**Educator Preparation and Licensure in Montana: Entities, Acronyms, Roles, and Duties**

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**CSPAC**
Duties under **20-4-133, MCA**, include:
- Studying and making recommendations to the Board of Public Education related to educator certification, including precertification training and education requirements

**Superintendent of Public Instruction**
- Makes recommendations to BPE regarding educator preparation and certification policies *(20-4-102, MCA)*
- Reviews and accredits educator preparation programs based on PEPPS *(ARM 10.58.102-104)*
- Issues educator certificates in compliance with BPE policies *(20-4-103, MCA)*

**Board of Public Education (BPE)**
From **20-4-102, MCA**:
“To effect an orderly and uniform system of teacher and specialist certification, the board of public education shall, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of public instruction and in accordance with the provisions of this title, prescribe and adopt policies for the issuance of teacher or specialist certificates. Such policies shall provide for: (1) reasonable training and experience requirements for teacher, specialist, supervisor, and administrative certificates...”

**PEPPS**
Professional Educator Preparation Program Standards
- **ARM Title 10, Chapter 58**
  - Describes what colleges and universities need to do to prepare teachers for licensure in Montana

**Educator Licensure**
(aka certification)
- **ARM Title 10, Chapter 57**
  - procedures for issuance and revocation of licenses
  - classes of licensure