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SUBPART G: STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

Section 1.710 Requirements for Elementary Teachers

- a) ~~Except as otherwise allowed in this Section, each~~Each elementary teacher shall hold a valid professional educator license endorsed in a teaching field for the grade level or levels to be taught.
- b) Each elementary teacher first assigned to an elementary position on or after September 1, 1978 shall have formal training in each basic instructional area to be taught.
- c) The endorsement for self-contained general education shall be issued when an individual whose application is received on or before June 30, 2005 demonstrates that he or she has completed the coursework listed in this subsection (c) and passed the content-area test and, if he or she has not already passed the test of basic skills and received an educator license based on it, that test as well. For applications received on or after July 1, 2013, the requirements of 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.37(b) shall apply.
 - 1) Language Arts
 - 2) Mathematics
 - 3) Science
 - 4) Social Science
 - 5) Physical Education
 - 6) Health
 - 7) Fine Arts
 - 8) General Elementary Teaching Methods
 - 9) Elementary Reading Teaching Methods
- d) No teacher may be assigned to teach self-contained general education at the elementary level unless he or she holds a professional educator license ~~valid for the grade level or levels to be taught~~ and:
 - 1) holds the applicable endorsement; or

- 2) met the requirements of this Section or their predecessor requirements at a time when they were applicable, as confirmed by the employing district's verification of the individual's qualifications; or
 - 3) beginning no later than September 1, 2017, meets the requirements of 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.97 (Endorsement for Elementary Education (Grades 1-6)).
 - 4) is assigned pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.430 ().
- e) Assignments in reading at the elementary level shall be subject to the provisions of Section 1.745.
- f) Additional requirements may apply to holders of elementary education endorsements on professional educator licenses issued pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 26 (Standards for Endorsements in Early Childhood Education and in Elementary Education) who teach in grades 5 through 8; see Section 1.720.

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Section 1.720 Requirements for Teachers of Middle Grades

The provisions of subsections (a), (b) and (d) shall be subject to the exception stated in subsection (e) with respect to any school in which the instructional format for any of grades 6 through 8 is being changed from a self-contained to a departmentalized configuration. Additional requirements shall apply to middle-grades assignments and endorsements beginning February 1, 2012 (see subsection (f)).

- a) The requirements of this Section apply to teachers first employed after September 1, 1973, in departmentalized grades 6 through 8 ("middle-grade teachers"). Teachers first employed in grades 6 through 8 prior to September 1, 1973, or employed in non-departmentalized grades 6 through 8 and who hold a kindergarten-through-grade-9 elementary education endorsement issued by September 1, 2019, are subject to the requirements of Section 1.710.
- b) Until February 1, 2018, to qualify as a middle-grade teacher, the teacher must have completed either the coursework identified in subsection (b)(1) prior to July 1, 1997 or completed the coursework identified in subsection (b)(2). The "major teaching assignment" is the subject taught for more time than any other subject. In mathematics and reading and for library information specialists, specific coursework must be included among the 18 semester hours to be earned; see subsections (b)(3), (4) and (5).
- 1) 18 semester hours in the content area of major teaching assignment (e.g.,

language arts, mathematics, general science, social science, music), unless the subject taught is a foreign language and Section 25.100 of the State Board's rules for Educator Licensure (23 Ill. Adm. Code 25) applies. When a teacher is assigned to deliver instruction in two or more areas (e.g., English and social science or mathematics and science), the teacher shall meet the requirements of this subsection (b)(1) for the major teaching assignment and have no fewer than 5 semester hours in each other subject taught.

- 2) 18 semester hours in the content area of major teaching assignment (e.g., language arts, mathematics, general science, social science, music), unless the subject taught is a foreign language and Section 25.100 of the State Board's rules for Educator Licensure applies. When a middle-grade teacher is assigned to deliver instruction in two or more areas (e.g., English and social science or mathematics and science), the teacher shall meet the requirements of this subsection (b)(2) for the major teaching assignment and have no fewer than 6 semester hours in each other subject taught. In addition:

- A) 3 semester hours of coursework, approved by the college of education or other institutional unit governing teacher education, that includes middle-grade philosophy, middle-grade curriculum and instruction, and instructional methods for designing and teaching developmentally appropriate programs (i.e., addressing the cognitive, emotional and physical development of each child) in the middle grades, including content area (e.g., science, social sciences) reading instruction.
- B) 3 semester hours of coursework, approved by the college of education or other institutional unit governing teacher education, that includes educational psychology focusing on the developmental characteristics of early adolescents, the nature and needs of early adolescents, and the role of the middle-grade teacher in assessment, coordination and referral of students to health and social services.

