

Minnesota Educator Tier 1 License Application

Application General Information and Checklist

General Information: A Tier 1 licensure candidate must hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree and have a job offer from a Minnesota public school. The Tier 1 license is valid for one school year and expires on June 30 of the expiration year. A Tier 1 license may be renewed up to three times. If a candidate holds a Tier 2, 3 or 4 license, the district must apply for an out-of-field permission rather than a Tier 1 license. **Tier 1 applications may be submitted on or after July 1 for the upcoming school year needed.**

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TO BE CONSIDERED

Partial or incomplete packets will be returned to the applicant for completion and resubmission. Review and check each of the following questions to ensure you have completed the required paperwork and included all required materials for submission.

- Application processing fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to "PELSB."**
 - For initial/first-time applicants: an initial application and fingerprint card processing fee of \$90.25.
 - For existing license holders: an application fee of \$57.00 (fingerprint card is not required).
- Fingerprint card completed for initial applications, signed and dated. Be sure NOT to fold or bend the card.**
 - To request a fingerprint card, please [email](mailto:pelsb@state.mn.us) PELSB staff at pelsb@state.mn.us or call 651-539-4200 (option 1) and include your full name and current mailing address in your message. The subject line of the email should be "Fingerprint Card Request." The fingerprint card must be submitted with the complete application.
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended in an institution's sealed envelope. In most instances, earned degrees must be posted on transcripts.**
 - If you are adding a new licensure field to an existing Minnesota license, submit transcripts that have not been previously submitted and/or that are related to the licensure field requested.
 - For individuals with preparation completed outside of the United States or its territories, transcripts must be evaluated by a foreign credential evaluation service. The [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services](#) (NACES) has a list of approved providers. Please mail the original course-by-course evaluation of your foreign preparation to PELSB.
- Completed application, including signature and date.**
 - **Designated Address:** Your designated address may be a residence, PO Box, or place of business. Please note that the address you designate on this form does not remain private after a license is issued.
 - **Home Address:** Your home address remains private if a designated address is supplied. If there is no designated address, the home address does not remain private after a license is issued.
- Section 5A: Conduct Review Statement completed, signed and dated AND**
- If you answered YES to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6, complete Section 5B.**
- If you answered YES to questions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12, include the additional materials requested.**
- District Verification Form (Section 6) completed by the district, signed and dated.**

PARTIAL OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

Instructions for a Tier 1 Minnesota Educator License Application

It is the applicant's responsibility to submit the required items in ONE complete packet to PELSB. To ensure the submission of a complete packet, review and follow the instructions below.

A check or money order payable to "PELSB" must be included. This is a non-refundable processing fee.

- Initial/First Time Minnesota Educator License Application Fee: \$90.25 includes fingerprint card fee. Request a fingerprint card from PELSB and include with the complete application.
- Existing License Holder Application Fee: \$57.00 (does not require a fingerprint card).

Mailing Address	Telephone Number	Web Address	Email Address
PELSB 1021 Bandana Blvd E, Suite 222 St. Paul, MN 55108-5111	651-539-4200	https://mn.gov/pelsb/	pelsb@state.mn.us

NOTE: A job offer from a Minnesota public school is required to qualify for a Tier 1 license.

[Minnesota Statutes 122A.181 Tier 1 License](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/122A.181) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/122A.181>)

Important Information

- This application is for general and special education. If you are seeking a Career and Technical Education (CTE) or Career Pathways license, you will need to complete the CTE or Career Pathways application.
- If you have only ever held a **COMMUNITY EXPERT PERMISSION**, this application is considered an initial application. All initial applications require completion of a fingerprint card and submission of official transcripts. You will pay the \$90.25 fee. Include the fingerprint card with the complete application.
- If this is an initial Minnesota license or you have only held a Community Expert permission, you will need to include a completed fingerprint card and submit with the complete application.
- If you are adding a new licensure field to or renewing an existing Minnesota license, you do not need to complete a fingerprint card or send documentation that relates to your existing license. You will ONLY send documentation that is new since your last application AND pertains to the licensure field you are requesting on this application.

