

4.06 Qualifications for continuing contract are determined by applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

A teacher who becomes eligible for a continuing contract at the end of or during a three (3) year limited contract may submit a request for consideration for continuing contract, no later than September 15 of any contract year. Recommendation for such continuing contract may be made by the Superintendent, and a recommendation, if made, may be accepted or rejected by the Board. Any failure to make a recommendation for continuing contract status, or any failure by the Board to grant continuing contract status, shall not be made the subject of a grievance and shall not be processed as such.

Failure to provide this notification may constitute a waiver of any claims, statutory rights, or a continuing contract by operation of law. This provision supersedes and replaces, where applicable, those requirements and provisions of Ohio Revised Code, sections 3319.08 and 3319.11.

The revised code language that sets up the qualifications: (from <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3319.08>)

(D) 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 the following:

- (1) Any teacher holding a professional, permanent, or life teacher's certificate;
- (2) Any teacher who 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 or lead 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 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 of education shall adopt;
 - (ii) If the teacher held a master's 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) Any teacher who 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 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.