

Independent and Dependent Certifications

In the new certification system, there are two levels of certificates – Independent Certificates and Dependent Certificates. Independent Certificates may be attained without the need for any additional certificates while Dependent Certificates may *only* be obtained by holding the required Independent Certificate.

Independent Certification Area:

A certification area in which certification can be attained independent of, or not requiring, certification in another area.

- Teachers: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Middle Grades Education (Stand Alone), Secondary Education, and All Grades Education
- Administrators: Principal, School Business Administrator, Superintendent
- Support Professionals: School Counselor, School Psychologist, School Social Worker, and Speech Language Pathologist

Dependent Certification Area:

A certification area in which certification can only be attained if certification is also held in an additional specified certification area.

- Teachers: Adaptive Physical Education, Bilingual and Dual Language, English as a Second Language, Middle Grades Extension (all content areas), and Special Education (all content areas)
- Administrators: District Level Administrator (Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Special Education Administrator)
- Support Professionals: ESL Specialist/Consultant, Instructional Leader, Mathematics Specialist/Consultant, and Reading Specialist/Consultant

Dependent Certification	Independent Certification (Must Hold)
Teacher Certification Areas	
Early Childhood Special Education Teacher Birth through Grade 2	Early Childhood Education Teacher Grades PK-2
Early Childhood Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher Grades PK-2	Early Childhood Education Teacher Grades PK-2
Early Childhood English as a Second Language Teacher Grades PK-2	Early Childhood Education Teacher Grades PK-2
Elementary Special Education Teacher Grades 1-6 <i>Effective 1/1/2015</i>	Elementary Education Teacher Grades 1-6
Elementary Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher Grades 1-6	Elementary Education Teacher Grades 1-6
Elementary English as a Second Language Teacher Grades 1-6	Elementary Education Teacher Grades 1-6
Middle Grades English Teacher-Elementary Education Extension	Elementary Education Teacher Grades 1-6
Middle Grades English Teacher-Secondary Grades Extension	Secondary Education Teacher – English
Middle Grades Mathematics Teacher-Elementary Education Extension	Elementary Education Teacher Grades 1-6
Middle Grades Mathematics Teacher-Secondary Grades Extension	Secondary Education Teacher – Mathematics
Middle Grades Science Teacher-Elementary Education Extension	Elementary Education Teacher Grades 1-6
Middle Grades Science Teacher-Secondary Grades Extension	Secondary Education Teacher – Biology, Chemistry, General Science, or Physics
Middle Grades Social Studies Teacher-Elementary Education Extension	Elementary Education Teacher Grades 1-6
Middle Grades Social Studies Teacher-Secondary Grades Extension	Secondary Education Teacher – Social Studies
Middle Grades Special Education Teacher Grades 5-8 <i>Effective 1/01/2015</i>	Middle Grades Stand Alone – English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Language

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Middle Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher Grades 5-8	Middle Grades Stand Alone – English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Language
Middle Grades English as a Second Language Teacher Grades 5-8	Middle Grades Stand Alone – English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Language
Secondary Grades Special Education Teacher Grades 7-12 <i>Effective 1/01/2015</i>	Secondary Grades – Any content area
Secondary Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher Grades 7-12	Secondary Grades – Any content area
Secondary Grades English as a Second Language Teacher Grades 7-12	Secondary Grades – Any content area
All Grades Adapted Physical Education Teacher PK-12	All Grades Physical Education
All Grades Special Education Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher PK-12	Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or Middle Grades or Secondary Education any content area
All Grades Special Education Visually Impaired Teacher PK-12	Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or Middle Grades or Secondary Education any content area
All Grades Special Education Severe Intellectual Disability Teacher PK-12 <i>Effective 1/01/2015</i>	Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or Middle Grades or Secondary Education any content area
All Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher Grades PK-12	All Grades – Any content area
All Grades English as a Second Language Teacher Grades PK-12	All Grades – Any content area
Administrator Certification Areas	
District Level Administrator Grades PK-12	Building Level Administrator
District Level Administrator-Special Education Grades PK-12	Building Level Administrator
Support Professional Certification Areas	
Instructional Leader Grades PK-12 <i>Effective 1/01/15</i>	Any Teacher or Support Professional certification area
English as a Second Language Specialist/Consultant <i>Effective 1/01/15</i>	Any teacher certification area
Mathematics Specialist/Consultant Grades PK-8 <i>Effective 1/01/15</i>	Any teacher certification area
Reading Specialist/Consultant Grades PK-12	Any teacher certification area