Section 1: Applicant Information

- Name: Provide your legal name as it appears on your social security card. If you are adding a new licensure field to an existing Minnesota license AND you have a NAME CHANGE, please attach a [Name Change Authorization](#) form. This form is on the PELSB website, under "Current Educators" and "License Requirements and Forms."
- Social Security or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number: [Minnesota Statute 270C.72, Subdivision 4](#) requires all agencies that issue licenses to collect social security (SSN) or individual taxpayer identification (ITIN) numbers as part of the application. Your application will be deemed incomplete if not provided.
- Email: It is important to provide an email address that you have access to throughout the year. Important information will be sent to this email address, including instructions on how to print the e-license.
- **Designated Address: Your designated address may be a residence or place of business. Please note that the address you designate on this form does not remain private after a license is issued.**
- **Home Address: Your home address remains private if you enter a separate designated address. If there is no designated address, the home address does not remain private after the license is issued.**
- Ethnicity/Race: This section is optional and will not affect the decision of the application.

Section 2: Application Type

- Be sure to include the name of the licensure field area you are requesting on this application. The listed licensure field must be the field for the position you have been offered. If you are unsure of what the name of the licensure field is, please see the [Minnesota Licensure Fields](#) document.

- If you hold an existing Tier 1 Minnesota educator license and are adding a new licensure field with this application, indicate that you are adding a field by checking the statement in this section.
- If you are renewing an existing Tier 1 Minnesota educator license with this application, indicate that you are renewing by checking the statement in this section. Both of these statements may be checked.
- If you hold an existing Minnesota educator license, only submit official transcripts that have not been submitted previously.

Section 3: Educational Background

- All individuals must complete this section.
- Official transcripts in an institution's sealed envelope must be included with the rest of the required application materials for licensure. All mailed materials must be submitted in one complete packet.

Section 4: Licensure Requirements

- Both items must be checked to qualify for a Tier 1 license.

Section 5: Conduct Review

- All applicants are required to complete Section 5A.
- If this is NOT your first application for a Minnesota education license, your answers on the conduct review statement apply only to the period since your last application.
- If you answered YES to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6; complete Section 5B.
- If you answered YES to questions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12; include the additional materials requested.

Section 6: District Verification for a Tier 1 License Form

- The licensure field MUST be identified. If the area is special education, please specify which categorical area.
- For an initial request, the position must be advertised for a minimum of 15 days on a PELSB approved Minnesota state job board before an application can be submitted. If the district is renewing an existing Tier 1 job offer, the position must be advertised for a minimum of 60 days on a PELSB approved Minnesota state job board.

Privacy Statement:

The data you provide on an application for Minnesota education licensure will be used by Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to assess your qualifications for licensure. You are not legally required to provide this data. However, if you fail to provide information, PELSB may be unable to process your license application. Until licensure is granted, the information you provide on the application is private data, accessible to only you, PELSB, its staff, and/or staff of the Attorney General's Office representing PELSB. Your application and all submitted application materials, except your Social Security number, become public data if licensure is granted, according to [Minn. Stat. § 13.41, Subd. 5](#).

Under [Minn. Stat. § 270C.72](#), PELSB is required to provide your Social Security number to the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue. This information may be used to deny the issuance and renewal of your license or to revoke your license if you owe the Minnesota Department of Revenue delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest. PELSB will provide only your Social Security number to the Department of Revenue. However, under the Federal Exchange of Information Act, the Department of Revenue is allowed to share this information to the Internal Revenue Service. Failing to supply this information may jeopardize or delay the issuance or your license or processing your renewal application.

When working with required data reporting from Minnesota public school districts, PELSB will use your private or confidential data only for purposes of confirming unique identity. PELSB staff having access to this data are only those working directly with licensing or the data reporting systems.

Application for a Tier 1 Minnesota Educator License

PELSB
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Suite 222
Saint Paul, MN 55108-5111

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A completed Conduct Review Statement must accompany every application.

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Section 1: Applicant Information

MINNESOTA FILE FOLDER NUMBER		Enter your MN File Folder Number, if applicable.		REGISTER NUMBER (for state use only)	
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Previous Name
Social Security Number/ITIN (required)			Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy		Gender (optional) <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Contact Information:	Daytime Telephone Number		Email Address: (PELSB communications will be sent to this email address.)		
Designated Address:	Street		City		State
Home Address:	Street		City		State
ZIP Code					
ZIP Code					
Ethnicity/Race (optional) <input type="radio"/> American Indian <input type="radio"/> Asian <input type="radio"/> Black <input type="radio"/> Hawaiian/ Pacific Islands <input type="radio"/> Hispanic/ Latino <input type="radio"/> White					

Section 2: Application Type

Enter the name of the LICENSURE FIELD(S) you are requesting:	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE ADDING AN ADDITIONAL LICENSURE FIELD TO AN EXISTING MINNESOTA TIER 1 LICENSE.	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE RENEWING AN EXISTING MINNESOTA TIER 1 LICENSE.	

