

CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES FOR TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS



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Introduction

A.R.S. § 15-203 authorizes the State Board to supervise and control the certification of educators, and to exercise general supervision over and regulate the conduct of the public-school system. The provisions in Board of Education rule R7-2-607(W) establish that the required certificate, approved area, or endorsement for teaching positions shall be established in this Certification Guidelines for Teaching Assignments.

Arizona school districts should use the *Certification Guidelines for Teaching Assignments* to determine if a teacher is appropriately certified for an assignment. Per Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-183(C)(5), teachers in charter schools are not required to be certified unless they are assigned to a special education position.

Glossary of Terms

For the purposes of this document, the following definitions apply:

“Appropriately Certified” means holding the Certificate, Endorsement and Approved Area that is required for a teaching assignment.

“Approved Area” means a subject area denoted on a teaching certificate that is taught in Arizona public schools.

“Certificate” means one of the following Arizona teaching certificate types which, when combined with the appropriate certification area, approved area, and/or endorsement, may be used to meet appropriately certified requirements:

- Alternative Teaching
- Classroom-Based Standard Teaching
- International Teaching
- JROTC
- Native American Language
- Specialized Secondary STEM
- Standard Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Standard Specialized CTE
- Standard Professional Teaching
- Student Teaching Intern
- Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching

“Dual Language Immersion Classroom” means a classroom in which academic content is delivered equally (50/50) in English and a partner language.

“Endorsement” means an attachment to a teaching certificate which provides an additional authorization to the holder.

“IEP” means Individualized Education Program. The IEP is a legal document mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that defines the individualized goals of a child who has been found to have a disability, as defined by federal regulations. [20 U.S.C. 1401 and 1412; A.R.S. § 15-761(11)]

“Literacy Instruction” means instruction in English language arts provided by a teacher.

“Primary teaching assignment” means the subject area that a teacher is assigned to for the greater part of their instructional schedule. For teachers who are assigned to two or more subjects in equal parts of their instructional schedule, the “primary teaching assignment” refers to each subject.

“Structured English Immersion (SEI) Classroom” means a classroom in which one or more English learners is receiving Targeted and/or Integrated English Language Development (ELD) Instruction.

“Self-contained classroom” means a classroom in which the teacher teaches multiple subjects to one class of students. Note: This definition applies to Arizona Certification rules and does not apply to the same term used under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

“Single subject classroom” means a classroom in which the teacher teaches one subject to one class of students.

“World language” means a world language other than English.

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Kindergarten-Grade 8: Self-Contained Classroom

The table below provides the appropriately certified requirements for teachers who teach the core subjects of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies in a self-contained, K-8 classroom.

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Self-Contained Classroom	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Kindergarten-Grade 3	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary Certificate; -OR- Early Childhood Certificate; -OR- Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement <p>-AND-</p> <p>Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance¹:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- Reading Specialist K-8 or K-12 Endorsement
Grades 4-5	<p>Elementary Certificate</p> <p>-AND-</p> <p>Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- Reading Specialist K-8 or K-12 Endorsement
Grades 6-8	Elementary Certificate
Bilingual Classroom Kindergarten-Grade 3	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary Certificate; -OR- Early Childhood Certificate; -OR- Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement <p>-AND-</p> <p>Bilingual Endorsement</p> <p>-AND-</p> <p>Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- Reading Specialist K-8 or K-12 Endorsement
Bilingual Classroom Grades 4-5	<p>Elementary Certificate</p> <p>-AND-</p> <p>Bilingual Endorsement</p> <p>-AND-</p> <p>Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- Reading Specialist K-8 Endorsement

¹ Individuals who receive a teaching certificate in early childhood education, elementary education, middle grades education, or special education before August 1, 2025, are required to obtain a Literacy, K-5 endorsement or a Reading Specialist, K-8 or K-12 by **August 1, 2028**, if they are providing literacy instruction to students in kindergarten through grade five. Teachers who are certified **after** August 1, 2025, will be required to obtain the endorsement within three years of certificate issuance.

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Self-Contained Classroom	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Bilingual Classroom Grades 6-8	Elementary Certificate -AND- Bilingual Endorsement
Dual Language Immersion Classroom with no English learners Kindergarten-Grade 3	<p><u>One of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate; -OR- • Early Childhood Certificate; -OR- • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement <p>-AND-</p> <p><u>Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- • Reading Specialist K-8 or K-12 Endorsement <p>-Language Proficiency Verification (Recommended) - LEAs may require proof of proficiency in the partner language through one of the credentials described in Appendix D. This requirement is optional and does not affect the teacher's appropriately certified status.</p>
Dual Language Immersion Classroom with English learners Kindergarten-Grade 3	<p><u>One of the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate; -OR- • Early Childhood Certificate; -OR- • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement <p>-AND-</p> <p><u>One of the following endorsements:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional or Full SEI Endorsement; -OR- • Provisional or Full ESL Endorsement; -OR- • Full Bilingual Endorsement <p>-AND-</p> <p><u>Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- • Reading Specialist K-8 or K-12 Endorsement <p>-Language Proficiency Verification (Recommended) - LEAs may require proof of proficiency in the partner language through one of the credentials described in Appendix D. This requirement is optional and does not affect the teacher's appropriately certified status.</p>

