

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

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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§ 1 and 2, NRS 391.019.

Section 1. Chapter 391 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

- 1. To receive an endorsement to teach a program of alternative education, a person must:*
 - (a) Hold a valid secondary or special license which is endorsed for a recognized field of teaching other than business and industry;*
 - (b) Have 3 years of verified experience in teaching a program of alternative education; or*
 - (c) Have completed at least 3 semester hours of course work in one or more of the following areas of study:*
 - (1) Behavior management;*
 - (2) Methods of teaching pupils who have specific learning disabilities;*
 - (3) Parental involvement in programs of alternative education; or*
 - (4) Methods of teaching pupils in a program of alternative education or pupils who are at risk of dropping out of high school.*
- 2. A person who holds an endorsement to teach a program of alternative education may:*

(a) Provide instruction in any recognized field of teaching for which he holds a valid endorsement; and

(b) Teach courses outside his area of endorsement.

3. An endorsement to teach a program of alternative education is not required to teach a program of alternative education.

4. As used in this section, "program of alternative education" means:

(a) An alternative program as defined in NAC 388.500; or

(b) A program of adult education as defined in subsection 2 of NAC 389.690.

Sec. 2. NAC 391.156 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.156 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, an exception may be granted for not longer than 2 school years. An exception granted pursuant to a request to which an objection is made by the licensed teacher affected may be granted for not longer than 1 school year.

2. If the request for an exception:

(a) Relates to a course in the humanities, an elective course of study, or a course that is supplemental to the basic curriculum prescribed by the board; and

(b) Is for a teacher who is assigned to teach outside his area of endorsement at a secondary or combined school that has less than 300 pupils enrolled and is located at least 30 miles from a school where the subject is taught by persons who have received endorsements in that area, the superintendent of public instruction may extend the exception for 2 years if the superintendent of the school district submits to the superintendent of public instruction a plan by which the conditions that necessitated the request can be eliminated within the period of the extension.

3. *The superintendent of public instruction may grant an exception for longer than 2 school years to a teacher of a program of alternative education who teaches outside his area of endorsement.*

4. As used in this section [, a] :

(a) A “combined school” means a school which has both secondary and elementary pupils in attendance, or which mixes one grade level with another.

(b) “*Program of alternative education*” has the meaning ascribed to it in subsection 4 of section 1 of this regulation.