## Part 3. North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program.

## § 116-209.60. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Part:

- (1) Commission. The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Commission.
- (2) Director. The Director of the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program.
- (3) Forgivable loan. A forgivable loan made under the Program.
- (4) Program. The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program.
- (5) Public school. An elementary or secondary school located in North Carolina that is governed by a local board of education, charter school board of directors, regional school board of directors, or University of North Carolina laboratory school board of trustees.
- (5a) Qualifying licensure area. A teacher licensure area in one of the following subjects:
  - a. Either of the following, as identified pursuant to G.S. 116-209.62(h):
    - 1. Special education.
    - 2. Stem.
  - b. Elementary education (K-6).
- (5b) Qualifying teacher. A teacher in a North Carolina public school who meets the following criteria:
  - a. Received a forgivable loan under the Program.
  - b. Graduated within 10 years from an educator preparation program leading to teacher licensure, excluding any authorized deferment for extenuating circumstances.
  - c. Serves as a teacher in a qualifying licensure area.
- (6) STEM. Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.
- (7) Trust Fund. The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program Trust Fund. (2017-57, s. 10A.3(a); 2023-134, s. 8A.4(a); 2024-1, s. 2.14(a).)

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