

NASP Response to APA's Model Act for State Licensure 2009 Revisions

APA's Model Act for State Licensure. The Model Act proposed by APA in March 2009 has serious and detrimental implications for school psychologists. The proposed changes would prohibit all specialist level and some doctoral level school psychologists from using the long-held title of "school psychologist." If enacted, the proposed changes also would place significant limitations on the practice of school psychology.

To access the APA Model Act go to <http://forms.apa.org/practice/modelactlicensure/mla-review-2009.pdf> For NASP's complete analysis of the proposed 2009 Model Act revisions and additional information and resources, go to http://www.nasponline.org/standards/apamla_previous.aspx

Make Your Voice Heard. Provide Comments to APA.

APA has opened a second 90-day comment period. It is critical that school psychologists and other stakeholders share their views on the proposed changes to the Model Act **no later than June 5, 2009.**

Please submit comments to the APA's Model Act Task Force in **support of reinstating the exemption of all school psychologists** by utilizing the "One Click" Response Template at http://nasponline.org/standards/apalette/oneclick_apa.aspx or by constructing your own response on APA website at <http://forms.apa.org/practice/modelactlicensure/>

NASP has analyzed the Model Act and provided comments in the "One Click" Response Template that you can send as written or adapt as you see fit. You can also return to the APA site at a later time to send a personalized response. You can send as many responses to APA as you would like.

Personal experiences often make the strongest, most effective advocacy arguments. For example, how would the removal of the title "school psychologist" affect you, as well as the children, families, educators, schools, and community you serve? Have you used the title "school psychologist" in giving testimony in court? Would a title change prohibit some of your present work activities such as supervising other school psychologists or interns?