Chapter 231. Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments

Subchapter D. Electives, Disciplinary Courses, Local Credit Courses, and Innovative Courses, Grades 6-12 Assignments

§231.97. (Magnet Course; Innovative Course.

An assignment for an [Magnet Course or Innovative Course is allowed with a valid certificate that matches the grade level of the assignment as determined by the Texas Education Agency or Texas Education Agency approval].

Subchapter E. Grades 9-12 Assignments

Division 3. Social Studies, Grades 9-12 Assignments

§231.175. Personal Financial Literacy, Grades 9-12.

An assignment for Personal Financial Literacy, Grades 9-12, is allowed with one of the following certificates.

(1) Any business certificate.

(2) Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--Economics.

(3) Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--Social Studies.

(4) Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--Social Studies, Composite.

(5) Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--Economics.

(6) Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--Social Science, Composite.

(7) Secondary Economics (Grades 6-12).

(8) Secondary Social Studies (Grades 6-12).

(9) Secondary Social Studies, Composite (Grades 6-12).

(10) Social Studies: Grades 7-12.

(11) Social Studies: Grades 8-12.

Division 7. Fine Arts, Grades 9-12 Assignments

§231.241. Art, Music, Theatre, and Dance, Grades 9-12.

(a) An assignment for Art, Grades 9-12, is allowed with one of the following certificates.

(1) All-Level Art.

(2) Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12.

(3) Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--Art.

(4) Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--Art.

(5) Secondary Art (Grades 6-12).

(b) An assignment for Music, Grades 9-12, is allowed with one of the following certificates.

(1) All-Level Music.
(2) Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--Music.
(3) Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--Music.
(4) Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12.
(5) Secondary Music (Grades 6-12).

c) An assignment for Theatre, including Musical Theatre, Grades 9-12, is allowed with one of the following certificates.
   (1) All-Level Speech/Drama.
   (2) All-Level Speech Communications/Theatre Arts (Prekindergarten-Grade 12).
   (3) All-Level Theatre Arts (Prekindergarten-Grade 12).
   (4) Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--Theatre Arts.
   (5) Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--Drama.
   (6) Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--Speech and Drama.
   (7) Secondary Theatre Arts (Grades 6-12).
   (8) Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12.

d) An assignment for Dance for Fine Arts credit, Grades 9-12, is allowed with one of the following certificates.
   (1) Dance: Grades 8-12.
   (2) Dance: Grades 6-12.
   (3) Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--Dance.
   (4) Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--Dance.
   (5) Secondary Dance (Grades 6-12).

Division 8. Technology Applications, Grades 9-12 Assignments

§231.251. Computer Science, Grades 9-12.

An assignment for Fundamentals of Computer Science; Computer Science I, II, and III; Digital Forensics; or Robotics Programming and Design, Grades 9-12, is allowed with one of the following certificates.

   (1) Computer Science: Grades 8-12.
   (2) Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--Computer Information Systems.
   (3) Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--Computer Information Systems.
   (4) Secondary Computer Information Systems (Grades 6-12).

§231.257. Fundamentals of Computer Science; Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles; Game Programming and Design or Mobile Application Development, Grades 9-12.

An assignment for Fundamentals of Computer Science; Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles; Game Programming and Design or Mobile Application Development, Grades 9-12, is allowed with one of the following certificates.

   (1) Computer Science: Grades 8-12.
   (2) Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--Computer Information Systems.
   (3) Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--Computer Information Systems.
   (4) Secondary Computer Information Systems (Grades 6-12).
Division 13. Business Management and Administration, Grades 9-12 Assignments


(a) An assignment for Business English, Grades 9-12, is allowed with one of the following certificates.

1. Any business or office education certificate.
2. Business and Finance: Grades 6-12.
4. English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12.
5. English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12.
6. Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--English.
7. Grades 6-12 or Grades 9-12--English Language Arts, Composite.
8. Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--English.
9. Junior High School (Grades 9-10 only) or High School--English Language Arts, Composite.
10. Secondary English (Grades 6-12).
11. Secondary English Language Arts, Composite (Grades 6-12).

(b) All teachers assigned to this course shall participate in Texas Education Agency approved training prior to teaching this course effective with the 2013-2014 school year.

Subchapter F. Special Education-Related Services Personnel Assignments

§231.611. Special Education Teacher.

(a) Subject to the requirements in subsection (c) of this section, an assignment for Special Education Teacher is allowed with one of the following certificates. If an individual is providing content instruction in a special education classroom setting, a valid certificate that matches the subject and grade level of the assignment is also required, or the individual must demonstrate competency through the state's 2010 and 2011 high objective and uniform State standard of evaluation for elementary and secondary special education teachers.

1. Blind School (Texas State School for the Blind and Visually Impaired only).
2. Deaf and Severely Hard of Hearing.
3. Deaf School (Texas State School for the Deaf only).
4. Deaf-Blind.
5. Deficient Vision.
6. Early Childhood Education for Handicapped Children (Infants-Grade 6 only).
7. Elementary Generic Special Education.
8. Emotionally Disturbed.
9. Generic Special Education.
11. High School--Generic Special Education.
(12) Language and/or Learning Disabilities.
(13) Mentally Retarded.
(14) Physically Handicapped.
(15) School Speech-Language Pathologist.
(16) Secondary Generic Special Education (Grades 6-12) (Grades 6-12 only).
(17) Severely and Profoundly Handicapped.
(18) Severely Emotionally Disturbed and Autistic.
(19) Special Education Supplemental (Valid at grade level and subject area of the base certificate).
(20) Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12.
(21) Speech and Hearing Therapy.
(22) Speech and Language Therapy.
(23) Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12.
(25) Visually Handicapped.

(b) The certificates specified in subsection (a) of this section are appropriate for a special education assignment in Prekindergarten-Grade 12 except where otherwise noted.

(c) The employing school district should make every effort to secure educators trained in the specialized skills and knowledge needed to serve the special needs of the children. If a staff member does not have the skills and knowledge needed for the assignment, the school district is responsible for making provisions for the person to acquire the necessary skills and knowledge.