

**PROPOSED 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: §§ 1-4, NRS 391.019.

Section 1. NAC 391.095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.095 To receive an elementary license, a person must hold a bachelor's degree *from an accredited college or university* and have completed:

1. A program of preparation for teaching in the elementary grades which is approved by the board;

2. ~~[Thirty]~~ *Thirty-two* semester hours of courses in elementary professional education, ~~[including:]~~ *consisting of:*

(a) Eight semester hours in supervised *student* teaching in ~~[elementary grades;~~

~~(b) Eight]~~ *kindergarten through eighth grade;*

~~(b) Nine]~~ semester hours in methods of teaching ~~[basic]~~ elementary subjects, including ~~[, but not limited to, reading, mathematics, science, English or]~~ :

~~(1) Three semester hours in mathematics;~~

~~(2) Three semester hours in science; and~~

~~(3) Three semester hours in social studies; [and~~

~~(c) Six]~~

(c) *Nine* semester hours in the teaching of [reading, reading skills or phonics skills;]

literacy or language arts; and

(d) *Six semester hours of professional education course work in any of the following subjects:*

(1) *Classroom management;*

(2) *English as a second language;*

(3) *Technology;*

(4) *Evaluation of pupils;*

(5) *Child development; or*

(6) *Special education; or*

3. Forty-four semester hours of courses in professional studies in [elementary] physical education [, including:] *for kindergarten through eighth grade, consisting of:*

(a) Eight semester hours in supervised *student* teaching of [elementary] physical education [:] *for kindergarten through eighth grade;*

(b) Fifteen semester hours which includes course work in each of the following areas of study:

(1) Anatomical kinesiology or mechanical kinesiology, or both;

(2) The physiology of exercise;

(3) The psychological or social aspects of physical education, or both;

(4) Motor development; and

(5) Testing and measuring skills and abilities in physical education; and

(c) Twenty-one semester hours in teaching [specialties of] *elementary* physical education, including, but not limited to, teaching:

- (1) Adapted physical education;
- (2) Methods and techniques of teaching *elementary* physical [fitness activities;] *education;*
- (3) Rhythmic activities for pupils in elementary grades;
- (4) Movement experiences for pupils in preschool and primary grades;
- (5) Movement experiences for pupils in intermediate grades; *and*
- (6) [Teaching physical education in elementary grades; and
- (7)] Advanced first aid or an equivalent course.

A person who qualifies for an elementary license by complying with the requirements of *this* subsection [3] may teach only physical education in [elementary grades.] *kindergarten through eighth grade.*

Sec. 2. NAC 391.098 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.098 1. To receive an endorsement on an elementary license, a person must complete 12 semester hours of credit within the area of the endorsement, except that [:

(a) **An]** *an* endorsement for English requires the completion of 3 semester hours of courses in [**advance]** *advanced* composition, descriptive grammar and speech.

[(b) An endorsement to teach pupils who are enrolled in a program of bilingual education requires the applicant to pass the examination required by subsection 1 of NAC 391.242, if an examination is available.]

2. The board recognizes the following subjects for an endorsement on an elementary license:

- (a) Art.
- (b) [The] *Computers and technology relating to the* use of computers.
- (c) English.
- (d) Health.
- (e) Mathematics.
- (f) [Reading.] *Literacy.*
- (g) Science.
- (h) Social studies.
- (i) Early childhood education.
- (j) Physical education.
- (k) [Bilingual education.] *English as a second language.*

3. An endorsement on an elementary license is not required to teach in kindergarten through *eighth* grade . [8.] The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit a school district from requiring a specific endorsement on an elementary license as a requirement for employment with that district.

Sec. 3. NAC 391.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.100 To receive [an elementary] *a professional* license as [a professional] *an elementary* teacher, a person must:

- 1. Meet all requirements for an elementary license;
- 2. Hold a master's degree [;] *in education;* and

3. Have 3 years of verified experience as a teacher in kindergarten or any grade through *eighth* grade [8] in schools approved by the department.

Sec. 4. NAC 391.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

391.105 1. [To] *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, to* receive a [limited endorsement] *provisional license* as an elementary teacher, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and [have completed 18] *complete 23* semester hours of courses in professional elementary education, [including:] *consisting of:*

(a) Eight semester hours of supervised *student* teaching [; and

(b) *Eight*] *in kindergarten through eighth grade; and*

(b) *Fifteen* semester hours in methods of teaching [basic] elementary subjects, including [, but not limited to, the teaching of reading, mathematics, science, English or social studies.

2. *A limited elementary endorsement*] :

(1) *Six semester hours in literacy or language arts;*

(2) *Three semester hours in mathematics;*

(3) *Three semester hours in science; and*

(4) *Three semester hours in social studies.*

2. *In lieu of completing 8 semester hours of supervised student teaching pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, a person may satisfactorily complete 3 years of supervised teaching.*

3. *A provisional elementary license* is not renewable. To continue teaching, the holder of the [endorsement] *license* must complete the requirements for an elementary license [during the term of the endorsement.] *within 3 years after the date of issuance of the license.*

Sec. 5. Sections 1 and 4 of this regulation become effective 1 year after the date this regulation is adopted by the commission on professional standards in education.