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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 §230.33 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 standard certification must pass the appropriate examination(s) as prescribed in §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment). A person completing requirements for an initial [a] standard certificate using a score on an examination that has been eliminated must apply and pay for the certification and be recommended by an educator preparation program by the deadline specified in this chapter to be eligible for issuance of the certificate [not later than one year from the last test administration of the deleted 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) If the governor declares a state of disaster consistent with the Texas Government Code, §418.014, Texas Education Agency staff may extend deadlines in this chapter for up to 90 days as necessary to accommodate persons in the affected disaster areas.

~~[(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).]~~

- (g) ~~[(h)]~~ The general assignment descriptions in this chapter, where applicable, are subject to the specific provisions for the assignment of a holder of a certificate in Chapter 231 of this title (relating to Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments), and in the event of any conflict with this chapter, Chapter 231 of this title shall prevail.

§233.2. Early Childhood; Core Subjects.

- (a) Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3. The Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2020.
- (b) Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2015 , and no later than December 31, 2020 .

- (c) Core Subjects: Grades 4-8. The Core Subjects: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2015 , and no later than December 31, 2020 .
- ~~(d)~~ Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2021. The certificate may be issued on the basis of a passing score on the 291 Core Subjects EC-6 TExES examination no later than December 30, 2022. The certificate may be issued on the basis of a passing score on the 391 Core Subjects EC-6 TExES examination no earlier than January 1, 2021.
- ~~(e)~~ Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8. The Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading certificate: Grades 4-8 may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2021.

§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 , and no later than December 31, 2020 .
- ~~(b)~~ English Language Arts and Reading with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8. The English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2021. The certificate may be issued on the basis of a passing score on the 117 ELAR 4-8 TExES examination no later than October 30, 2022.
- ~~(c)~~ ~~(b)~~ Social Studies: Grades 4-8. The Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.
- ~~(d)~~ ~~(e)~~ 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 , and no later than December 31, 2020 .
- ~~(e)~~ English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8. The English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2021.
- ~~(f)~~ ~~(d)~~ English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12. The English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.
- ~~(g)~~ ~~(e)~~ Social Studies: Grades 7-12. The Social Studies: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.
- ~~(h)~~ ~~(f)~~ History: Grades 7-12. The History: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.
- ~~(i)~~ ~~(e)~~ Journalism: Grades 7-12. The Journalism: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.
- ~~(j)~~ ~~(h)~~ Speech: Grades 7-12. The Speech: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010.