

**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; removing references to a business and industry endorsement of a license for which such an endorsement is not available; removing a requirement that a licensee who wishes to renew an endorsement to teach reading has completed certain graduate courses; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Commission on Professional Standards in Education to adopt regulations setting forth the educational requirements a teacher must satisfy to qualify for an endorsement in each field of specialization for which an endorsement is issued. (NRS 391.019) Existing regulations: (1) establish a business and industry endorsement as a type of career and technical education endorsement; and (2) authorize a holder of a business and industry endorsement to provide instruction to pupils enrolled in a program of career and technical education in middle school, junior high school or high school. (NAC 391.400, 391.430) Existing law and regulations establish a license to teach secondary education as the only type of license that authorizes the holder to teach in both: (1) middle school and junior high school; and (2) high school. (NRS 391.031, NAC 391.125) **Sections 1-5** of this regulation remove references to a business and industry endorsement of other types of licenses for which such an endorsement is not available.

Existing regulations prescribe the requirements to receive an endorsement to teach reading. (NAC 391.285) **Section 4** of this regulation removes a requirement that a licensee who wishes to renew an endorsement to teach reading must have completed 6 semester hours of graduate courses in reading and literacy education or either of them.

Section 1. NAC 391.13096 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.13096 1. Before the commencement of each school year, the superintendent of schools of a school district, the administrative head of a charter school or the executive head of a

private school may submit to the Department a request for an exemption from the requirements of NAC 391.13094 on behalf of a licensed teacher who teaches in the school district, charter school or private school. A request for an exemption must include proof that the licensed teacher:

(a) Holds a valid secondary ~~for special~~ license, including, without limitation, a secondary ~~for special~~ license with a business and industry endorsement ~~};~~, *or special license;*

(b) Satisfactorily taught in a program of technology education pursuant to a contract at least one class period per day during the 1997 to 1998 school year or the 1998 to 1999 school year, or both; and

(c) Has maintained continuous service as a teacher of technology education in this State.

↪ An exemption granted by the Department is valid for 1 school year and may be renewed annually if a request is submitted in accordance with this subsection.

2. On or before October 1 of each year, the superintendent of schools of each school district, the administrative head of each charter school and the executive head of each private school shall submit to the Superintendent of Public Instruction a list of the licensed teachers who teach in the school district, charter school or private school for whom the Department has approved a request for an exemption for the current school year.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.255 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.255 To receive an endorsement as a school library media specialist, a person must have a valid ~~elementary,}~~ secondary ~~for special~~ teaching license, excluding a business and industry endorsement, *a valid elementary or special teaching license*, a valid license to teach special education, ~~excluding a business and industry endorsement,}~~ or a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education, ~~excluding a business and industry endorsement,}~~ and must:

1. Have completed a program for school library media specialists which has been approved by the Board or a regional accrediting association;
2. Hold a master's degree in library science, with specialization in school librarianship, from a school accredited by the American Library Association; or
3. Have completed 21 semester hours of course work in the following subjects:
 - (a) Organization and administration of a school library.
 - (b) The cataloging and classification of materials for a library.
 - (c) Reference, bibliography and information skills.
 - (d) The use and selection of educational media for a library.
 - (e) Children's and young adults' literature.
 - (f) Computers in the library.
 - (g) A supervised practicum in an elementary, middle, junior high or secondary school library.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.282 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.282 On or after September 1, 1996, an applicant for an endorsement to teach dance education must:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree;
2. Hold ~~{an elementary,}~~ a secondary ~~{or special}~~ license, excluding a business and industry endorsement, *an elementary or special license*, a license to teach special education, ~~{excluding a business and industry endorsement,}~~ or a license to teach middle school or junior high school education ; ~~{, excluding a business and industry endorsement,}~~ and
3. Have completed:
 - (a) A program for the teaching of dance education which has been approved by the Board; or

(b) A combination of at least 16 semester hours of credit in any of the following areas of study:

(1) At least 2 semester hours in the fundamentals of dance, including, but not limited to:

- (I) Awareness of the body;
- (II) The basic principles of dance; or
- (III) The improvisation of dance;

(2) At least 3 semester hours in the history and development of dance, including, but not limited to:

- (I) The history of dance;
- (II) The styles and techniques of dance; or
- (III) A survey of dance forms, including, but not limited to, ballet, modern, jazz and

tap;

(3) At least 3 semester hours in the kinesiology relating to the performance of dance, including, but not limited to:

- (I) Anatomy and physiology;
- (II) The anatomy and physiology of exercise for the performance of dance; or
- (III) The care and prevention of injuries that occur during the performance of dance;

(4) At least 3 semester hours in the composition of dance, including, but not limited to:

- (I) An analysis of the rhythms relating to dance;
- (II) The spatial relationships involved in the performance of dance; or
- (III) The choreography of dance;

(5) At least 3 semester hours in the methods of teaching dance; or

(6) At least 2 semester hours in the techniques of dance in at least two of the following dance forms:

- (I) Ballet;
- (II) Modern;
- (III) Jazz; or
- (IV) Tap.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.285 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.285 ~~1.1~~ To receive an endorsement to teach reading, a person must:

~~1(a)~~ 1. Hold a bachelor's degree;

~~1(b)~~ 2. Hold a valid ~~elementary,~~ secondary ~~or special~~ license to teach, excluding a business and industry endorsement, *a valid elementary or special license to teach*, a valid license to teach special education, ~~excluding a business and industry endorsement,~~ or a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education ; ~~excluding a business and industry endorsement;~~ and

~~1(e)~~ 3. Have at least 16 semester hours of preparation in separate or integrated courses related to reading in each of the following subjects:

- ~~1(1)~~ (a) Foundations of reading;
- ~~1(2)~~ (b) Elementary methods and materials;
- ~~1(3)~~ (c) Secondary methods and materials;
- ~~1(4)~~ (d) Diagnosis of reading disabilities; and
- ~~1(5)~~ (e) Practical experience in reading remediation.

~~1.2. To renew this endorsement, the holder must have completed 6 semester hours of graduate courses in reading and literacy education or either of them.~~

Sec. 5. NAC 391.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.290 To receive an endorsement as a specialist in teaching reading, a person must:

1. Hold a master's degree;
2. Have 3 years of verified experience as a teacher in state-approved schools;
3. Hold a valid ~~elementary,~~ secondary ~~or special~~ license to teach, excluding a business and industry endorsement, *a valid elementary or special license to teach*, a valid license to teach special education, ~~excluding a business and industry endorsement,~~ or a valid license to teach middle school or junior high school education ; ~~excluding a business and industry endorsement;~~ and
4. Have completed at least 16 graduate semester hours of courses in reading in each of the following subjects:
 - (a) Foundations of reading;
 - (b) Etiology and diagnosis of reading problems;
 - (c) Clinical practice in correcting reading problems; and
 - (d) Research in reading.