

Educator Licensure & Preparation Operating Procedures

District & School Endorsement Flexibility

Tennessee districts and schools may exercise limited flexibility according to the following table:

Grade-level of Endorsement Held	Flexibility to Teach
Pre-K-3	Any course in grade 4 in a school that includes grade 3
K-5	Any course in grade 6 in a school that includes grade 5
6-8	Courses in grade 5 in the same content area as the 6-8 endorsement
6-12	Courses in grade 5 in the same content area as the 6-12 endorsement
7-12	Courses in grade 5 in the same content area as the 6-12 endorsement

5.502(3)(a)(2) Additional Endorsements Added by Content Assessments-Only

Educators may apply for additional endorsements by content assessments only, for each endorsement an educator is seeking to add, if all of the following criteria are met.

Educators who are eligible to apply for an additional endorsement by content assessments-only:

1. completed an approved educator preparation program;
2. hold an active Tennessee educator license; **and**
3. obtained qualifying scores on all state-required content assessments that are:
 - a. submitted to the department directly by the assessment administrator (e.g.; ETS or Pearson);
 - b. those assessments and scores required at the time of application for the additional endorsement (qualifying scores on assessments no longer used may not be used for the purpose of adding endorsements by test only); **and**
 - c. no more than five (5) years old at the time of application for additional endorsement. In limited cases, the department may accept qualifying scores related to the teaching of reading, general special education core, or elementary content that are greater than five (5) years old.

The following table lists endorsements that may be added by assessments-only. Educators seeking an additional endorsement not listed in the table below must receive a recommendation from an approved educator preparation provider verifying that the requirements for completion of an approved additional endorsement program are met. Educators who completed an approved program of study in a state other than Tennessee must upload an Out-of-State Verification of Completion Form as an attachment in TNCompass to support an application for additional endorsement.

Endorsement Held		Additional Endorsement Options by Content Assessments-Only
Category (Grade Span)	Content Area	
College, Career, & Technical Education Academic Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12)	Agribusiness Agriscience Business Education Business Technology Early Childcare and Services Economics Family and Consumer Science Food Production and Management Services Marketing Tech- Engineering	College, Career, & Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) World Languages (6-12 only)
Core Academic Middle Grades (4-8; 6-8)	English/Language Arts Mathematics Middle Grades Education Science Social Studies	Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only)

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Core Academic Middle Grades (4-8; 6-8)	English/Language Arts Mathematics Middle Grades Education Science Social Studies	Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only)

Endorsement Held		Additional Endorsement Options by Content Assessments-Only
Category (Grade Span)	Content Area	
Core Academic Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12; 7-12)	Biology Chemistry Earth Science Economics English Geography Government History Mathematics Physics Psychology Sociology Speech Communication	College, Career, & Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle & Secondary Grades (6-12 only) World Languages (6-12 only)
Early Childhood Education (pre-K-3; pre-K-K)	Early Childhood Education Early Development/ Learning	Early Childhood Education (pre-K-K only) N/A
Elementary Education (K-6; K-5)	Elementary Education	N/A
Fine Arts (K-12)	Computer Science Dance Instrumental/General Music Theatre Visual Arts Vocal/General Music	Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) College, Career, & Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Fine Arts (All) Physical Education and Health (All)

Endorsement Held		Additional Endorsement by Content Assessments-Only
Category (Grade Span)	Content Area	
Library Information Specialist (pre-K-12)	Library Information Specialist	College, Career, & Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) Fine Arts (All) Physical Education and Health (All)
Physical Education and Health (K-12)	Health and Wellness Physical Education	College, Career, & Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) Fine Arts (All) Physical Education and Health (All)

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Category (Grade Span)	Content Area	
Reading Specialist (pre-K-12)	Reading Specialist	College, Career, & Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) Fine Arts (All) Physical Education and Health (All)
Special Populations (pre-K-12)	Speech/Language Teacher	N/A

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Category (Grade Span)	Content Area	
Special Populations Special Education (K-12)	Special Education Comprehensive Special Education Modified	College, Career, & Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) Elementary Education (K-5 only) Fine Arts (All) Physical Education and Health (All) Special Populations Early Childhood Education (pre-K-3) Gifted Education pre-K-12 Special Education Comprehensive (K-12) Hearing (pre-K-12) Interventionist (K-8) Interventionist (6-12) Vision (pre-K-12)

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Category (Grade Span)	Content Area	
Special Populations Special Education (K-8)	Special Education Interventionist	Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Elementary Education (K-5 only) Special Populations Early Childhood Education (pre-K-3) Gifted Education pre-K-12 Special Education Hearing (pre-K-12) Vision pre-K-12)
Special Populations Special Education (6-12)	Special Education Interventionist	College, Career, & Technical Education Academic Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) Special Populations Gifted Education pre-K-12 Special Education Hearing pre-K-12 Vision pre-K-12
Special Populations Special Education (pre-K-12)	Special Education Hearing Special Education Vision Gifted Education	N/A

Endorsement Held		Additional Endorsement Options by Content Assessments-Only
Category (Grade Span)	Content Area	
Special Populations English as a Second Language (pre-K-12)	English as a Second Language	College, Career, & Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (9-12) Fine Arts (All) Physical Education and Health (All)
Special Populations Early Childhood Education (pre-K-3)	Special Education Early Childhood	N/A
World Languages All Grades (pre-K-12)	Arabic American Sign Language Chinese French German Greek Japanese Latin Other Foreign Language Russian Spanish	College, Career, Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) Fine Arts (All) Physical Education and Health (All) World Languages – Secondary (6-12)

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World Languages Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12; 7-12)	Arabic American Sign Language Chinese French German Greek Japanese Latin Other Foreign Language Russian Spanish	College, Career, & Technical Education Academic (All) Secondary Grades (6-12; 9-12) Core Academic Middle Grades (6-8 only) Middle and Secondary Grades (6-12 only) World Languages All (pre-K-12) Secondary (6-12)