Section 3: Educational Background

Use the following Degree Codes:					
0 – No Degree	1 – Associate’s Degree	2 – Bachelor’s Degree	3 – 5 th Year/Non-degree Program	4 – Master’s Degree	5 – Specialist
6 – Doctorate					
College or University	Located at (city and state)	Degree Code	Date of Degree	Degree Field	FOR STATE USE ONLY College Code

Name	File Folder Number
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Section 4: Licensure Requirements

- 1. The applicant meets the educational or professional requirements by holding a bachelor's degree (*submit official transcripts; the degree must be identified on the transcript.*)

- 2. AND the applicant has been offered a teaching position in the requested licensure area.

Section 5A: Conduct Review Statement

(required for ALL applications)

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Previous Name
File Folder Number		Social Security Number/ITIN (required)	
Birthdate: mm/dd/yyyy		FOR STATE USE ONLY	

You must answer all questions completely and provide all requested information. Failure to answer any of the questions in a truthful manner or failure to provide the information requested could lead to denial of any educator license. If you are completing the conduct review for a renewal of or addition to an existing Minnesota license, your answers should reflect the time period since your most previous application.

Check the appropriate boxes below. If there is any writing on this form, it cannot be scanned properly and your application will be delayed. If you are submitting additional information, you must use either the Supplemental Information Form or other sheets of paper.

Yes No 1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime?

A “crime” means conduct which is prohibited by statute and for which the actor may be sentenced to imprisonment, with or without a fine. Crimes include misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors, and felonies. DWIs and DUIs are included in this definition and must be disclosed. Do NOT include petty misdemeanors in your disclosures as these are not crimes.

The term “conviction” includes a finding of guilt by a jury or judge, an admission of guilt or a plea of guilty, an Alford plea (a plea without admission of guilt), a plea of “no contest,” and/or charges that have resulted in a stay of imposition of sentence. If your criminal conviction has been expunged by a court order, you do NOT need to disclose the conviction; however, you may first wish to verify if your conviction is subject to full expungement versus a court records expungement (“inherent authority expungement”). Inherent authority expungement orders do not prohibit convictions from showing up on a background check. Convictions subject to an inherent authority expungement need to be disclosed.

If you answered “yes,” complete and include the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.

Yes No 2. Have you ever been referred to a pre-trial diversion program after being arrested?

If you answered “yes,” complete and include the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.

Yes No 3. Have you ever been acquitted, found not guilty, or given a stay of adjudication of a criminal offense involving sexual conduct, homicide, assault, or any other crime involving violence?

If you answered “yes,” complete and include the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.

Name	File Folder Number
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CONDUCT REVIEW STATEMENT continued

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- Yes No 4. Are any criminal charges currently pending against you in Minnesota or any other state (this includes a pending stay of adjudication)?
- If you answered "yes," you must complete the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.
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- Yes No 5. Have you ever been the subject of a harassment restraining order, a domestic assault no contact order, an order for protection, a temporary restraining order, or similar civil protective order in Minnesota or any other state?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach materials explaining the type of protective order, the date action was taken, the final order document, the court file number, and the court/county involved.
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- Yes No 6. Have you ever been found in violation of a harassment restraining order, a domestic assault no contact order, an order for protection, a temporary restraining order, or similar civil protective order in Minnesota or any other state?
- If you answered "yes," you must complete the Supplemental Information Form (Section 5B) and attach it to this page.
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- Yes No 7. Have you ever been the subject of a maltreatment finding or disqualification by the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Department of Human Services, a county human services office or similar agency in Minnesota or another state?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach materials explaining the type of action, the date action was taken, the final order document, and the agency involved.
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- Yes No 8. Have you ever had an education or other occupational license revoked, suspended, denied, subject to a stayed suspension/probation, or received a formal reprimand in Minnesota or any other state?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the type of license, the date action was taken, the final decision document, and the agency involved.
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- Yes No 9. Have you ever voluntarily surrendered or terminated an education or other occupational license because of misconduct?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the basis for the surrender/termination, type of license, location, date of surrender/termination, and agency involved.
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- Yes No 10. Is disciplinary action/a misconduct investigation against your teaching, administrative, or other occupational license currently pending in Minnesota or another state?
- If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the action or charges, location, date, status of investigation and board/employer involved.
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CONDUCT REVIEW STATEMENT continued

- Yes No 11. Have you ever been terminated, suspended, resigned from or otherwise left an employment position after allegations of misconduct were made against you or when an investigation into those allegations was pending?

