

**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 and 2, 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 provisions relating to licensure to teach secondary 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. (NRS 391.019) During the 2017 Legislative Session, that law was amended to require an applicant for a license to teach middle school or junior high school education or secondary education to demonstrate proficiency in a field of specialization or area of concentration by successfully completing course work prescribed by the Department of Education or completing a subject matter competency examination prescribed by the Department with a satisfactory score. (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 endorsement on a license to teach secondary education to be based on the major, minor or area of concentration of an applicant. (NAC 391.125, 391.130) This regulation instead requires that an endorsement be based on the field of specialization or area of concentration in which the applicant has demonstrated proficiency.

Section 1. NAC 391.125 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.125 1. A secondary license which is endorsed for a recognized field of teaching authorizes the holder to teach in ~~†~~

- ~~—(a) Departmentalized seventh or eighth grade;~~
- ~~—(b) A junior high school;~~
- ~~—(c) An approved middle school; and~~

~~—(d) A senior~~ *the subject area of the endorsement in a* high school.

2. The endorsement is based upon ~~{an applicant's}~~ *the* field of specialization or *area of* concentration ~~{, usually designated as his or her major, minor or area of concentration.}~~ *in which the applicant has demonstrated proficiency.*

Sec. 2. NAC 391.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.130 1. ~~{Major or minor fields}~~ *Fields of specialization or areas of concentration* must be in subjects normally taught in ~~{junior and senior}~~ high schools.

2. The Commission will determine the acceptability of any ~~{major or minor}~~ field *of specialization or area of concentration* for designation in an endorsement.