

[Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, Signed 7/17/2020](#)

July 17, 2020 - COVID-19 UPDATE - **Use of Substitute Teachers**

Governor Kim Reynolds has issued a new proclamation as of July 17, 2020, which allows for increased flexibility in the use of substitute teachers during the disaster emergency period as follows:

1. The day limitation (5 days in a row, 10 days in a month, in any one assignment) for holders of a substitute authorization is removed, and the long-term substitute day limit (90 days) is removed.
2. The degree requirement to obtain a substitute authorization is changed from a bachelor's degree to an associate's degree or 60 semester hours through a [regionally-accredited institution](#). **The substitute authorization course is still required.**
3. The age requirement of 21 years of age for a substitute authorization is changed to age 20.
4. Paraeducators who hold a paraeducator certificate with the limited substitute authorization to serve as a substitute only in their own special education classroom may serve as a substitute in any classroom (except driver's ed).
  - a. Paraeducators need to hold a substitute authorization to serve as a substitute teacher.
  - b. If the paraeducator holds a regular substitute authorization, they may serve as a substitute teacher in any classroom except driver's ed (this is not a change).
  - c. If the paraeducator holds the limited substitute authorization to serve as a substitute teacher only in their own special education classroom, they may substitute in any classroom *during this proclamation*.
5. Holders of a career and technical authorization with at least one year of experience may serve as a substitute in any classroom (except driver's ed).

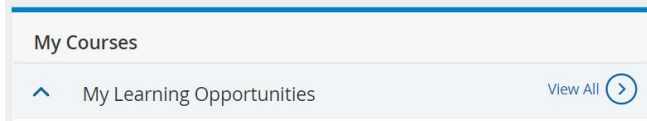
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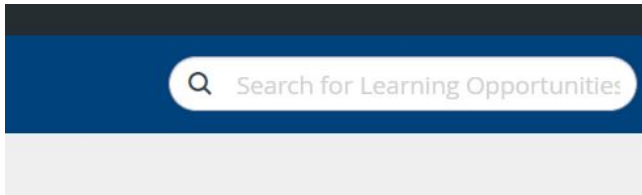
## Substitute Authorization Course Providers

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Next, search for “substitute authorization” in the search bar at the top:



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Questions about AEA course offerings should be directed to the AEA.

### **Additional providers:**

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