



Illinois State Board of Education

Educator Licensure Requirements

Division of English Language Learning

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Overview

- Program staffing for TBE and TPI
- ESL and bilingual teacher requirement
- Preschool teacher requirements
- Professional development
- Staffing requirements for ELs' IEP meetings
- Other resources





TBE/TPI Program Staffing

Administrative certificate, supervisory or teacher leader endorsement, and:

- 200 or more ELs in the district:
 - If there is a TBE program: bilingual endorsement, or ENL endorsement with language designation, or 18 semester hours of coursework towards the bilingual endorsement as described in 23 IL Adm Code 1.783
 - If there are only TPI programs: ESL/bilingual endorsement, or ENL endorsement, or 18 semester hours of coursework towards the bilingual endorsement as described in 23 IL Adm Code 1.783
- Fewer than 200 ELs in the district
 - ESL/bilingual endorsement, or ENL endorsement, or 18 semester hours of coursework towards the bilingual endorsement as described in 23 IL Adm Code 1.783
 - Or at least 8 hours of PD annually related to ELs

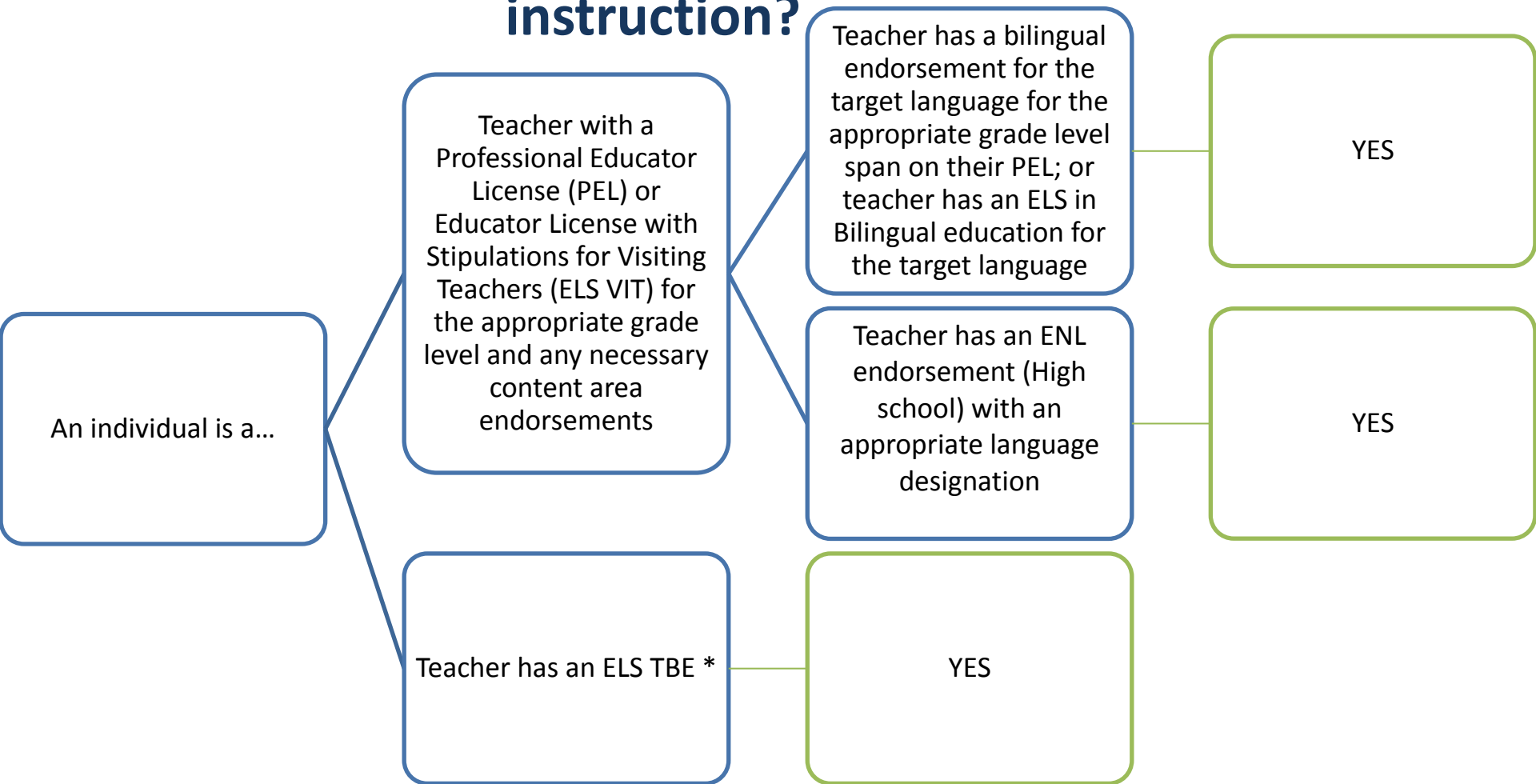


TBE/TPI Program Staffing

- Bilingual teachers and ESL teachers, in grades preK-12, must meet licensure requirements for the grade and subject taught as well as for bilingual/ESL endorsement as applicable



