



Illinois State Board of Education

Part 25: Educator Licensure Rule Update *Effective December 5, 2019*

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General Part 25 Updates



Section 25.48 Short-Term Emergency Approval

What changed?

- STE is now available for application through June 30, 2023
- 3 year validity period starts immediately
- STE valid for 3 full fiscal years



Section 25.430 Short Term Approval

What changed?

- The Short-Term Approval (STA) has been extended for application through June 30, 2023



Section 25.510 Paraprofessionals

What changed?

- An educator who holds a short-term substitute teaching license can serve as a paraprofessional



Section 25.25 Licensure Requirements

What changed?	What do you need to know?
Provisions were added for reciprocity per Public Act 100-0596	The licensure team was already implementing requirements per the Public Act. Part 25 enforces out-of-state certificates <u>must</u> be valid and comparable to Illinois' Professional Educator License (PEL).



Section 25.25 Licensure Requirements

- c) For the purposes of this Part:
- 1) a "valid, comparable certificate or license" means a current (not expired) certificate or license endorsed in the specific content area teaching field and grade levels for which Illinois licensure is sought that is equivalent to an ~~educator license with stipulations endorsed for provisional educator or~~ ~~an~~ Illinois professional educator license; and



Section 25.230 Nationally Certified School Psychologist

What changed?	What do you need to know?
Clarifies (per law) requirements for educators who hold the NCSP issued by the National Association of School Psychologists	Educators who hold the NCSP credential must meet no other requirements to obtain a PEL endorsement in School Psychology



Section 25.252 Speech Language Pathologists

What changed?	What do you need to know?
Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) out-of-state license requirements	Other states that issue a professional SLP license can be used as a “valid, comparable out-of-state license” <i>if</i> no educator license is issued by the awarding state



Section 25.337 Principals

What changed?	What do you need to know?
Requirements regarding earned experience towards a principal endorsement	Per law, teaching/school support personnel experience in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) can count towards experience needed for the principal endorsement



Section 25.560 Deaf/Blind Intervener

What changed?	What do you need to know?
Requirements regarding the Deaf/Blind Intervener	Removed the requirement for a high school diploma on file if an individual has an associate degree or 60 semester hours



Section 25.800 Professional Development

What changed?	What do you need to know?
Requirements regarding applying professional development hours to specific cycles	Per law, professional development can be applied toward <u>one</u> renewal cycle only. <i>*If PD was taken between 7/1 and 8/31, it has to be assigned to one cycle only*</i>



Section 25.95 World Language

What do you need to know?

- Foreign Language is now called World Language

Examples:

1. ELS(TBE) World Language **not** ELS (TBE) Foreign Language
2. Educator holds PEL with Foreign Language Spanish endorsement → updated to PEL with World Language Spanish endorsement

Foreign Language = World Language

Summary of Rule Part 25 Updates & Subsequent Endorsements



PEL as a Foundation

- Teaching endorsements can be added at any grade range
- The educator's first teaching endorsement does not drive the grade range of any subsequent endorsements.



Section 25.96 Early Childhood

If Initial PEL is:	Prior to December 5, 2019 (OLD):	On/After December 5, 2019 (NEW):
Elementary Education (K-9 or 1-6)	Full or focused program: Early Childhood Program	18 Hours Coursework in Early Childhood Distribution + Content Exam
Middle Grade (5-8)		
Secondary (9-12)		
Special (PK-21 or PK-12 or K-12)		



Section 25.96 Early Childhood

Early Childhood Education Distribution

18 semester hours of college-level coursework addressing each of the following areas specific to or inclusive of early childhood education:

- Child growth and development
- Planning and assessment
- Methods and content pedagogy
- Literacy methods
- Collaborative relationships with family or communities

18 hours of ECE coursework + Early Childhood Content Exam = Early Childhood Endorsement



Section 25.97 Elementary

If Initial PEL is:	Prior to December 5, 2019 (OLD):	On/After December 5, 2019 (NEW):
Early Childhood Education (Birth-2 or Birth-3)	Full or focused program in Elementary Education	18 Hours Coursework in SCGE Distribution + Content Exam
Middle Grade (5-8)		
Secondary (9-12)		
Special (PK-21 or PK-12 or K-12)		



Section 25.97 Elementary

Elementary Education Distribution

18 semester hours of college-level coursework addressing each of the following areas specific to or inclusive of elementary education:

- Growth and development
- Planning and assessment
- Methods and content pedagogy
- Literacy methods

**18 semester hours of coursework + Elementary Education Content Exam =
Elementary Education Endorsement**

Section 25.99 Middle Grades 5-8

If Initial PEL is:	Prior to December 5, 2019 (OLD):	On/After December 5, 2019 (NEW):
Early Childhood Education (Birth-2 or Birth-3)	Full or focused Middle Grades program	18 Hours Coursework in Middle Grades Distribution + Content Exam
Elementary Education (K-9 or 1-6)		
Secondary (9-12)		
Special (PK-21 or PK-12 or K-12)		



Section 25.99 Middle Grades 5-8

Middle Grades Distribution

18 semester hours of college-level coursework addressing each of the following areas specific to or inclusive of the middle grades:

- Content-specific methods
- Content coursework specific to the content area sought

**18 semester hours of coursework + Middle Grades Content Exam =
Middle Grades 5-8 Endorsement**



Section 25.99 Middle Grades 5-8

Example 1:

