

**CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
CONTINUING CONTRACT INFORMATION PAGE**

**A Continuing Contract is a contract that remains in effect until the teacher resigns, elects to retire, or is retired pursuant to former section 3307.37 of the Revised Code, or until it is terminated or suspended and shall be granted only to teachers who have provided notice of their eligibility by the fifteenth day of September of the year teacher becomes eligible for a continuing contract and who have met one of the following criteria:**

- 1. The teacher holds a professional, permanent, or life teacher's certificate;**
- 2. The teacher meets the following conditions:**
  - a. The teacher was initially issued a teacher's certificate or educator license prior to January 1, 2011.**
  - b. The teacher holds a professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 or 3319.222 or former section 3319.22 of the Revised Code or a senior professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.**
  - c. The teacher has completed the applicable one of the following:**
    - (i) If the teacher did not hold a master's degree at the time of initially receiving a teacher's certificate under former law or an educator license, thirty semester hours of course work in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of such certificate or license, as specified in rules which the state board of education shall adopt;**
    - (ii) If the teacher held a masters degree at the time of initially receiving a teacher's certificate under former law or an educator license, six semester hours of graduate coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of such certificate or license, as specified in rules which the state board shall adopt.**
- 3. The teacher meets the following conditions:**

- a. The teacher never held a teacher's certificate and was initially issued an educator license on or after January 1, 2011.
- b. The teacher holds a professional educator license, senior professional educator license, or lead professional educator license issued under section 3319.22 of the Revised Code.
- c. The teacher has held an educator license for at least seven years.
- d. The teacher has completed the applicable one of the following:
  - (i) If the teacher did not hold a master's degree at the time of initially receiving an educator license, thirty semester hours of graduate coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of that license, as specified in rules which the state board shall adopt;
  - (ii) If the teacher held a master's degree at the time of initially receiving an educator license, six semester hours of graduate coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of that license, as specified in rules which the state board shall adopt.
- (f) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be construed to void or otherwise affect a continuing contract entered into prior to the effective date of this section.
- (g) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Chapter 4117 of the Revised Code:
  - (1) The requirements of division (D)(3) of section 3319.08 of the Revised Code prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered in between October 16, 2009, and the effective date of this section.
  - (2) The requirements of this section prevail over any conflicting provisions of a collective bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this section.
- (h) Wherever the term "educator license" is used in this section without reference to a specific type of educator license, the term does not include an educator license for substitute teaching issued under section 3319.226 of the Revised Code.