

Chapter 233. Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

§233.1. General Authority.

- (a) In this chapter, the State Board for Educator Certification 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).
- (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

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§233.2. Early Childhood; Core Subjects.

- (a) Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3. The Early Childhood: Prekindergarten certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2020.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.

- (d) Core/Fine Arts/Physical Education/Health with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core/Fine Arts/Physical Education/Health with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2027.
- (e) Core/Special Education with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core/Special Education with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2027.
- (f) Core/Bilingual Education Spanish with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core/Bilingual Education Spanish with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2028.
- (g) Core/English as a Second Language Supplemental with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core/English as a Second Language Supplemental with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2028.
- (h) Core with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2027.

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§233.6. Bilingual Education. e4

§233.9. Gifted and Talented.

Gifted and Talented Supplemental. The Gifted and Talented Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

§233.10. Fine Arts.

- (a) Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.
- (b) Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Art: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005.
- (c) Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005.
- (d) Dance: Grades 6-12. The Dance: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than March 1, 2017.

§233.11. Health.

Health: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Health: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

§233.12. Physical Education.

Physical Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Physical Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

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§233.13. Career and Technical Education (Certificates not requiring experience and preparation in a skill area).

- (a) Technology Education: Grades 6-12. The Technology Education: Grades 6-

- (1) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require the following academic preparation and wage-earning experience.
 - (A) Option I. An individual must:
 - (i) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and
 - (ii) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate. Up to 18 months of the wage-earning experience can be met through a formal documented internship.

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- (A) An individual must have been issued a high school diploma or its equivalent or a postsecondary credential, certificate or degree.
- (B) An individual must have seven years of full-time wage-earning experience within the preceding 10 years in an approved occupation for which instruction is offered, and have not been the subject of a complaint filed with a licensing entity or other agency that regulates the occupation of the person, other than a complaint that was determined baseless or unfounded by that entity or agency.
- (C) An individual must hold with respect to that occupation a current license, certificate, or registration, as applicable, issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement.
- (2) The standard Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement.
- (f) Career and technical education certificates. Approval of career and technical education certificates in this section shall be based on prior experience and preparation in a skill area.
 - (1) Prospective career and technical education teachers shall submit a statement of qualifications detailing prior experience and skill area preparation to the EPP approved to prepare teachers for the career and technical education certificate sought. The certification officer of the EPP shall review the applicant's statement of qualifications to determine whether the applicant meets the appropriate approval criteria specified in this subsection. In the case of an educator who otherwise qualifies for certification by examination in Marketing: Grades 6-12, Health Science: Grades 6-12, or Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12, the review and approval of required work experience may be performed by a certified school administrator.
 - (2) Under this subsection, 12 months of wage-earning experience consisting of at least 40 hours per week shall equal one year of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 40 hours, but at least 20 hours per week, shall be calculated at a 50% rate in determining years of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 20 hours per week shall not be considered acceptable in determining full-time experience.
 - (3) Postsecondary and proprietary school teaching experience in the specific occupational area for which the candidate is seeking certification may be counted on a year-for-year basis in lieu of on-the-job experience. Proprietary schools must be accredited or otherwise approved by the Texas Workforce Commission. Recency of experience requirements must be met, as well as current licensure, certification, or registration by a state or nationally recognized accrediting agency.

§233.15. Languages Other Than English.

- (a) The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) shall issue languages other than English (LOTE) certifg 3308g 576-0.001 Tc 0.004 Tw T(c)-8 (e)116 TA7 (an)7.8 (E)10.3 0.8 (E)10.3 ,c) shall 2006, 31 Tex, 20x,106AmiAAE

- (3) Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Chinese: Early Childhood-

