

Text of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC

Chapter 233. Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

§233.1. General Authority.

- (a) In this chapter, the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) establishes separate certificate categories within the certificate class for the classroom teacher established under §232.2(b)(3) of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates).
- (b) For purposes of authorizing a person to be employed by a school district under the Texas Education Code, §21.003(a), a certificate category identifies:
 - (1) the content area or the special student population the holder may teach;
 - (2) the grade levels the holder may teach; and
 - (3) the earliest date the certificate may be issued.
- (c) Unless provided otherwise in this title, the content area and grade level of a certificate category as well as the standards underlying the certification examination for each category are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills curriculum adopted by the State Board of Education.
- (d) A category includes both a standard certificate and the related emergency or temporary credential. A category may comprise a standard base certificate or a supplemental certificate. A supplemental certificate may be issued only to a person who already holds the appropriate standard base certificate.
- (e) A person must satisfy all applicable requirements and conditions under this title and other law to be issued a certificate in a category. A person seeking an initial certification must pass the appropriate grade level of pedagogy and professional responsibility certification examination and the appropriate content subject examination(s) for the certification sought as established by the SBEC. A person completing requirements for a standard certificate using a score on an examination that has been eliminated must apply for certification not later than one year following the examination date upon which the person passed the examination. Exceptions may be granted for a period of two years after the elimination of the examination for catastrophic illness of the educator or an immediate family member or military service of the applicant.
- (f) A person seeking a languages other than English certificate valid for Early Childhood-Grade 12 specified in §233.15 of this title (relating to Languages Other Than English) must successfully complete an approved oral or communication proficiency examination in the target language in addition to the appropriate grade level of pedagogy and professional responsibility and content subject examinations as specified in subsection (e) of this section.
- (g) A holder of a certificate valid for Grades 4-8 may teach technology applications in Grades 4-8 if integrated within an academic course or through interdisciplinary methodology in those subjects that the individual is certified to teach. The school district is responsible for ensuring that the educator has the appropriate technology applications knowledge and skills to teach the course(s) to which he or she is assigned. If Technology Applications is taught as a separate course, the educator shall be required to hold an appropriate technology applications certificate as specified in §233.5 of this title (relating to Technology Applications and Computer Science).
- (h) The general assignment descriptions in this chapter are subject to the specific provisions [Provisions] for the assignment of a holder of a certificate [in this chapter are specified] in §231.1 of this title (relating to Criteria for Assignment of Public School Personnel), and in the event of any conflict with this chapter, §231.1 of this title shall prevail.

§233.2. Generalist.

- (a) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 4. The Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 4 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on September 1, 2011. The holder of the Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 4 certificate may teach the following content areas in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-4:

- (1) Art;
 - (2) Health;
 - (3) Music;
 - (4) Physical Education;
 - (5) English Language Arts and Reading;
 - (6) Mathematics;
 - (7) Science;
 - (8) Social Studies; and
 - (9) Technology Applications.
- (b) Generalist: Grades 4-8. The Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Generalist: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach the following content areas in Grades 4-8:
- (1) English Language Arts and Reading;
 - (2) Mathematics;
 - (3) Science; and
 - (4) Social Studies.
- (c) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2008. The holder of the Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may teach the following content areas in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-6:
- (1) Art;
 - (2) Health;
 - (3) Music;
 - (4) Physical Education;
 - (5) English Language Arts and Reading;
 - (6) Mathematics;
 - (7) Science;
 - (8) Social Studies; and
 - (9) Technology Applications.

~~[(d) The holder of the Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 4, Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 4, or English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 4 certificates may be assigned to teach the content areas specified in subsection (a) of this section in a self-contained classroom in Grades 5 and 6 during the school years 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007. Standard certificate holders assigned prior to the 2007-2008 school year, in accordance with this subsection, may remain in these assignments, at the discretion of the employing school districts, through the 2009-2010 school year.]~~

~~[(1) The superintendent of a school district or designee must report the assignment to the State Board for Educator Certification in a manner approved by the Texas Education Agency staff.]~~

~~[(2) The superintendent or designee must affirm:]~~

~~[(A) the school district's efforts to recruit and employ a fully certified and qualified teacher for the assignment, including the reason for determining as unqualified each appropriately certified applicant. The district must maintain documentation of its recruiting efforts for a period of two years from the date of the making of the record;]~~

~~[(B) — that the holder of one of the certificates specified in this subsection will be provided with a trained mentor for the entire period of the assignment to help the person perform effectively in the assignment; and]~~

