department of Education (Department) has evaluated your proposed teacher shortage areas pursuant to specific provisions addressed in regulations concerning Federal student financial aid programs. In particular, 34 CFR Sec. 682.210(q)(6) and 682.210(q)(7) address the prescribed and alternative methodologies to calculate the proposed designated teacher shortage areas as well as the supporting documentation and assurances that must accompany the requested shortage areas.

In response to your submission, the Department has designated the following academic disciplines or subject matter (noted at specific grade levels, if provided) and geographic regions (if reported) as teacher shortage areas during the 2017-2018 school year:

Statewide Academic Disciplines or Subject Matter

Early Childhood Non-Special Education (K-Grade 2)	Physics AP(Grades 9-12)
Elementary	English (Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12)
Pre-school (Pre-K)	Reading (Grades 6-8)
Combined (K-Grade 5)	English Language Arts
Elementary Teacher (K-Grade 6)	Creative Writing
Mathematics Teacher (Grades 6-8, Grades 7-12, and Grades 9-12)	Social Studies (Grades 7-8 and Grades 9-12)
Math-Calculus Advanced Placement (AP)	History (Grades 9-12)
Science (Grades 6-8, Grades 7-8, and Grades 9-12)	Humanities
Biology (Grades 9-12)	Art (K-Grade 5 and Grades 7-12)
Science-Biological Science	Dance 9-12
Chemistry (Grades 9-12)	Ethnic Dance (Grades 9-12)
Geology (Grades 9-12)	Music (Kindergarten - Grade 5)
Physical Science (Grades 9-12)	Music Teacher (Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12)
	Spanish (Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12)
	Chinese (Grades 6-8)

Computer Application 9-12	Audiologist
Computer Programmer (Grades 6–8)	Hearing Impaired Teacher
Industrial Arts (Woods/Manufacturing)	Visually Impaired (K–Grade 12)
Food Preparation and Management (Grades 9–12)	Occupational Therapist
Culinary Arts/Foods (Grades 9–12)	Physical Therapist
Business Education (Grades 9–12)	Psychologist
Communication and Media (Grades 9– 12)	Counselor (K–Grade 12)
Health Teacher (Grades 9–12)	Counselor (Grades 7–12)
Physical Education (K–Grade 6, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9 – 12)	School Social Worker (K–Grade 12)
Education	Library Media Specialist (K–Grade 5)
Nevada JROTC (Grades 9–12)	Alternate Education (Grades 7–12)
TESL Teacher	Consultant Facilitator (Instructional/Academic Coach) (K– Grade 5)
Special Education	Learning Strategist
Generalist (K–Grade 12)	Nurse
Early Childhood	Academic Intervention (Grades 6–8 and Grades 9–12)
Early Childhood Autism (Pre-K–K)	Auto Technology (Grades 9–12)
Adaptive Physical Education	Diesel Mechanic (Grades 9–12)
Autism (K–Grade 12)	Emergency Medical
Intellectual Disability (K–Grade 12)	Services/Technology (Grades 9–12)
Orientation/Mobility	Health Occupations (Grades 9–12)
Speech-Language Pathologist (K– Grade 12)	

For your information, the Department’s approval of the proposed shortage areas in your State may benefit student grant and loan recipients who are qualified to teach in the academic disciplines, grade levels, and/or geographic regions in your State where the designated teacher shortages currently occur.

These benefits to student financial aid recipients, such as loan cancellations, are indicated in the following regulatory provisions:

- 34 CFR 682.210(b)(5)(ii), (b)(7), (q), and (s) enable a borrower who had no outstanding Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loan on July 1, 1987, but who had an outstanding FFEL Program loan on July 1, 1993, to qualify for deferment of loan repayment under the Stafford Loan Program anytime within the life of the borrower’s loan(s) for up to three years of service as a full-time teacher in a private elementary or secondary school in a teacher shortage area designated by the Department, and as certified by the chief administrative officer of the particular school in which the borrower is teaching;
- 34 CFR 674.53(c) enables Federal Perkins Loan borrowers who are full-time teachers of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education, **or any other field of expertise where the State educational agency determined there**

is a shortage of qualified teachers to qualify for cancellation of up to 100% of the outstanding balance on the borrower's Federal Perkins loans; and

- 34 CFR 686.12(d) enables grant recipients to fulfill their teaching obligation under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program (regarding the requirement to serve at least four academic years, within eight years of graduation) by teaching in a “high-need field,” which includes academic disciplines/subject areas identified as teacher shortage areas at the time the grant recipient begins teaching in that field.

Please refer Stafford Loan and Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) borrowers who have questions concerning their loans, including the teacher shortage area deferment, to the Federal Student Aid Hotline at 1-800-4FED-AID. Refer Federal Perkins Loan borrowers to the school where they received the loan.

If you have any questions regarding the Department's designation of your State's teacher shortage areas in specific academic disciplines, please contact Freddie Cross by telephone (202) 453-7224 or e-mail at freddie.cross@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail McLarnon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gail McLarnon

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