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Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Dual Language Immersion Classroom with no English learners Grades 4-5	Elementary Certificate -AND- Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- Reading Specialist K-8 or K-12 Endorsement -Language Proficiency Verification (Recommended)- LEAs may require proof of proficiency in the partner language through one of the credentials described in Appendix D. This requirement is optional and does not affect the teacher's appropriately certified status.
Dual Language Immersion Classroom with English learners Grades 4-5	Elementary Certificate -AND- One of the following endorsements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provisional or Full SEI Endorsement; -OR- Provisional or Full ESL Endorsement; -OR- Full Bilingual Endorsement -AND- Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- Reading Specialist (K-8 or K-12) Endorsement -Language Proficiency Verification (Recommended)- LEAs may require proof of proficiency in the partner language through one of the credentials described in Appendix D. This requirement is optional and does not affect the teacher's appropriately certified status.
Dual Language Immersion Classroom with no English learners Grades 6-8	Elementary Certificate -Language Proficiency Verification (Recommended)- LEAs may require proof of proficiency in the partner language through one of the credentials described in Appendix D. This requirement is optional and does not affect the teacher's appropriately certified status.
Dual Language Immersion Classroom with English learners Grades 6-8	Elementary Certificate -AND- One of the following endorsements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provisional or Full SEI Endorsement; -OR- Provisional or Full ESL Endorsement; -OR- Full Bilingual Endorsement -Language Proficiency Verification (Recommended)- LEAs may require proof of proficiency in the partner language through one of the credentials described in Appendix D. This requirement is optional and does not affect the teacher's appropriately certified status.

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Self-Contained Classroom	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Gifted Classroom Kindergarten-Grade 3	<p><u>One</u> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate; -OR- • Early Childhood Certificate; -OR- • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement <p>-AND- Gifted Endorsement</p> <p>-AND- Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- • Reading Specialist (K-8 or K-12) Endorsement
Gifted Classroom Grades 4-5	<p>Elementary Certificate</p> <p>-AND- Gifted Endorsement</p> <p>-AND- Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- • Reading Specialist (K-8 or K-12) Endorsement
Gifted Classroom Grades 6-8	<p>Elementary Certificate</p> <p>-AND- Gifted Endorsement</p>
Structured English Immersion (SEI) Classroom or classroom with one or more English learners receiving Targeted and/or Integrated Instruction Kindergarten-Grade 3	<p><u>One</u> of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate; -OR- • Early Childhood Certificate; -OR- • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement <p>-AND- one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional or Full SEI Endorsement; -OR- • Provisional or Full ESL Endorsement; -OR- • Full Bilingual Endorsement <p>-AND- Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- • Reading Specialist (K-8 or K-12) Endorsement

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Self-Contained Classroom	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
SEI classroom or classroom with one or more English learners (ELs) receiving Targeted and/or Integrated Instruction (ELD) Grades 4-5	<p>Elementary Certificate</p> <p>-AND-</p> <p>One of the following endorsements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional or Full SEI Endorsement; -OR- • Provisional or Full ESL Endorsement; -OR- • Full Bilingual Endorsement <p>-AND-</p> <p>Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- • Reading Specialist (K-8 or K-12) Endorsement
SEI classroom or classroom with one or more English learners (ELs) receiving Targeted and/or Integrated Instruction (ELD) Grades 6-8	<p>Elementary Certificate</p> <p>-AND-</p> <p>One of the following endorsements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisional or Full SEI Endorsement; -OR- • Provisional or Full ESL Endorsement; -OR- • Full Bilingual Endorsement

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Kindergarten-Grade 8: Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement ²
Art Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, PreK-12 Endorsement³ • Elementary Certificate • Early Childhood Certificate • PreK-12 Art Education Certificate • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
Art Grade 4	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate • PreK-12 Art Education Certificate
Art Grade 5	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate: Art approved area • PreK-12 Art Education Certificate • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement and Art Approved Area
Art Grades 6-8	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate with an Art Approved Area • PreK-12 Art Education Certificate
Computer Science Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science, PreK-8 Endorsement • Computer Science, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate • Early Childhood Certificate • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
Computer Science Grade 4	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science, PreK-8 Endorsement • Computer Science, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate

² In addition to the Appropriately Certified Requirements listed in the table, teachers who have one or more English learners receiving Targeted and/or Integrated English Language Development (ELD) Instruction are required to hold a Provisional or full SEI endorsement, a Provisional or full ESL endorsement, or a full Bilingual endorsement.

³ Endorsements require a valid Arizona prerequisite teaching certificate. Please review the [Endorsement Requirements](#) on the ADE Certification website for details.

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Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirements
Computer Science Grade 5	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science, PreK-8 Endorsement • Computer Science, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate: Computer Science approved area • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement and Computer Science Approved Area
Computer Science Grades 6-8	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science, PreK-8 Endorsement • Computer Science, 6-12 Endorsement • Computer Science, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate: Computer Science approved area
Dance Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance, PreK-12 Endorsement • Early Childhood Certificate • Elementary Certificate • PreK-12 Dance Education Certificate • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
Dance Grade 4	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate • PreK-12 Dance Education Certificate
Dance Grade 5	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate: Dance Approved Area • PreK-12 Dance Education Certificate • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement: Dance Approved Area
Dance Grades 6-8	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate: Dance Approved Area • PreK-12 Dance Education Certificate

