**MANKATO AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Independent School District No. 77**

**Advanced Degree Prior Approval Request Form**

Under the terms of the Master Agreement, any teacher who wishes to move to an advanced degree lane on the salary schedule (Master’s, Specialist or Doctorate) must have their preliminary plan approved by the Superintendent in advance. The degree must be earned at an approved, accredited college or university and the degree program must be in the field of the teacher’s licensure except as otherwise approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Any teacher who plans to work toward an advanced degree and who wishes to use that degree for advancement in lane on the salary schedule must submit this prior approval form to the Superintendent. It should be submitted at the time the teacher is accepted into the degree program by the college or university. Any research for degree advancement must be approved per policy 616.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Teaching Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Area(s) of Licensure: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Degree you plan to obtain: \_\_ Master’s \_\_ Specialist \_\_ Doctorate

Major Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution granting the degree: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach a copy of the plan (list of courses) if available.*

\_\_\_\_ This degree plan is approved for advancement in lane.

\_\_\_\_ This degree plan is not approved for advancement in lane for the following

 reasons:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Superintendent or Designee

Submit to Human Resources Office

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