

## **Request to modify requirements for license 379 Polymer/Plastic Technology**

Current guidelines for issuing license 379 are reproduced below. Note the change is to delete the words “an associate’s” and to replace with the words “a bachelor’s” .

### **379 Polymer/Plastic Technology**

This endorsement licenses a person to teach the following secondary courses:

480520	Polymer Plastics Technology I
480519	Polymer Plastics Technology II

This endorsement requires the following education and related assessment(s) of that education:

- Earn ~~an associate’s~~ a bachelor’s or higher degree in education or Polymer/Plastic Technology or a related field.

This endorsement requires the following occupational experience and related assessment(s) of that experience:

- Applicants with a bachelor or higher degree must have at least one year of verifiable occupational experience in the past ten years. Experience must be appropriate to the subject to be taught.

This endorsement requires the following teacher education preparation and related assessment(s) of that education:

- Enrollment in and completion of Vocational Instructor Preparation (VIP) Program

Rationale: Content in the courses Polymer Plastics Technology I and Polymer Plastics Technology II is laden with higher technology specific to the discipline. A higher level of education is required of these teachers to adequately communicate the complexities of the programs of study and deal effectively with the students enrolled in the program.