Educator holds SCGE K-9 and wants to add a Middle Grades 5-8 Math endorsement

18 semester hours of Math coursework

+

Math Middle Grades methods course

+

Middle Grades Math Test

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5-8 Math Middle Grades Endorsement

Section 25.99 Middle Grades 5-8

Example 2:

Educator holds Senior High 9-12 Math and wants to add a Middle Grades 5-8 Language Arts (LA) endorsement

18 semester hours of LA coursework

+

LA Middle Grades methods course

+

Middle Grades LA Test

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5-8 LA Middle Grades Endorsement

Section 25.100

Endorsements **not** Impacted

- LBSI – Grade Span Limited
- LBSI – PK-21
- LBSII
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Blind or Visually Impaired
- Reading Specialist
- Gifted Education Specialist



Section 25.100 Teaching Endorsements on the PEL

- Individuals who hold a PEL endorsed in a non-teaching area will have to complete a full or focused program to obtain a teaching endorsement

Example:

Educator holds PEL endorsed in School Social Work and wants to add an Elementary Education endorsement

- The educator must complete a full or focused teaching program



Section 25.100 Teaching Endorsements on the PEL

Science/Social Science Areas:

- 18 semester hours of coursework must be in a specific endorsement area
- General methods course can be counted

Example:

Educator wants to add Senior High 9-12 Chemistry to the PEL

- The 18 semester hours of coursework must be in Chemistry

Section 25.100 Teaching Endorsements on the PEL

What changed?	Old Requirements	New Requirements
Drivers Education coursework requirements	12 semester hours of electives from 4 areas	6 hours of electives from 2 areas



Section 25.100 Reading Teacher

If Initial PEL is:	Prior to December 5, 2019 (OLD):	On/After December 5, 2019 (NEW):
Early Childhood Education (Birth-2 or Birth-3)	24 Hours Coursework with a distribution + content exam	18 Hours Coursework in reading distribution + content exam
Elementary Education (K-9 or 1-6)		
Middle Grade (5-8)		
Secondary (9-12)		
Special (PK-21 or PK-12 or K-12)		



Section 25.100 Reading Teacher

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Reading Teacher Distribution:

18 semester hours of graduate or undergraduate coursework addressing each of the following areas specific to or inclusive of reading, including a practicum:

- Foundations of reading
- Content-area reading
- Assessment and diagnosis of reading problems
- Developmental and remedial reading instruction support materials and resources
- Literature appropriate to students across all grade ranges

**18 semester hours of coursework in the distribution + Reaching Teacher Exam =
Reading Teacher**



25.100 Gifted Education Teacher

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If Initial PEL is:	Prior to December 5, 2019 (OLD):	On/After December 5, 2019 (NEW):
Early Childhood Education (Birth-2 or Birth-3)	24 Hours Coursework with a distribution + content exam	18 Hours Coursework in Gifted Education with a distribution + content exam
Elementary Education (K-9 or 1-6)		
Middle Grade (5-8)		
Secondary (9-12)		
Special (PK-21 or PK-12 or K-12)		



25.100 Gifted Education Teacher

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Gifted Education Teacher Distribution

18 semester hours of graduate or undergraduate coursework in gifted education, including a practicum, that addresses:

- Characteristics of the field of gifted education as it pertains to gifted children, including their cognitive, creative, and affective development
- The wide range of ways in which a child is gifted; issues and practices in identifying and serving gifted children; and the manner in which assessment data shape decisions about identification, learning progress and outcome
- Theoretical and research-based data necessary for the development of programs, curriculum and instructional sequences for gifted children, especially those serving gifted students from diverse populations

18 semester hours of coursework in the distribution + Gifted Teacher Content Exam = Gifted Education Teacher



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Poll Question 1

An educator holds a PEL endorsed in Elementary Education grades 1-6. The educator wants to teach Early Childhood Education. In order to do so, the educator would need to go through a full or focused Early Childhood Educator Preparation Program.

True or False?

Answer Poll Question 1

- False: The educator would need to complete 18 hours in the specific distribution and the content test. The educator can be entitled for this endorsement or apply for transcript evaluation through ISBE.



Poll Question 2

An educator holds a PEL endorsed in Elementary 1-6. The educator wants to add an endorsement for Special Education (LBSI) PK-21. The educator would need to complete 18 hours of coursework in LBSI and the applicable content area test.

True or False?

Poll Question 2 Answer

- False: The educator would need to complete a full or focused Special Education (LBSI) PK-21 program.



Poll Question 3

The educator holds a PEL endorsed in School Psychology. The educator wants to add an Elementary Education endorsement grades 1-6 to their license. The educator would need to complete 18 hours of coursework in the Elementary specific distribution and complete the content test.

True or False?

Poll Question 3 Answer

- False: Since the educator does not hold any underlying teaching endorsements, he or she would need to complete an Elementary Education preparation program.



Poll Question 4

A short-term substitute teacher can serve as a paraprofessional.

True or False?

Poll Question 4 Answer

- True: Per Section 25.510 of School Rule, a short-term sub can serve as a paraprofessional.



ISBE's Next Steps

- Our team has been evaluating applications based on the new rules beginning on December 5, 2019.
- All endorsement applications will be evaluated under the new requirements.
- Deficient files will be updated as documentation is received. Updates will be accordingly in favor of the educator. Educators will be able to complete old requirements in their deficiency letter or complete new requirements.
- PEL applications are being evaluated based upon image upload date for a valid and comparable out-of-state license.



Questions

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