

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-5, NRS 391.019.

A REGULATION relating to education; revising the terminology used to describe certain grade levels for purposes relating to licenses to teach in elementary schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law establishes the license to teach elementary education as a kind of license that authorizes the holder to teach in any elementary school in the State. (NRS 391.031) Existing regulations additionally establish the physical education elementary license and the professional license as an elementary teacher. (NAC 391.096, 391.100) This regulation replaces the reference to “kindergarten through eighth grades” with a reference to “elementary grades” for purposes relating to: (1) the authority conveyed by those licenses; and (2) the requirements to obtain the licenses.

Section 1. NAC 391.090 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.090 An elementary license authorizes the holder to teach all subjects in ~~kindergarten through eighth grade~~ *elementary grades* in any:

1. Public school; or
2. Private school licensed in this State.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.095 To receive an elementary license, a person must hold a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university and must have completed a program of preparation for teaching

in ~~the~~ elementary grades which is approved by the Board. The program must include, without limitation:

1. Thirty-two semester hours of credit in courses in elementary professional education consisting of:

(a) Eight semester hours of credit in supervised student teaching in ~~kindergarten through eighth grade;~~ *elementary grades;*

(b) Nine semester hours of credit in methods of teaching elementary subjects, including, but not limited to, mathematics, science and social studies;

(c) Nine semester hours of credit in the teaching of literacy or language arts; and

(d) Six semester hours of credit in professional education course work which must include course work in at least two of the following subjects:

(1) Classroom management;

(2) English as a second language;

(3) Technology;

(4) Evaluation of pupils;

(5) Child development;

(6) Special education; or

(7) Social and cultural issues; and

2. Eighteen semester hours of credit which must include at least 6 semester hours of credit in each of the following subject areas:

(a) Mathematics;

(b) Science; and

(c) Social studies.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.096 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.096 1. To receive a license designated as a physical education elementary license, a person must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and must have completed 58 semester hours of credit in courses in professional studies in physical education for ~~kindergarten through eighth grade~~ *elementary grades* consisting of:

(a) Eighteen semester hours of credit which includes course work in each of the following areas of study:

- (1) Anatomical kinesiology or mechanical kinesiology, or both;
- (2) The physiology of exercise;
- (3) The psychological aspects or social aspects of physical education, or both;
- (4) Motor development;
- (5) Testing and measuring skills and abilities in physical education; and
- (6) Advanced first aid or an equivalent course of study;

(b) Eighteen semester hours of credit in teaching elementary physical education, including, without limitation, teaching:

- (1) Adapted physical education;
- (2) Rhythmic activities for pupils in elementary grades;
- (3) Movement experiences for pupils in preschool and primary grades; and
- (4) Movement experiences for pupils in intermediate grades; and

(c) Twenty-two semester hours of credit in professional education including:

- (1) Foundations of education;
- (2) Methods of teaching in elementary physical education; and

(3) Eight semester hours of credit in supervised student teaching of physical education for ~~kindergarten through eighth grade.~~ *elementary grades.*

2. A physical education elementary license issued in accordance with this section authorizes the holder of the license to teach only physical education in ~~kindergarten through eighth grade.~~ *elementary grades.*

3. A person is not required to hold a physical education elementary license to teach physical education in ~~kindergarten through eighth grade.~~ *elementary grades.* The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit a school district from requiring a physical education elementary license as a requirement for employment to teach physical education in that school district.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.098 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.098 1. To receive an endorsement on an elementary license, a person must complete 12 semester hours of credit within the area of the endorsement, except that:

(a) An endorsement for English requires the completion of 3 semester hours of courses in advanced composition, descriptive grammar and speech.

(b) An endorsement to teach pupils who are enrolled in a program of bilingual education requires the applicant to pass the examination required by subsection 1 of NAC 391.242, if an examination is available.

2. The Board recognizes the following subjects for an endorsement on an elementary license:

(a) Computers and technology relating to the use of computers.

(b) English.

(c) Health.

(d) Mathematics.

- (e) Literacy.
- (f) Science.
- (g) Social studies.
- (h) Physical education.
- (i) Bilingual education.

3. An endorsement on an elementary license is not required to teach in ~~kindergarten through eighth grade.~~ *elementary grades*. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit a school district from requiring a specific endorsement on an elementary license as a requirement for employment with that district.

Sec. 5. NAC 391.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.100 To receive a professional license as an elementary teacher, a person must:

- 1. Meet all requirements for an elementary license;
- 2. Hold a master's degree in education; and
- 3. Have 3 years of verified experience as a teacher in ~~kindergarten or any grade through eighth grade.~~ *elementary grades* in schools approved by the Department.