- 3) Mathematics
For teachers of mathematics in grades 6 through 8 first employed on or after September 1, 1985, the required 18 semester hours in the field shall include 3 semester hours in the methods of teaching mathematics in those grades and 15 semester hours to be selected from four of the following areas:

- A) Math content courses for elementary teachers;
- B) Calculus;

- C) Modern algebra or number theory;
- D) Geometry;
- E) Computer science;
- F) Probability and statistics; and
- G) History of mathematics.

4) Reading

For major assignments in reading in any of departmentalized grades 6 through 8:

- A) persons first employed on or after September 1, 1978 but before July 1, 2004 are required to have completed the 18 semester hours described in Section 1.740;
- B) persons first employed on or after July 1, 2004 shall be required to have completed either the 18 semester hours described in Section 1.740 or 18 semester hours in the field that include a practicum and address at least five of the six topics listed at 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.100(g), provided that:
 - i) the individual completes all the required coursework on or before June 30, 2006; or
 - ii) the individual applies for the reading endorsement on or before June 30, 2006 and completes any coursework identified on a related deficiency statement no later than one year after the date of that statement; and
- C) new requirements for an endorsement in this field apply to persons who have not met the requirements of either subsection (b)(4)(A) or (B); see also 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.100(g) and Section 1.745 of this Part.

5) Library Information Specialist

Persons first employed on or after September 1, 1978 as media professionals or library information specialists serving any of grades 6 through 8 are required to have completed 18 semester hours in the field that address administration, organization (cataloging and classification), reference, and selection of materials, provided that the individual completes all the required coursework on or before June 30, 2006, or has applied for the endorsement on or before June 30, 2006, and completes

any coursework identified on a related deficiency statement no later than one year after the date of that statement. New requirements for an endorsement in this field apply to persons who have not qualified on the basis of 18 semester hours; see also 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.100 and Section 1.755. The provisions of subsection (b)(2) notwithstanding, no individual who has completed only 9 semester hours in the field may serve in this capacity.

- c) On or after February 1, 2018, any individual first assigned to teach in grade 7 or 8, whether departmentalized or self-contained, or in departmentalized grade 6 shall meet the requirements of 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.99 (Endorsement for the Middle Grades (Grades 5 through 8)) for the major teaching assignment and have no fewer than 6 semester hours in each other subject taught, subject to the exception stated in subsection (a) for assignment in self-contained grades 6 through 8. The requirements of this subsection (c) do not apply to individuals who are first endorsed in agricultural education; business, marketing, and computer education; business, marketing, and computer education (computer programming); computer applications; computer science; family and consumer sciences; health science technology; and technology education on or after February 1, 2018.
- d) No individual may be assigned to teach in departmentalized grades 6 through 8 unless he or she holds a professional educator ~~license that is endorsed and valid for the grade level or levels to be taught~~ and:
 - 1) holds a middle-grades endorsement applicable to the content area; or
 - 2) meets the relevant requirements of this Section; or
 - 3) met the requirements of this Section or their predecessor requirements at a time when they were applicable, as confirmed by the employing district's verification of the individual's qualifications; or
 - 4) is assigned pursuant to Section 1.745(b)(3) or 1.755(c); or
 - 5) has received an elementary endorsement issued pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.97 (Endorsement for Elementary Education (Grades 1 through 6)) and has met the relevant requirements of subsection (b) of this Section on or before January 31, 2018; ~~or~~:
 - 6) is assigned pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.430 ().
- e) A school district may also assign certain other teachers to departmentalized positions in any of grades 6 through 8 for the 2009-10 school year and thereafter as described in this subsection (e). The provisions of this subsection (e) are no longer applicable starting February 1, 2018; however, any teachers assigned to

departmentalized positions in grades 6 through 8 under the provisions of this subsection (e) before that date shall not be affected.

- 1) A teacher who was employed in the district during the school year immediately preceding the year when the instructional format in that teacher's school is changed to a departmentalized configuration and who was appropriately licensed for his or her position but does not meet the requirements of subsection (b) or (c) may be assigned to a departmentalized position in any of grades 6 through 8 for a period not to exceed three school years, provided that he or she has already completed at least 9 semester hours of coursework in the content area of the major teaching assignment. If specific coursework is required for the major teaching assignment under subsection (b), the teacher shall have completed 9 semester hours that will count toward an endorsement in that content area.
 - 2) The school district shall notify the responsible regional superintendent of schools of all assignments made pursuant to this subsection (e) no more than 30 days after they occur. Further, the school district shall maintain on file for each teacher assigned in accordance with this subsection (e) a plan that:
 - A) includes a statement of intent signed by the individual, stipulating that he or she will complete all requirements for the middle-grades endorsement in the content area of his or her major teaching assignment;
 - B) provides a list of the coursework and experiences that the individual will complete in order to qualify; and
 - C) identifies the institution of higher education where the individual will complete the requirements.
 - 3) No individual may be assigned for more than three school years without attaining the relevant endorsement, and no individual may be assigned for a third school year unless he or she has completed the six semester hours required under subsection (b)(2).
 - 4) If an individual is assigned to deliver instruction in two or more content areas, he or she shall have completed no fewer than 9 semester hours in each content area. If subsection (b) requires specific coursework for any of the content areas taught, the teacher shall have completed 9 semester hours that will count toward an endorsement in that content area.
- f) New Requirements Applicable in 2012

