

ADEPT: Support, Evaluation and License Advancement of International Teachers

Educators working in South Carolina public schools who hold an international teaching license and are participating in a Cultural Exchange Program on a J-1 visa status, must participate in each phase of the [Assisting, Developing and Evaluating Professional Teaching \(ADEPT\)](#) evaluation and assistance program. These educators must be issued contracts levels following the same sequence as educators who hold all other forms of teaching licenses issued by the Office of Educator Licensure at the South Carolina State Department of Education.

International teaching licenses are valid for a period of three years only. Therefore, persons on J-1 visa status are allowed to advance only to an annual level contract and must not be issued continuing contracts. These educators may be issued no more than two annual contracts. Upon the culmination of this validity period, should the educator return to South Carolina to teach in the public school system he or she must re-enter at the beginning contract level of induction and repeat each phase of the ADEPT System up to the annual contract.

Educators who choose to stay in the United States who attain H1-B visa status and seek employment in the South Carolina public schools must meet all requirements as specified by the Office of Educator Licensure, in addition to repeating all contract levels and assistance and evaluation requirements of the ADEPT System. Only H1-B visa issued educators who successfully complete these requirements may advance to a continuing contract and a professional licensure.