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirements
Drama/Theatre Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dramatic Arts, PreK-12 Endorsement • Early Childhood Certificate • Elementary Certificate • PreK-12 Theatre Education Certificate • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
Drama/Theatre Grade 4	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dramatic Arts, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate • PreK-12 Theatre Education Certificate
Drama/Theatre Grade 5	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dramatic Arts, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate: Drama/Theatre Approved Area • PreK-12 Theatre Education Certificate • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Drama/Theatre Approved Area
Drama/Theatre Grades 6-8	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dramatic Arts, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate: Drama/Theatre Approved Area • PreK-12 Theatre Education Certificate
Foreign Languages: See World Languages	
Language Arts Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Certificate • Elementary Certificate • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement -AND- Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- • Reading Specialist (K-8 or K-12) Endorsement
Language Arts Grade 4	Elementary Certificate -AND- Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- • Reading Specialist (K-8 or K-12) Endorsement

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Language Arts Grade 5	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Middle Grades Language Arts ○ English • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement and one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Middle Grades Language Arts ○ English <p>-AND- Obtain one of the following within three years of certificate issuance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy, K-5 Endorsement; -OR- • Reading Specialist (K-8 or K-12) Endorsement
Language Arts ⁴ Grades 6-8	<p>Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Grades Language Arts • English
Mathematics Kindergarten-Grade 3	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Certificate • Elementary Certificate • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
Mathematics Grade 4	Elementary Certificate
Mathematics Grade 5	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Middle Grades Mathematics ○ Middle Grades/Early Secondary Mathematics ○ Mathematics • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement and one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Middle Grades Mathematics ○ Middle Grades/Early Secondary Mathematics ○ Mathematics

⁴ A teacher assigned to an SEI classroom in grades 6-8, must hold the appropriate certificate with an approved area in Middle Grades Language Arts or English **and** a Provisional or Full SEI endorsement, a Provisional or Full ESL endorsement, or a full Bilingual endorsement.

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Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Mathematics Grades 6-8	Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Grades Mathematics • Middle Grades/Early Secondary Mathematics • Mathematics
Music Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Certificate • Elementary Certificate • Music, PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Music Education Certificate • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
Music Grade 4	One of the Following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Music, PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Music Education Certificate
Music Grade 5	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate: Music Approved Area • Music, PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Music Education Certificate • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement: Music Approved Area
Music Grades 6-8	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate: Music Approved Area • Music, PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Music Education Certificate
Native American Language Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Certificate • Elementary Certificate • Elementary World Language, K-8 Endorsement in the appropriate Native American Language • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement • Native American Language PreK-12 Certificate in the appropriate Native American Language
Native American Language Grade 4	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Elementary World Language, K-8 Endorsement in the appropriate Native American Language • Native American Language PreK-12 Certificate in the appropriate Native American Language

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Single Subject Classroom	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirements
Native American Language Grade 5	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate: Approved Area in the Native American Language • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Approved Area in the Native American Language • Native American Language, PreK-12 Certificate in the Native American language • Elementary World Language, K-8 Endorsement in the Native American language
Native American Language Grades 6-8	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate: Approved Area in the Native American Language • Elementary World Language, K-8 Endorsement in the Native American language • Native American Language, PreK-12 Certificate in the Native American Language
Physical Education Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Early Childhood Certificate • Physical Education, PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Physical Education Certificate • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
Physical Education Grade 4	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • PreK-12 Physical Education Certificate • Physical Education, PreK-12 Endorsement
Physical Education Grade 5	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate: Physical Education Approved Area • PreK-12 Physical Education Certificate • Physical Education, PreK-12 Endorsement • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Physical Education Approved Area

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Single Subject Classroom	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Physical Education Grades 6-8	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary Certificate: Physical Education Approved Area Physical Education, PreK-12 Endorsement PreK-12 Physical Education Certificate
Reading Specialist/Reading Interventionist Kindergarten-Grade 5	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Specialist, K-8 Endorsement Reading Specialist, K-12 Endorsement
Reading Specialist/Reading Interventionist Grades 6-8	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading Specialist, K-8 Endorsement Reading Specialist, 6-12 Endorsement Reading Specialist, K-12 Endorsement
Science Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Certificate Elementary Certificate Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
Science Grade 4	Elementary Certificate
Science Grade 5	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary Certificate Middle Grades Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle Grades General Science General Science Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement and one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle Grades General Science General Science Approved Area
Science Grades 6-8	Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Middle Grades General Science General Science
Social Studies Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Certificate Elementary Certificate Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
Social Studies Grade 4	Elementary Certificate

Kindergarten-Grade 8: Single Subject Classroom	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Social Studies Grade 5	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ History ○ Middle Grades Social Studies ○ Social Studies • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement and one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ History ○ Middle Grades Social Studies ○ Social Studies
Social Studies Grades 6-8	<p>Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate with <u>one</u> of the following approved areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • Middle Grades Social Studies • Social Studies
World Language other than English Grades K-3	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Certificate • Elementary World Language, K-8 Endorsement in the appropriate language • Elementary Certificate • Special Education Certificate with an Early Childhood Endorsement
World Language other than English Grade 4	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Elementary World Language, K-8 Endorsement in the appropriate language
World Languages other than English Grade 5	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate • Elementary World Language, K-8 Endorsement in the World Language • Middle Grades Certificate: Approved Area in the World Language • Secondary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Approved Area in the World Language
World Languages other than English Grades 6-8	<p>One of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary, Middle Grades, or Secondary Certificate: Approved Area in the World Language • Elementary World Language, K-8 Endorsement in the World Language

