

Extension Policy for ELA Teacher Qualification Due Dates

Extensions to the scheduled ELA teacher qualification training due dates may be allowable for teachers if either of the following two conditions is true:

1. The teacher has conflicting training, educational, or certification obligations in connection with current enrollment in a Master's or licensure endorsement program for culturally and linguistically diverse education, English as a second language, bilingual education, or similar.
 - a. The extension may not exceed one full year from the original required ELA training due date.
2. The teacher went on, or is currently on, approved leave that affects the ability to attend and complete the ELA teacher qualification training courses.
 - a. Generally, extensions for approved leaves are allowable if the leave is at least two weeks or more during the time of actual ELA teacher qualification training periods and there are no remaining opportunities for the teacher to complete the required ELA qualification training courses prior to the teacher's qualification deadline.
 - b. The amount of time allowable for the extension generally will be for the same or similar time of the approved leave. However, the extension may need to be longer than the amount of the original leave time depending on availability of the training course(s) missed or established due dates.
 - c. The extension may not exceed one full year from the original required ELA training due date.

To apply for an extension, based upon the information above, a teacher or their principal can contact ela_teacherqualification@dpsk12.org.

Reference: Modified Consent Decree of the U.S. District Court, Denver Public Schools, English Language Acquisition Program, Chapter 5, Section III.F (MCD 2012, page 30)