All coursework that forms part of an application for a middle-grades endorsement received on or after February 1, 2012 or that is used in determining the eligibility of an individual to be first assigned to teach a particular subject in the middle grades on or after that date, must have been passed with a grade no lower than "C" or equivalent in order to be counted towards fulfillment of the applicable requirements.

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Section 1.737 Minimum Requirements for the Assignment of Teachers in Grades 9 through 12 Beginning July 1, 2004

- a) Beginning July 1, 2004, no teacher may be assigned to teach a particular content area in any of grades 9 through 12 unless he or she holds a professional educator license in a teaching field ~~that is valid for the grade level or levels to be taught~~ and:
- 1) holds the applicable endorsement for the ~~assignment~~~~content area~~ (and, in the case of the educator license with stipulations endorsed for career and technical educator, has also completed the work experience required pursuant to subsection (c));
 - 2) met the requirements of Section 1.730, 1.735, or 1.736, or their predecessor requirements, at a time when they were applicable to that assignment, as confirmed by the employing district's verification of the individual's qualifications; or
 - 3) meets the minimum requirements for that assignment identified in subsection (b) and has not exhausted the three-year period of eligibility available pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.100(m); or
 - 4) meets the requirements of Section 1.745, if applicable; ~~or-~~
 - 5) is assigned pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.430 ().
- b) Beginning July 1, 2004, the provisions of this Section shall replace those of Sections 1.730, 1.735, and 1.736 as one basis upon which school districts and other entities subject to this Part may assign individuals to teach specific content areas. The qualifications identified in this subsection (b) are not the same as those for the respective endorsements; ~~nor are they intended to match the requirements for identification as a "highly qualified" teacher in any particular content area.~~ Each individual who is first assigned to a subject area based upon the qualifications delineated in this subsection (b) shall be subject to the requirement for acquiring an endorsement in the respective field within three years after the date of assignment, in accordance with 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.100(m). For

purposes of the applicability of this requirement, an individual shall be considered "first assigned" to any field in which he or she has not taught in Illinois prior to July 1, 2004.

- 1) For agricultural education; visual or drama/theater arts; business, marketing, and computer education; dance; English language arts; health education; health careers; family and consumer sciences; technology education; mathematics; music; physical education; reading; biology; chemistry; earth and space science; environmental science; physics; economics; geography; history; political science; psychology; sociology and anthropology; and for library information specialists: ~~924~~ semester hours in the field.
- 2) For foreign language: ~~920~~ semester hours in the language.
- 3) For safety and driver education: The 16 semester hours in the field that are specified in Section 1.730(q) of this Part shall continue to apply through January 31, 2012. Each individual first assigned to teach safety and driver education on or after February 1, 2012 shall be required to hold a professional educator license endorsed for the secondary grades and an endorsement received pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.100(k).

c) Additional Requirements for Career and Technical Education

- 1) Assignments at the "skill-level" (grades 11 and 12) in reimbursable career and technical education generally require 2,000 hours of work experience in the area to be taught or, for more than one area, a total of 2,000 hours with no fewer than 250 hours in each area taught. A district may, however, employ an individual who holds a professional educator license endorsed for the secondary grades with the appropriate career and technical education endorsement but who has not completed 2,000 hours of work experience in the occupational area to be taught, provided that the individual acquires this experience in paid employment outside the teaching profession within four years after the date of first assignment. The employing entity shall maintain records to substantiate this experience, which may include written statements from former supervisors who can be reached for verification or, in cases in which supervisors are no longer available to verify the individual's employment, affidavits by the applicant's instructors describing the work experience.
- 2) A teacher who is eligible under this Section to provide skill-level instruction in a particular area shall also be eligible to serve as a coordinator of either a specific cooperative education program or interrelated cooperative education, provided that he or she has also completed 6 semester hours of coursework in the organization and administration of cooperative education.

- 3) A teacher serving as a coordinator of cooperative education for special education students shall be required to meet the requirements for assignment as a special education teacher rather than those for assignment as a teacher of career and technical education, except that an individual serving in this capacity shall be required to have completed 2,000 hours of work experience as provided in subsection (c)(1) and 6 semester hours of coursework in the organization and administration of cooperative education.

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