

MEMO

To: Michael Boyd
From: Kelly Riley
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Subject: NGA: National Principal's Assessment

According to Dane Linn (202/624-3629), NGA Education Policy contact, there is not a completely developed, operational, national principal's assessment. However, there is the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC), which is a preliminary assessment, but Dane stressed that it is not fully developed. ISLLC's objective is to create model standards and performance-based assessments for beginning teacher and administrator preparation and licensure. Dane says that it is to be comparable to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The NGA's webpage reports that 24 states were participating in ISLLC in 1997, but the assessment is not completely developed.

The states participating in the INTASC and ISLLC projects are not only developing model standards and assessments, but are also creating common standards and assessments that will facilitate interstate license reciprocity. Forty states have signed an agreement to facilitate license portability by recognizing professional training completed in another state as long as the candidate completed a state-approved preparation program or is state-certified and has "adequate" experience. Further, at least twenty states now offer license portability or renewal to teachers who earn national board certification.

Dane is going to fax summary info concerning ISLLC, as well as "Master Teacher Programs" in other states to me by tomorrow noon.