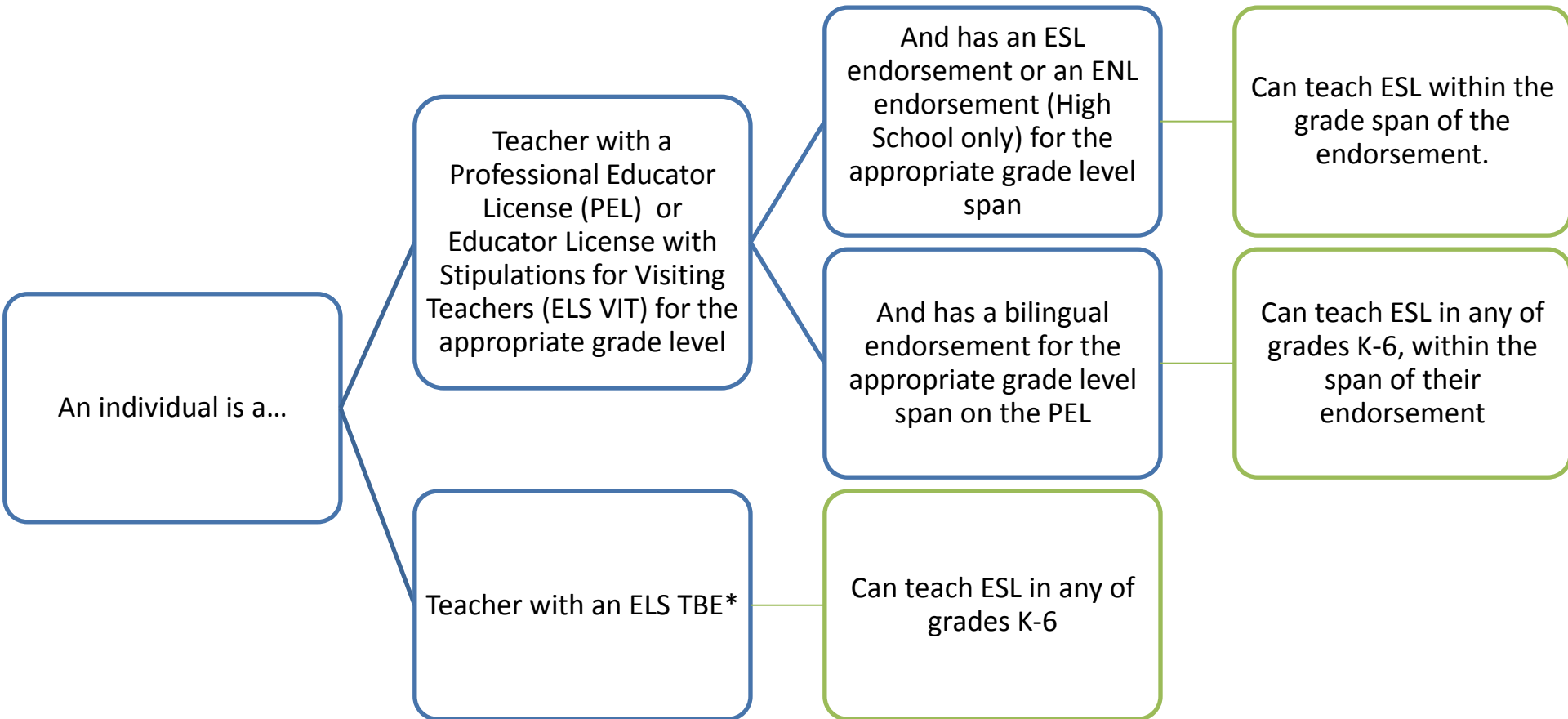
Is an individual qualified to provide native language instruction?



* Can only be considered Highly Qualified for three years after the first date of hire, provided that the teacher: (a) is continuously enrolled in an approved teacher education program, (b) has passed the state content exam for the subject(s) taught, and (c) is receiving high quality professional development and mentoring.



Can an individual teach ESL?



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Do TBE/TPI staffing requirements apply to all preschools?

- Any preschool program (for children 3-5 yrs old) administered by a school district regardless of whether the program is provided in an attendance center or a non-school-based facility



Preschool Staffing



Serving ELs in PreK

Classroom teacher also provides services for ELs

Must hold PEL early childhood **AND** ESL or Bilingual endorsement or ELS in TBE, as appropriate

Co-teaching & Push-in

Classroom teacher with a PEL in early childhood, co-teaching with a certified EC or Elementary teacher with the ESL or Bilingual Endorsement, or ELS in Bilingual Education

2014-2016: Any school district unable to meet the staffing requirements will have to submit a plan to the State Superintendent of Education each year



TBE/TPI Staff PD

- Professional development addressing research, assessment, instruction, etc. as found in 228.35 must be offered to all staff at least twice yearly;
- Training for new-to-district staff;
- Spanish language arts professional development (for Full-Time Spanish TBE Programs) must be offered at least once a year; and,
- Training for individuals who administer the screeners and annual assessment for English language proficiency.



Additional PD Requirements

Districts that receive federal Title III LIPLEPS (Language Instruction Program for Limited English Proficient Students) funding, must also provide:

- Professional development for teachers (including general education), administrators, and other personnel, which must be:
 - designed to improve the instruction and assessment of limited English proficient children;
 - designed to enhance the ability of such teachers to understand and use curricula, assessment measures, and instruction strategies for limited English proficient children;
 - of sufficient intensity and duration to have a positive and lasting impact on the teachers' performance in the classroom



Special Education (Part 226)

- A qualified bilingual specialist participates on the Individual Education Plan (IEP) teams of ELs (226.210, 226.800)



Other Resources

ELL Licensure Matrix

<http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/pdfs/ell-licensure-matrix.pdf>

You may reference other webinars listed under the Educator Licensure web site:

http://www.isbe.net/licensure/html/webinar_archive.htm



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