Grades ~~6-12~~ K-12 Career and Technical Education(CTE) Classroom

Grades K-12 Career and Technical Education Assignments	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
CTE Agriculture Grades 6-12 K-12	CTE Agriculture Certificate
CTE Business and Marketing Grades 6-12 K-12	CTE Business and Marketing Certificate
CTE Education and Training Grades 6-12 K-12	CTE Education and Training Certificate
CTE Family and Consumer Sciences Grades 6-12 K-12	CTE Family and Consumer Sciences Certificate
CTE Health Careers Grades 6-12 K-12	CTE Health Careers Certificate
CTE Industrial and Emerging Technologies Grades 6-12 K-12	CTE Industrial and Emerging Technologies Certificate
Notes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An appropriate CTE certificate is required for courses that are funded through the CTE Federal Perkins Grant. 2. Teachers assigned to a dual credit CTE classroom must hold the appropriate CTE certificate and the appropriate certificate, approved area, and/or endorsement to teach the academic subject. 3. For further information on CTE programs please visit http://www.azed.gov/cte/programs/. 	

Grades 9-12 Self-Contained Classroom

Grades 9-12 Self-Contained Classroom	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Self-Contained Classroom Grade 9	Middle Grades or Secondary Certificate (Any Approved Area)
Self-Contained Classroom Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate (Any Approved Area)

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom

Note: Career and Technical Education teaching assignments require the appropriate CTE certificate. CTE teachers are not required to meet the appropriately certified requirements indicated below unless they are teaching a dual credit class for both CTE and an academic subject course.

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Art (Visual Art) Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Art Approved Area • Art, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Art Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Art Approved Area • PreK-12 Art Education Certificate
Art (Visual Art) Grades 10-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Art Approved Area • Art, PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Art Education Certificate
Computer Science Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Computer Science Approved Area • Computer Science, 6-12 Endorsement • Computer Science, K-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Computer Science Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Computer Science Approved Area
Computer Science Grades 10-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Computer Science Approved Area • Computer Science, 6-12 Endorsement • Computer Science, K-12 Endorsement
Computer Applications Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Computer Science ○ Educational Technology/Technology • Computer Science, 6-12 Endorsement • Computer Science, K-12 Endorsement • Middle Grades Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Computer Science ○ Educational Technology/Technology • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement and one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Computer Science ○ Educational Technology/Technology

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Computer Applications Grades 10-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Computer Science ○ Educational Technology/Technology • Computer Science 6-12 Endorsement • Computer Science, K-12 Endorsement
Dance Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Dance Approved Area • Dance, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Dance Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Dance Approved Area • PreK-12 Dance Education Certificate
Dance Grades 10-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Dance Approved Area • Dance, PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Dance Education Certificate
Drama/Theatre Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Drama/Theatre Approved Area • Dramatic Arts, PreK-12 Endorsement • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Drama/Theatre Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Drama/Theatre Approved Area • PreK-12 Theatre Education Certificate
Drama/Theatre Grades 10-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Drama/Theatre Approved Area • Dramatic Arts, PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Theatre Education Certificate

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
English Language Arts ⁵ Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Middle Grades Language Arts
English Language Arts Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate: English Approved Area
English Language Arts: Humanities Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Middle Grades Language Arts • Humanities
English Language Arts: Humanities Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Humanities
English Language Arts: Journalism (Newspaper, Yearbook) Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Middle Grades Language Arts • Communications • Journalism

⁵ Any content teacher who has one or more English learners in a course that is designated as Integrated Instruction under an SEI Model must hold the appropriate SEI, ESL, or Bilingual Endorsement.

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
English Language Arts: Journalism (Newspaper, Yearbook) Grade 10	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Communications • Journalism
English Language Arts: Speech and Debate Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Middle Grades Language Arts • Speech • Communications
English Language Arts: Speech and Debate Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Speech • Communications
Foreign Languages: See World Languages other than English	
Health Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Health Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Health Approved Area • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Health Approved Area
Health Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate: Health Approved Area
Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Grades 9-12	Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Certificate
Mathematics Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement • Middle Grades Certificate -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Middle Grades/Early Secondary Mathematics • Middle Grades Mathematics

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Mathematics: Algebra I, Geometry, or less advanced mathematics Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics • Middle Grades/Early Secondary Mathematics
Mathematics: Algebra II, Trigonometry, Calculus, Statistics, or more advanced mathematics Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate: Mathematics Approved Area
Music Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Music Approved Area • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Music Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Music Approved Area • Music PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Music Education Certificate
Music Grades 10-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Music Approved Area • Music PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Music Education Certificate
Native American Language Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Approved Area in the Native American Language • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Approved Area in the Native American Language • Middle Grades Certificate: Approved Area in the Native American Language • Native American Language, PreK-12 Certificate in the Native American Language
Native American Language Grades 10-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Approved Area in the Native American Language • Native American Language, PreK-12 Certificate in the Native American Language
Physical Education Grades 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Physical Education Approved Area • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Physical Education Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Physical Education Approved Area • Physical Education PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Physical Education Certificate

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Physical Education Grades 10-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Physical Education Approved Area • Physical Education PreK-12 Endorsement • PreK-12 Physical Education Certificate
Reading Specialist/Reading Interventionist Grades 9-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Specialist, 6-12 Endorsement • Reading Specialist, K-12 Endorsement
Science: Anatomy and Physiology Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement • Middle Grades Certificate -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Anatomy and Physiology
Science: Anatomy and Physiology Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Anatomy and Physiology
Science: Biology Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Biology Approved Area • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement: Biology Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Biology Approved Area
Science: Biology Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate: Biology Approved Area
Science: Botany Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement • Middle Grades Certificate • Secondary Certificate -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Botany
Science: Botany Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Botany

