

Pathways to Licensure: Senior High Education



Are you looking to fill a content specific Senior High position in your school? You may have an educator in your school or district who is already qualified to fill the position! The requirements below outline the most common credentials that educators earn to work in Senior High Education settings.

Professional Educator License (PEL) requirements

Option 1

PEL + Senior High endorsement
(Grades 9-12)

Option 2

(Science and Social Science specific)
PEL + Senior High Science or Social
Science – content area endorsement

Allows educators to teach all Senior High
Science or Social Science areas except
AP/Honors

Option 3

PEL + Senior High Previous
Qualification Designation
(Grades 9-12)

Short-Term Approval (STA) Requirements

Option 1

STA – Senior High (Grades 9-12)

- ✓ PEL (in a teaching field for any grade range)
- ✓ One of the following:
 - Nine semester hours of coursework in applicable content area
 - A passing score on the applicable content test

Option 2

STA – Content Knowledge Pathway

- ✓ A passing score on the applicable content test
- ✓ One of the following:
 - Bachelor's degree in the content area of the endorsement sought
 - Bachelor's degree in any area + 32 semester hours of coursework in the content area of the endorsement sought

These approvals are temporary credentials that allow an educator to immediately begin teaching while working toward full licensure requirements.

Application procedures

View full requirements at
www.isbe.net/licensure

1

Create or login
to your existing
ELIS account

2

Submit the applicable
endorsement or
approval application

3

Pay the \$50
application fee

4

Submit required
forms and transcripts
to your ROE/ISC

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