



**Department of  
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
John Carey, Chancellor

**REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Kent State University**  
Middle Childhood Social Studies License

**Request:**

Kent State University requests approval to offer a baccalaureate level program leading to the Ohio Middle Childhood Social Studies License.

**Profile:**

Kent State University is a public university. The university was founded in 1910 with a specific mission to discover, create, apply and share knowledge, as well as to foster ethical and humanitarian values in the service of Ohio and the global community. Located in Kent, Ohio, the university has an enrollment of more than 22,000 undergraduate students and 5,500 graduate students.

**Accreditation/Authorization:**

Kent State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) until its next scheduled review in 2022. Kent State University's educator preparation programs are accredited by National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) until the next review in 2023.

**Background:**

Kent State University is submitting its Limited State Review request to ensure program alignment with Ohio standards and requirements. The program currently holds Specialized Professional Association (SPA) national recognition without conditions, which is a pre-requisite to Limited State Review. Programs leading to the Middle Childhood Social Studies License are valid for teaching students in grades 4 through 9. Kent State University offers the program leading to the Middle Childhood Social Studies License at the baccalaureate level.

**Recommendation:**

Kent State University's Middle Childhood Social Studies License preparation program meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for baccalaureate level programs leading to the Middle Childhood Social Studies License. Approval is recommended for Kent State University's baccalaureate level program leading to the Middle Childhood Social Studies License until the spring 2024 review cycle. It should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio licensure continue to be met.

Metrics reported on the Ohio Educator Preparation Program Performance Reports for this program are within acceptable ranges as follows: graduate performance as measured by the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System; licensure pass rates of program completers; Ohio Value-Added Measure of PK-12 student

learning of students taught by program graduates; admission requirements; field and clinical experiences; candidate perceptions of their preparation; and graduate persistence in Ohio Resident Educator Program.

**End of Comment Period:** June 1, 2017 at 10:30 AM

**No comments received, recommend approval**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Senior Director of Educator Preparation has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.



Jessica Mercerhill, Senior Director of Educator Preparation

6/2/17

Date

**APPROVAL**



John Carey, Chancellor

6/8/17

Date

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