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Science: Chemistry Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Chemistry Approved Area • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Chemistry Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Chemistry Approved Area
Science: Chemistry Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate: Chemistry Approved Area
Science: Earth Science ⁶ Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Earth Science Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Earth Science Approved Area • Secondary Certificate: Earth Science Approved Area
Science: Earth Science Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate: Earth Science Approved Area
Science: Environmental Science Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Environmental Science • Earth Science • General Science • Middle Grades General Science
Science: Environmental Science Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Environmental Science • Earth Science • General Science

⁶ Earth Science includes Astronomy, Earth and Space Science, Geology, Oceanography, Meteorology, and Physical Geography.

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Science: General Science ⁷ Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Science • Middle Grades General Science • Any other Science approved area
Science: General Science Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Science Approved Area • Any other Science Approved Area that is valid for grades 10-12
Science: Physical Science Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Physical Science Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Physical Science Approved Area • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Physical Science Approved Area
Science: Physical Science Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate: Physical Science Approved Area
Science: Physics Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Physics Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Physics Approved Area • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Physics Approved Area
Science: Physics Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate: Physics Approved Area
Science: Zoology Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Zoology

⁷ General Science includes Integrated Science and Forensic Science

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Science: Zoology Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology • Zoology
Social Studies: Anthropology Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Sociology • Social Studies • Middle Grades Social Studies
Social Studies: Anthropology Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Sociology • Social Studies
Social Studies: Economics Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics • Business • Social Studies • Middle Grades Social Studies
Social Studies: Economics Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics • Business • Social Studies

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Social Studies: Ethnic Studies ⁸ Grade 9	<p>One of the following certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement <p>-AND-</p> <p>One of the following approved areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic Studies • History • Middle Grades Social Studies • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies • Sociology
Social Studies: Ethnic Studies Grades 10-12	<p>Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic Studies • History • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies • Sociology
Social Studies: Gender Studies Grade 9	<p>One of the following certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement <p>-AND-</p> <p>One of the following approved areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Studies • History • Middle Grades Social Studies • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies • Sociology

⁸ Ethnic Studies refers to the study of the history, politics, economics, society, and/or culture of one or more ethnic groups in the United States. Examples of Ethnic Studies courses include African American Studies, Asian Studies, Chicano Studies, and Native American Studies.

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Social Studies: Gender Studies Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Studies • History • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies • Sociology
Social Studies: Geography Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Middle Grades Social Studies • Social Studies
Social Studies: Geography Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Social Studies
Social Studies: Global Studies ⁹ Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Studies • Anthropology • Ethnic Studies • History • Middle Grades Social Studies • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies • Sociology

⁹ Global Studies refers to the study of the history, politics, economics, society, and/or culture of one or more regions of the world. Examples include African Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, North and Latin American Studies, Asian Studies, East Asian Studies, European Studies, and Slavic Studies.

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Social Studies: Global Studies Gra 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Studies • Anthropology • Ethnic Studies • History • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies • Sociology
Social Studies: History Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • Social Studies • Middle Grades Social Studies
Social Studies: History Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • Social Studies
Social Studies: Philosophy Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy • History • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies • Middle Grades Social Studies
Social Studies: Philosophy Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophy • History • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Social Studies: Political Science/American Government Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies • Middle Grades Social Studies
Social Studies: Political Science/American Government Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Science/American Government • Social Studies
Social Studies: Psychology Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate: Psychology Approved Area • Middle Grades Certificate: Psychology Approved Area • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grades Endorsement: Psychology Approved Area
Social Studies: Psychology Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate: Psychology Approved Area
Social Studies: Sociology Grade 9	One of the following certificates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary Certificate • Middle Grades Certificate • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement -AND- One of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology • Anthropology • Ethnic Studies • Gender Studies • Global Studies • Middle Grades Social Studies • Social Studies
Social Studies: Sociology Grades 10-12	Secondary Certificate with one of the following approved areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthropology • Ethnic Studies • Gender Studies • Global Studies • Social Studies • Sociology

Grades 9-12 Single Subject Classroom	
Primary Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
World Languages other than English Grade 9	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Certificate with a Middle Grade Endorsement: Approved Area in the World Language • Middle Grades Certificate: Approved Area in the World Language • Secondary Certificate: Approved Area in the World Language
World Languages other than English Grades 10-12	Secondary: Approved Area in the World Language

Special Education Teaching Assignments, Birth-Grade 12

Glossary of Terms: Special Education Teaching Assignments

Hearing Impaired: An assignment as a special education teacher providing services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Special Education Early Childhood: An assignment as a special education teacher providing services to students in birth through grade three who have been identified with one or more of the following disability categories: autism, developmental disability, emotional disability, mild intellectual disability, moderate intellectual disability, severe intellectual disability, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, preschool severe delay, specific learning disability and/or traumatic brain injury.

Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities: An assignment as a special education teacher providing services to students who have been identified with one or more of the following disability categories: mild/moderate autism, developmental disability, emotional disability, mild intellectual disability, moderate intellectual disability, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability and/or traumatic brain injury.