~~[(C) — that written consent has been obtained from the holder of one of the certificates specified in this subsection prior to assignment to self-contained classes in Grades 5 or 6.]~~

~~[(i) — A teacher who refuses to consent to assignment under the provisions of this subsection may not be terminated, nonrenewed, or otherwise retaliated against because of the teacher's refusal to consent to the assignment.]~~

~~[(ii) — A teacher's refusal to consent to the assignment under the provisions of this subsection shall not impair a school district's right to implement a necessary reduction in force or other personnel action in accordance with school district policy.]~~

~~[(3) — Individuals assigned to self-contained classrooms in Grades 5 and 6 under the provisions of this subsection are subject to the provisions of the Texas Education Code, §21.057.]~~

~~[(4) — The provisions of this subsection shall expire on August 1, 2010. The provisions of this subsection include 2009-2010 summer school programs and exclude programs beginning in fall 2010.]~~

§233.3. English Language Arts and Reading; Social Studies.

- (a) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8. The English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach English language arts and reading in Grades 4-8.
- (b) Social Studies: Grades 4-8. The Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach social studies in Grades 4-8.
- (c) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8. The English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach English language arts and reading, and social studies in Grades 4-8.
- (d) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12. The English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach English language arts and reading in Grade 8 and all English language arts and reading courses in Grades 9-12, excluding journalism and speech courses.
- (e) Social Studies: Grades 8-12. The Social Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Social Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach social studies in Grade 8 and all social studies and economics courses in Grades 9-12.
- (f) History: Grades 8-12. The History: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the History: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach social studies in Grade 8 and all history courses in Grades 9-12.
- (g) Journalism: Grades 8-12. The Journalism: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Journalism: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach all journalism courses in Grades 8-12.
- ~~(h) Speech: Grades 7-12. The Speech: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Speech: Grades 7-12 certificate is eligible to teach all speech courses in Grades 7-12.~~
- ~~(i) ~~(h)~~ Speech: Grades 8-12. The Speech: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Speech: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach all speech courses in Grades 8-12.~~

§233.4. Mathematics; Science.

- (a) Mathematics: Grades 4-8. The Mathematics: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Mathematics: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach mathematics in Grades 4-8, including Algebra I for high school credit.
- (b) Science: Grades 4-8. The Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach science in Grades 4-8.
- (c) Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8. The Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach mathematics and science in Grades 4-8.
- (d) Mathematics: Grades 8-12. The Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach mathematics in Grade 8 and all mathematics courses in Grades 9-12.
- (e) Science: Grades 8-12. The Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach science in Grade 8 and all science courses [~~including Principles of Technology I and II, and all health science technology courses for which science credit is given~~] in Grades 9-12. [~~All teachers assigned to teach Principles of Technology I and II shall participate in a Texas Education Agency (TEA) approved workshop for beginning principles of technology teachers prior to teaching the course.~~]
- (f) Life Science: Grades 8-12. The Life Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Life Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach science in Grade 8 and all biology [~~courses~~], environmental systems, environmental science, and aquatic science [~~sciences, and all health science technology~~] courses [~~for which science credit is given~~] in Grades 9-12.
- (g) Physical Science: Grades 8-12. The Physical Science: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002. The holder of the Physical Science: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach science in Grade 8 and all physics and chemistry courses, including Integrated Physics and Chemistry, [~~Principles of Technology I and II, and Scientific Research and Design,~~] in Grades 9-12. [~~All teachers assigned to teach Principles of Technology I and II shall participate in a TEA approved workshop for beginning principles of technology teachers prior to teaching the course.~~]
- (h) Physics/Mathematics: Grades 8-12. The Physics/Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Physics/Mathematics: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach mathematics in Grade 8 and all mathematics courses in Grades 9-12. The holder may also teach science in Grade 8 [~~and~~] and all physics courses [~~Principles of Technology I and II, and Scientific Research and Design~~] in Grades 9-12. [~~All teachers assigned to teach Principles of Technology I and II shall participate in a TEA approved workshop for beginning principles of technology teachers prior to teaching the course.~~]
- (i) Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12. The Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach mathematics in Grade 8 and all mathematics courses in Grades 9-12. The holder is also eligible to teach science in Grade 8 and [~~and~~] all physics and chemistry courses, **including Integrated Physics and Chemistry**, [~~including Integrated Physics and Chemistry, and all of the technology education courses, including Principles of Technology I and II, in Grades 8-12, and Scientific Research and Design~~] in Grades 9-12. [~~All teachers assigned to teach Principles of Technology I and II shall participate in a TEA approved workshop for beginning principles of technology teachers prior to teaching the course.~~]
- (j) Chemistry: Grades 8-12. The Chemistry: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Chemistry: Grades 8-12 certificate is eligible to teach science in Grade 8 and all chemistry courses in Grades 9-12.

