

**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 and 391.032, as amended by section 22 of Assembly Bill No. 77, chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2120.

A REGULATION relating to educational personnel; abolishing the special license to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9 and the endorsement to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations which provide for the issuance of a provisional license to teachers and other educational personnel before completion of certain requirements for a license in this State. (NRS 391.032, as amended by section 22 of Assembly Bill No. 77, chapter 341, Statutes of Nevada 2017, at page 2120) Existing regulations prescribe certain qualifications for receiving a special license, which is a provisional license, to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9. (NAC 391.0895) This regulation abolishes this special license.

Existing law requires the Commission to adopt regulations prescribing the procedures for the issuance and renewal of licenses for teachers and other educational personnel. Existing law requires such regulations to: (1) identify fields of specialization in teaching that require the specialized training of teachers; and (2) prescribe the educational requirements for a teacher to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations prescribe certain qualifications for receiving an endorsement to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9. (NAC 391.335) This regulation abolishes this endorsement.

Section 1. NAC 391.0895 and 391.335 are hereby repealed.

TEXT OF REPEALED SECTIONS

391.0895 Qualifications for teaching pupils in grades 5 through 9.

1. To receive a special license to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9, an applicant must:

(a) Have completed a program of preparation for teaching pupils in grades 5 through 9

approved by the Board; or

(b) Hold a license or certificate to teach grades 5 through 9 issued by another state if that state is a signatory with the State of Nevada on the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification Interstate Contract.

2. A special license to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9 authorizes the holder to teach pupils enrolled in those grades. Such a license is not required to teach pupils in a middle school or junior high school.

391.335 Endorsement to teach grades 5 through 9.

1. To receive an endorsement to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9, a person must hold a valid elementary or secondary license, or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education, and must have completed at least 12 semester hours of credit in at least three of the following areas of study:

(a) Teaching and evaluative strategies for the middle school, including study of skills relating to cooperative learning, interdisciplinary teaching and higher-order thinking.

(b) Methods of teaching mathematics, science, social studies, language arts or reading at a middle school level.

(c) Social and emotional needs of young adolescents, including study of issues relating to substance abuse, divorce, child abuse and neglect.

(d) Advisory role of a teacher when working with pupils and their respective parents.

(e) Philosophy, organization and curriculum of the middle school.

(f) Theory of scheduling, supervision and evaluation of programs and pupils in a middle school.

2. In addition, if the applicant does not have prior experience as a teacher in any grade from grade 5 through grade 9, he or she must have successfully completed a practicum with a maximum of 3 credits at grade 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 in a middle school.

3. An endorsement to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9 is not required to teach pupils in a middle school.