Special Education Moderate/Severe Disabilities: An assignment as a special education teacher providing services to students who have been identified with one or more of the following disability categories: autism, moderate intellectual disabilities, severe intellectual disabilities, traumatic brain injury, emotional disability, orthopedic impairments, and/or other health impairments.

Visually Impaired: An assignment as a special education teacher providing services to students who are blind or have visual impairments.

Additional Requirements for Special Education Teachers

In addition to the appropriately certified requirements described in this section, special education teachers must hold the same endorsement and/or approved area required for a general education teacher. Specifically:

- **English learners:** Special education teachers who have one or more English learners receiving Targeted and/or Integrated English Language Development (ELD) Instruction are required to hold a Provisional or full SEI endorsement, a Provisional or full ESL endorsement, or a full Bilingual endorsement.
- **Single Subject, Grades 6-12:** A special education teacher assigned to a single subject, grades six through twelve classroom must hold an approved area or endorsement in the primary subject area(s) that they teach.
- **Literacy instruction in K-5:** A special education teacher who provides literacy instruction to students in kindergarten through grade five must obtain one of the following **within three years** of certificate issuance:
 - Literacy, K-5 Endorsement
 - Reading Specialist K-8 Endorsement
 - Reading Specialist, K-12 Endorsement¹⁰

¹⁰ Individuals who receive a teaching certificate in early childhood education, elementary education, middle grades education, or special education before August 1, 2025, are required to obtain a Literacy, K-5 endorsement or a Reading Specialist, K-8 or K-12 by **August 1, 2028**, if they are providing English language arts instruction to students in kindergarten through grade five. Teachers who are certified **after** August 1, 2025, will be required to obtain the endorsement within three years of certificate issuance. The local school district will be responsible for ensuring teachers who provide English language arts instruction obtain the endorsement within the three-year timeframe.

Special Education: Birth-Grade 12	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Hearing Impaired Birth-Preschool	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 Certificate Standard Professional Teaching Certificate and a Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement
Special Education Early Childhood Birth-Preschool	One of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Special Education Certificate Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, or Special Education LD Certificate and an Early Childhood Education Endorsement Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, or Special Education LD Certificate and an Early Childhood Education Certificate
Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities Birth- Preschool	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Special Education Certificate Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, or Special Education LD Certificate and an Early Childhood Education endorsement Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, or Special Education LD Certificate and an Early Childhood Education Certificate Standard Professional teaching Certificate and a Provisional or full Mild/Moderate Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement
Special Education Moderate/Severe Disabilities Birth- Preschool	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Special Education Certificate Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, or Special Education LD Certificate and an Early Childhood Education endorsement Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, or Special Education LD Certificate and an Early Childhood Education Certificate Standard Professional teaching Certificate and a Provisional or full Moderate/Severe Disabilities, PreK-12 Endorsement
Visually Impaired Birth- Preschool	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 Certificate Standard Professional Teaching Certificate and a Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement

Special Education: Kindergarten-Grade 3	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Hearing Impaired Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hearing Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 Certificate Standard Professional teaching Certificate and a Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement
Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Special Education Certificate Mild-Moderate Disabilities Certificate Cross-Categorical Certificate Special Education ID Certificate Special Education LD Certificate Special Education ED Certificate Moderate/Severe Disabilities Certificate and an Early Childhood Education Endorsement Moderate/Severe Disabilities Certificate and an Early Childhood Education Certificate Standard Professional teaching Certificate and a Provisional or full Mild/Moderate Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement
Special Education Moderate/Severe Disabilities Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood Special Education Certificate Moderate/Severe Disabilities Certificate Special Education ID Certificate Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education LD, or Special Education ED Certificate and an Early Childhood Education endorsement Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ED or Special Education LD Certificate and an Early Childhood Education Certificate Standard Professional teaching Certificate and a Provisional or full Moderate/Severe Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement
Visually Impaired Kindergarten-Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 Certificate Standard Professional teaching Certificate and a Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement

Special Education: Grades 4-12	
Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Hearing Impaired Grades 4-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearing Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 Certificate • Standard Professional teaching Certificate with a Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement
Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities Grades 4-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild-Moderate Disabilities • Cross-Categorical Special Education • Special Education ID • Special Education LD • Special Education ED • Standard Professional teaching Certificate with a Provisional or full Mild/Moderate Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement
Special Education Moderate/Severe Disabilities Grades 4-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate/Severe Disabilities Certificate • Special Education ID • Standard Professional teaching Certificate with a Provisional or full Moderate/Severe Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement
Visually Impaired Grades 4-12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 Certificate • Standard Professional teaching Certificate with a Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement

Appendix A: Teaching Certificates that meet Appropriately Certified Requirements

Certificate Types ¹¹	Certificate Areas'
Alternative Teaching Classroom Based Standard Teaching International Teaching Standard Professional Teaching Student Teaching Intern	Early Childhood, Birth-Grade 3 Elementary, K-8 Middle Grades, 5-9 PreK-12 Art Education PreK-12 Dance Education PreK-12 Music Education PreK-12 Physical Education PreK-12 Theatre Education Secondary, 6-12 Special Education Cross Categorical, K-12 ¹² Special Education: Early Childhood Special Education. Birth-Grade 3 Special Education: Emotional Disability (ED), K-12 Special Education: Hearing Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 Special Education: Intellectual Disability (ID), K-12 Special Education: Learning Disability (LD), K-12 Special Education: Mild/Moderate Disabilities, K-12 Special Education: Moderate/Severe Disabilities, K-12 Special Education: Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12
Subject Matter Expert Standard	Secondary, 6-12
Specialized Secondary STEM	Secondary, 6-12
Native American Language, PreK-12	N/A
Standard Career and Technical Education (CTE) Standard Specialized CTE	CTE Agriculture CTE Business and Marketing CTE Education and Training CTE Family and Consumer Sciences CTE Health Careers CTE Industrial and Emerging Technologies
Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)	N/A

¹¹ A teacher may be considered appropriately certified if they hold **one** of the certificate types listed below and the required certificate area, approved area, or endorsement for their assignment.