§233.12. Career and Technical Education (Certificates not requiring experience and preparation in a skill area).

- (a) Technology Education: Grades 6-12. The Technology Education: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Technology Education: Grades 6-12 certificate may teach all technology education courses [~~including Principles of Technology I and II,~~] in Grades 6-12. [~~All teachers assigned to teach Principles of Technology I and II shall participate in a Texas Education Agency (TEA) approved workshop for beginning principles of technology teachers prior to teaching the course. Technology education teachers must also complete six semester hours of college physics prior to assignment to teach Principles of Technology I and II.~~]
- (b) Family and Consumer Sciences, Composite: Grades 6-12. The Family and Consumer Sciences, Composite: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Family and Consumer Sciences, Composite: Grades 6-12 certificate may teach all family and consumer sciences courses [~~including Skills for Living,~~] in Grades 6-12.
- (c) Human Development and Family Studies: Grades 8-12. The Human Development and Family Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Human Development and Family Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach the specific courses in Grades 8-12 listed in §231.1 of this title (relating to Criteria for Assignment of Public School Personnel). [~~following family and consumer science courses in Grades 8-12: Individual and Family Life, Family Health Needs, Services for Older Adults, Child Development, Preparation for Parenting, and Child Care and Guidance, Management, and Services.~~]
- (d) Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences: Grades 8-12. The Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004. The holder of the Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences: Grades 8-12 certificate may teach the specific courses in Grades 8-12 listed in §231.1 of this title. [~~following family and consumer science courses in Grades 8-12: Nutrition and Food Science, Food Science and Technology, Institutional Maintenance Management and Services, Hospitality Services, and Food Production, Management, and Services.~~]
- ~~(e) Teachers assigned to Career Investigation and Career Connections courses must hold teacher certification in any of the Career and Technical Education program areas, and shall participate in a TEA approved two-hour workshop for beginning Career Investigation and Career Connections teachers prior to teaching the course. Teachers must also attend and participate in a TEA sponsored Career and Technical Education Professional Development Conference prior to assignment.~~
- (e) [~~(f)~~] Agricultural Science and Technology: Grades 6-12. The Agricultural Science and Technology: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the Agricultural Science and Technology: Grades 6-12 certificate is eligible to teach all agricultural science and technology courses in Grades 6-12 [~~including Introductory Horticulture and Introductory Agricultural Mechanics~~] .
- (f) [~~(g)~~] Business Education: Grades 6-12. The Business Education: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 8, 2006. The holder of the Business Education: Grades 6-12 certificate may teach all business education courses in Grades 6-12, excluding economics courses. [~~Teachers are encouraged to attend and participate in a TEA sponsored Career and Technical Education Professional Development Conference during the first year of assignment.~~]

§233.15. Languages Other Than English.

- (a) American Sign Language [~~(ASL)~~]: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The American Sign Language [~~(ASL)~~] : Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005. The holder of the American Sign Language [~~(ASL)~~] : Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach American Sign Language in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (b) Arabic: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Arabic: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007. The holder of the Arabic: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Arabic in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.

- (c) Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007. The holder of the Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Chinese in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (d) French: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The French: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2009. The holder of the French: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach French in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (e) German: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The German: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2009. The holder of the German: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach German in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (f) Hindi: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Hindi: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Hindi: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Hindi in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (g) Italian: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Italian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Italian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Italian in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (h) ~~(f)~~ Japanese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Japanese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007. The holder of the Japanese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Japanese in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (i) ~~(g)~~ Latin: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Latin: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2010. The holder of the Latin: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Latin in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (j) ~~(h)~~ Russian: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Russian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007. The holder of the Russian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Russian in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (k) ~~(i)~~ Spanish: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Spanish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2009. The holder of the Spanish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Spanish in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (l) Turkish: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Turkish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Turkish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Turkish in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (m) Urdu: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Urdu: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010. The holder of the Urdu: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Urdu in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.
- (n) ~~(j)~~ Vietnamese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Vietnamese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007. The holder of the Vietnamese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate is eligible to teach Vietnamese in a prekindergarten program, in kindergarten, and in Grades 1-12.