If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the action or charges, location, date, and employer involved.

- Yes No 12. Have you or a school district in which you were employed ever been a party to a civil settlement, award, or agreement of any kind that involved an allegation that involved **YOUR** sexual conduct?

If you answered "yes," you must attach material explaining the situation including the date and location of the school district.

WARNING: FAILURE TO ANSWER ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IN A TRUTHFUL MANNER OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED COULD LEAD TO DENIAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION BEING TAKEN AGAINST ANY EDUCATOR LICENSE.

Certification of Information

I certify the foregoing information is true and correct. I hereby authorize any listed courts and law enforcement agencies identified in this application to release any information concerning me to the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB).

Signature of Applicant	Date
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Section 5B: Supplemental Information Form
(required only if you answered "YES" to questions 1, 2, 3, 4 or 6)

Please photocopy and complete a separate form for each conviction or outstanding charge.

1. Convicted or currently charged with:

2. Level of offense (check one): Felony Gross Misdemeanor Misdemeanor

3. Date of offense:

4. Name of arresting agency (police, county sheriff, etc.):

5. Court jurisdiction (i.e., Hennepin County District Court, Minneapolis, Minnesota):

6. Plea and conditions of probation, if any:

7. Date of release from probation:

8. If still on probation, name and telephone number of probation officer:

9. Details of incident:

Verification/Authorization of Information

I verify the foregoing information is true and correct. I hereby authorize the above listed courts and law enforcement agencies to release any information concerning me to the Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

File Folder Number	Printed Name	Date of Birth	
Signature of Applicant			Date

Name	File Folder Number
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Section 6: District Verification for a Tier 1 License

Please answer questions 1 through 7 below. Complete question 7, part A and B, as it pertains to the application. Use school or district letterhead if additional space is needed. Be sure to title the additional document as Tier 1 Application.

1. Licensure area requested for this educator:	2. Grade Level:	3. School Year:
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4. Number of days the position was posted:	5. Statewide Job Board (EdPost) ID #:
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6. How many applicants were licensed in the specific licensure area being requested?

7. How many of the licensed applicants in question six (6) chose not to continue the hiring process?
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- A. If 6. **AND** 7. are equal, STOP HERE and complete number 8.
 B. If 6. **AND** 7. are not equal, answer the following questions with the **number of applicants that were licensed in the specific licensure area** requested: *(the sum of numbers 1-7 below should equal the difference between questions 6 and 7 above.)*

- 1) Applicants not fluent in the language required for the position _____ Language: _____
- 2) Applicants not willing or unable to apply pedagogical model _____ Model: _____
- 3) Applicants that have had disciplinary action with PELSB _____
- 4) Applicants that have had disciplinary action with the district _____
- 5) Applicants that are unwilling to apply culturally responsive teaching principles _____
- 6) Applicant's references, including the applying district, indicate unwilling or ineligible to rehire _____
- 7) Other: _____

8. As the designated administrator of the employing school district or charter school, my signature verifies the district or charter school (**check all that apply**):

- Is able to affirm that the candidate has the necessary skills and knowledge to teach in the specified licensure area.
- Understands the license is limited to the licensure area indicated on the application and to the district or charter school requesting the license.
- Ensures this teacher will participate in an evaluation.
- Ensures this teacher will participate in a mentorship program.
- Is able to demonstrate the teacher position has been posted, and the district was unable to hire an acceptable teacher with a Tier 2, 3, or 4 license in the specific hiring licensure area requested for this position.
- For renewals:** Affirms that the candidate has attempted or passed the specified content area tests, if applicable.
- For initial renewal:** Affirms that the candidate has participated in cultural competency training.

Print Full Name of District or Charter School		Six-Digit District Number (XXXX-XX)
Human Resource Contact Name	HR Contact Email Address	HR Contact Telephone Number/Ext
Printed Name of the Superintendent, Director, or Charter School Administrator		
Signature of the Superintendent, Director, Charter School Administrator, or HR Director		Date