¹² No new applications have been accepted for the Special Education Cross-Categorical, ED, ID, LD, or OI/OHI certificates since January 1, 2016. Individuals who were issued these certificates prior to January 1, 2016, may continue to renew the certificate if they meet the applicable renewal requirements.

Accounting*
 Akimel O’odham
 American Sign Language
 American Indian Language
 Anatomy and Physiology
 Anthropology
 Apache
 Arabic
 Art
 Balto-Slavic Language
 Biology
 Botany
 Business*
 Celtic Language
 Chemistry
 Chinese-Mandarin
 Cocopah
 Communications
 Computer Science*
 Criminal Justice*
 Dance
 Drama/Theatre
 Earth Science
 East Asian Language
 Economics
 Educational Technology/Technology
 Engineering*
 English
 Environmental Science
 Ethnic Studies
 Family and Consumer Sciences*
 Filipino

Appendix B: Certification Approved Areas

French	Music
Gender Studies	Navajo
General Science	Non-Semitic African Language
Geography	Philosophy
German	Photography*
Global Studies	Physical Education
Greek	Physical Science
Havasupai-Hualapai	Physics
Health	Piipaash
Hebrew	Political Science/American Government
History	Portuguese
Hopi	Psychology
Humanities	Quechan/Yuma
Indic Language	Recreation
Industrial Arts*	Romance/Italic Language
Industrial Technology*	Russian
Italian	Semitic and Middle Eastern Languages
Iranian/Persian Language	Social Studies
Japanese	Sociology
Journalism*	Southeast Asian Language
Korean	Spanish
Latin	Speech
Malayo-Polynesian Language	Swahili
Marketing*	Tohono O’odham
Mathematics	Turkic/Ural Altaic Language
Media Arts	Turkish
Middle Grades General Science	Urdu
Middle Grades Language Arts	Ute
Middle Grades Mathematics	Vietnamese
Middle Grades Social Studies	Yaqui
Middle Grades/Early Secondary Mathematics	Yavapai
Mohave	Zoology

*This subject is frequently taught through a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. Teachers assigned to a CTE classroom must hold an appropriate CTE certificate.

Appendix C: Certification Endorsements

Unless otherwise specified, “Teaching Certificate” means a valid Arizona Standard Professional Teaching Certificate, Classroom-Based Standard Teaching Certificate, or International Teaching Certificate. “PreK-12 Teaching Certificate” refers to the PreK-12 Art Education, PreK-12 Dance Education, PreK-12 Music Education, PreK-12 Physical Education, and PreK-12 Theatre Education certificates.

Endorsement	Required Certificate	Authorization
Art, PreK-12	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach Art in PreK-Grade 12
Bilingual Endorsement	Standard Professional Teaching, Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching, Specialized Secondary STEM, Classroom-Based Standard Teaching, International Teaching, Alternative Teaching, Student Teaching Intern, Career and Technical Education, Supervisor, Principal, or Superintendent Certificate	Authorizes the holder to provide Bilingual instruction in the area they are appropriately certified to teach
Computer Science, PreK-8	Standard Professional Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, Special Education, or PreK-12 Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach Computer Science in PreK-Grade 8
Computer Science, 6-12	Standard Professional Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, or PreK-12 Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach Computer Science in grades 6-12
Computer Science, PreK-12	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach Computer Science in PreK-Grade 12
Cooperative Education	Career and Technical Education Certificate	Authorizes the holder to coordinate or teach Career and Technical Cooperative Education
Dance, PreK-12	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach Dance in PreK-12

Endorsement	Required Certificate	Authorization
Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Birth-Grade 12	Standard Professional Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education (excludes Hearing Impaired) Certificate .	Authorizes the holder to teach deaf/hard of hearing special education in birth-grade 12
Dramatic Arts, PreK-12	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach Dramatic Arts in PreK-12
Drivers Education	Standard Professional Teaching, Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching Certificate, Specialized Secondary Teaching Certificate, Classroom-Based Standard Teaching Certificate, International Teaching Certificate, or Career and Technical Education Certificate	Optional endorsement which authorizes the holder to teach Driver's Education courses
Early Childhood Education, Birth-Grade 3	Elementary or Special Education Teaching Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorizes the holder for a self-contained, general education Birth-Grade 3 classroom • When added to a Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, or Specialized Special Education (ID, ED, LD, or OI/OHI) also authorizes the holder to teach Early Childhood Special Education, Birth-Grade 3
Elementary World Language, K-8	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach a world language other than English in grades K-8
English as a Second Language (ESL), PreK-12	Standard Professional Teaching, Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching, Specialized Secondary STEM, Classroom-Based Standard Teaching, International Teaching, Alternative Teaching, Student Teaching Intern, Career and Technical Education, Supervisor, Principal, or Superintendent Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach one or more English language learners in the area they are appropriately certified to teach.
Gifted Education, PreK-12	Standard Professional Teaching or International Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to be a gifted education teacher in the area they are appropriately certified to teach

