

TO: WCPS Teachers and Administrators
FROM: Lindsey Darr, Coordinator of Human Capital: Teachers and Certification
RE: Senior Teacher Exemption Status Form

Pursuant to COMAR 13A.12.01.14B:

B. Special Allowances. Renewal requirements for any professionally certificated employee may be waived without regard to Regulation .11 of this chapter if the:

- (1) Renewal is recommended by the local superintendent of schools; and
- (2) Professionally certificated employee is:
 - (a) 55 years old or older; or
 - (b) Employed for at least 25 years in public school service or approved nonpublic school service.

If you will complete or have completed at least 25 years of public or approved nonpublic professional school service, in Maryland or any other state, or you are or will be at least 55 years of age any time within the validity dates of your current certificate, you may qualify for senior status. For certificate renewal only, senior status will remain in effect as long as you are employed by a local Maryland school system that recognizes and accepts this allowance. Once you terminate employment, the senior status allowance no longer applies and you must complete the appropriate certificate renewal requirements.

If you would like to request Senior Teacher Exemption Status, please complete this form and return it to Lindsey Darr, Coordinator of Human Capital: Teachers and Certification, Human Resources Office.

During my tenure with Washington County Public Schools, I am requesting to hold Senior Teacher Exemption Status for the Maryland State certificate renewal requirements.

I am _____ years old. **OR** I have _____ years of documented service.

Teacher Name (Printed)

Teacher Signature

Date

Employee ID Number

Location

Human Resources Office Use Only:

Approved

Not Approved

Coordinator of Human Capital

Date