

**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, NRS 391.019, as amended by section 19 of Assembly Bill No. 77, Chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2116.

A REGULATION relating to education; revising the qualifications required to obtain a license to teach middle school or junior high school education; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations prescribing the qualifications for licensing teachers and other educational personnel. Those regulations must require an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education to demonstrate proficiency in a field of specialization or area of concentration by: (1) successfully completing course work prescribed by the Department of Education; or (2) completing a subject matter competency examination prescribed by the Department with a score deemed satisfactory. (NRS 391.019, as amended by section 19 of Assembly Bill No. 77, Chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2116) Existing regulations require an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education to have completed 24 semester credits in a major field of endorsement or area of concentration. (NAC 391.111) This regulation authorizes an applicant for such a license to have passed a competency examination approved by the Department as an alternative to having completed such course work.

Existing regulations also require an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education to hold a bachelor’s degree and have completed certain course work. (NAC 391.111) This regulation clarifies that an applicant for such a license who holds a license to teach elementary education, early childhood education, special education or secondary education is not required to repeat courses he or she completed to qualify for his or her current license.

Section 1. NAC 391.111 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.111 1. ~~Fe~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, to* receive a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, a person must hold a bachelor's degree or a higher degree from an accredited college or university and have completed:

(a) A program of preparation for teaching middle school or junior high school education which is approved by the Board; or

(b) Twenty-four semester credits of course work in professional education which must include:

(1) Eight semester credits of supervised student teaching in a designated level of middle school or junior high school;

(2) A course in the methods and materials for teaching the major or minor field of specialization at the middle school, junior high school or secondary grade level, or a course in integrated methods at the middle school or junior high school level;

(3) Three semester credits in a course of study regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities or a course of study regarding foundations of education or methods in teaching English language learners;

(4) Six semester credits of course work in at least two of the following areas:

(I) The foundations, history, theory or philosophy of middle school;

(II) The curriculum, pedagogy or assessment for middle school;

(III) Adolescent growth and development;

(IV) The nature and needs of the adolescent, including social, emotional and cultural concerns;

(V) Classroom management strategies;

(VI) School, family and community collaboration; or

(VII) Supervision and evaluation of programs and pupils in a middle school; and

(5) Six semester credits of course work in any of the following subjects:

(I) English as a second language, bilingualism or biculturalism;

(II) Educational technology;

(III) Tests and measurement;

(IV) Educational psychology;

(V) Education of the exceptional child;

(VI) Multicultural education; or

(VII) Educational research.

2. In addition to the requirements set forth in subsection 1, an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education must have ~~completed~~ :

(a) Passed, at the level of competence specified by the Department, a competency examination approved by the Department on the subject matter of a field of specialization or area of concentration; or

(b) Completed 24 semester credits in a major field of endorsement or area of concentration. Subsequent minor fields of endorsement may be added to the license upon verification of 14 semester hours of credit.

3. The following subjects are recognized for an endorsement of a license to teach middle school or junior high school education:

(a) Art;

(b) English language arts;

(c) Instrumental and vocal music;

(d) Instrumental music;

- (e) Mathematics;
- (f) Science;
- (g) Social science;
- (h) Vocal music; and
- (i) World languages, in accordance with paragraph (z) of subsection 1 of NAC 391.131.

4. An endorsement for mathematics *for a person who has not passed a competency examination as described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2* requires the completion of three semester credits in a course in college algebra or the concepts of calculus, including, without limitation, an introduction to limits, derivatives and integrals, precalculus or differential calculus.

5. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a major or minor field of endorsement or area of concentration identified in subsection 3 shall be deemed to be satisfied if the applicant holds a bachelor's degree or a higher degree with a major, minor or area of concentration identified on the official transcript of record conferred by a regionally accredited college or university.

6. An applicant who holds a valid license to teach elementary education, early childhood education, special education or secondary education and who has previously satisfied the requirements of subsection 1 is not required to satisfy the requirements again to receive a license to teach middle school or junior high school education.