Endorsement	Required Certificate	Authorization
Library-Media Specialist, PreK-12	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education	Optional endorsement for School Library-Media Specialists
Literacy, K-5	Alternative Teaching, International Teaching Certificate , Classroom-Based Standard Teaching Certificate , or Standard Professional teaching Certificate in early childhood, elementary, middle grades education, or special education	Authorizes the holder to provide English language arts instruction to students in kindergarten through grade five. A Literacy, K-5 endorsement, or a Reading Specialist, K-8 or K-12 endorsement, will be required by August 1, 2028, for teachers certified on or before August 1, 2025. Individuals certified after August 1, 2025, will be required to add the endorsement within three years of certificate issuance.
Mathematics Specialist, K-8	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Optional, but recommended endorsement for the position of mathematics specialist, consultant, interventionist, or coach
Middle Grades, 5-9	Elementary or Secondary Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach the approved subject area(s) on their certificate in grades 5-9
Mild/Moderate Disabilities, PreK-12	Standard Professional Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Early Childhood or Special Education (excludes Mild/Moderate Disabilities)	Authorizes the holder to teach mild/moderate special education in PreK-12
Moderate/Severe Disabilities, PreK-12	Standard Professional Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Early Childhood or Special Education (excludes Moderate/Severe Disabilities) Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach moderate/severe special education in PreK-12
Music, PreK-12	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach Music PreK-12.
Physical Education, PreK-12	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach Physical Education, PreK-12

Endorsement	Required Certificate	Authorization
Reading Specialist, K-8	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder for the position of Reading Specialist, Reading Coach, and Reading Interventionist in grades K-8
Reading Specialist, 6-12	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder for the position of Reading Specialist, Reading Coach, and Reading Interventionist in grades 6-12
Reading Specialist, K-12	Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Secondary, or Special Education Teaching Certificate	Authorizes the holder for the position of Reading Specialist, Reading Coach, and Reading Interventionist in grades K-12
Structured English Immersion (SEI), PreK-12	Standard Professional Teaching, Subject Matter Expert Standard Teaching, Specialized Secondary STEM, Classroom-Based Standard Teaching, International Teaching, Alternative Teaching, Student Teaching Intern, Career and Technical Education, Supervisor, Principal, or Superintendent Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach English learners in the area they appropriately certified to teach
Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12	Standard Professional Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Grades, Early Childhood or Special Education (excludes Visually Impaired) Certificate	Authorizes the holder to teach visually impaired special education in birth-grade 12

Appendix D: Recommended Exam/Credential for Dual Language Immersion Teachers

Teachers assigned to a self-contained dual language immersion classroom (K-8) are not required to have an approved area or endorsement in the language of instruction. The Department recommends that LEAs require one of the exams or other credentials listed below as a condition of employment for dual language immersion teachers. This requirement is optional and does not impact the appropriately certified status of the teacher.

World Language Exams

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Language(s)</u>	<u>Passing Standard</u>	<u>Link to information</u>
<u>American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Exams</u>	<u>Multiple Languages</u>	<u>Advanced Low on the Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Proficiency Test.</u>	<u>https://www.actfl.org/assessments/post-secondary-assessments</u>
<u>Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessments (AEPA or NES)</u>	<u>NES Exams: Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Spanish</u>	<u>The National Benchmark score of 220</u>	<u>https://www.aepa.nesinc.com/Home.aspx</u>
<u>Arizona Classroom Spanish Proficiency Exam (administered through Arizona public universities)</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>A minimum of 70% on both the oral and written sections.</u>	<u>ASU: https://silc.asu.edu/learning-support-services/placement-testing/az-spanish-proficiency NAU https://in.nau.edu/departments-global-languages-cultures/resources/placement-and-proficiency-exams/ UA: https://education.arizona.edu/spanish-proficiency-exam</u>
<u>Gallaudet University American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI)</u>	<u>American Sign Language</u>	<u>A minimum score of 3+ on the</u>	<u>https://gallaudet.edu/american-sign-language-proficiency-interview-aslpi/</u>
<u>Rochester Institute of Technology Sign Language Proficiency Interview (SLPI: ASL)</u>	<u>American Sign Language</u>	<u>A minimum score of Advanced on the</u>	<u>https://www.rit.edu/ntid/slpi</u>

Other World Language Credentials

<u>Credential</u>	<u>Languages</u>	<u>Documentation of Language Proficiency</u>	<u>Link to Information</u>
<u>A bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in the world language from an accredited postsecondary institution (college or university)</u>	<u>Multiple Language</u>	<u>Official transcripts or a Department-approved foreign credential evaluation posting the world language degree and date awarded</u>	<p><u>To verify a U.S. college or university is accredited visit https://ope.ed.gov/dapip/#/home</u></p> <p><u>For degrees earned at a foreign college or university a Department-approved foreign credential evaluation agency may be used to verify a degree with equivalent accreditation</u></p>
<u>Verification of Native American Language Proficiency</u>	<u>Arizona Native American Languages: Apache, Cocopah, Havasupai-Hualapai, Hopi, Mohave, Navajo, Piipaash, Quechan/Yuma, Tohono O'odham, Ute, Yaqui, Yavapai</u>	<u>Verification of proficiency in the Native American Language from the person, persons, or entity designated by the appropriate tribe.</u>	<u>Contact the appropriate Tribal Education Department official responsible for verifying language proficiency.</u>