Requirements for Certification as a School Building Leader (SBL) or School District Leader (SDL)*

Requirements for initial certification as a School Building Leader (SBL):

- Hold a Baccalaureate degree;
- Have at least 3 years experience teaching or in other pupil services;
- Complete a School Building Leader program;
- Engage in leadership experiences in a variety of settings, including a 15 week full-time school building leadership experience (or an equivalent experience);
- Hold a Master's degree upon program completion;
- Pass a New York State School Building Leader Assessment; and
- Complete 175 hours of professional development within every 5 year period to maintain certification.

Note: Initial certificates are valid for 5 years. In order to obtain a professional certificate, candidates must have at least three years of additional school-based experience including at least one year as a school building leader.

Requirements for professional certification as a School District Leader (SDL):

- Hold a Baccalaureate degree;
- Have at least 3 years experience teaching or in other pupil services;
- Complete a School District Leader program;
- Have earned at least 60 semester hours of graduate credit;
- Engage in leadership experiences in a variety of settings, including a 15 week full-time school building leadership experience (or an equivalent experience);
- Hold a Master's degree upon program completion;
- Pass a New York State School District Leader Assessment; and
- Complete 175 hours of professional development within every 5 year period to maintain certification.

* The School Building Leader and School District Leader licenses will begin being issued in the fall of 2006.