

# Valid Credentials: General Rules

## Introduction

This document is designed to assist districts in implementing the requirements and in ensuring that PreK-12 educators are assigned to classes they are validly credentialed to teach. It identifies the credentials required for teaching specific courses. Teachers are to hold one of the credentials identified in this document for each course they teach.

## Elementary Credentials

Courses in the elementary grade range, other than PE, do not appear in this document, because a general rule for elementary credentials applies to all such courses. The general rule for elementary credentials (i.e., Kindergarten-Primary (KP), Kindergarten-Elementary (KE), Elementary (EL), Early Childhood (EC), endorsements extending the grade range of EC credentials) allows the teachers who hold these credentials to teach any course within the relevant grade range. An exception to this rule is for those initially hired on or after July 1, 2013, to teach physical education. These teachers must be licensed in PE and are included in this document.

## Community School Courses

Courses that are taught at a community school, with the exception of special education courses, can be taught by an educator who holds any issued teaching credential other than a Short Term Substitute license.

## Special Education

For courses with student populations SE or SP, any teacher holding an education of the handicapped certificate (EH) or an intervention specialist license (IL or ES) can teach students—at the grade levels for which the teacher is certificated or licensed—with any disability.\*

\*Exceptions:

1. Any SE or SP course that is comprised of all hearing impaired students must be taught by someone certificated or licensed to teach hearing impaired students. This includes the following:
  - EH 196010, 196015, 196070 (grades K-12)
  - IL 196116 (grades P-12)
2. Any SE or SP course that is comprised of all visually impaired students must be taught by someone certificated or licensed to teach visually impaired students. This includes the following:
  - EH 196110 (grades K-12)
  - IL 196109 (grades P-12)

English Language Arts

SUBJECT	CREDENTIAL	TEACHING FIELD/ENDORSEMENT	ADDITIONAL TEACHING FIELD/ENDORSEMENT	GRADES
050014 - Intervention English	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
050102 - Reading K-3	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	050199 - Remedial Reading		KG - 12
	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	059902 - Reading (K-12)		KG - 12
050103 - Reading 3-4	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	050199 - Remedial Reading		KG - 12
	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	059902 - Reading (K-12)		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050123 - Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
050104 - Reading 4-6	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	050199 - Remedial Reading		KG - 12
	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	059902 - Reading (K-12)		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050123 - Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
050106 - Reading 7-8	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	050199 - Remedial Reading		KG - 12
	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	059902 - Reading (K-12)		KG - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050123 - Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
050119 - Intervention Reading	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	050199 - Remedial Reading		KG - 12
	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	059902 - Reading (K-12)		KG - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050123 - Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9

English Language Arts

SUBJECT	CREDENTIAL	TEACHING FIELD/ENDORSEMENT	ADDITIONAL TEACHING FIELD/ENDORSEMENT	GRADES
050153 - Integrated English Language Arts 3-4	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
050154 - Integrated English Language Arts 4-6	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
050156 - Integrated English Language Arts 7-8	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9	
050160 - Integrated English Language Arts I	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9	
050170 - Integrated English Language Arts II	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12	
050180 - Integrated English Language Arts III	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12	

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050190 - Integrated English Language Arts IV	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
050220 - Grammar and Usage	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9	
050300 - Literature	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	050400 - Composition	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts	
AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)		050000 - English		7 - 12
CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)		059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)		050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)		050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)		050000 - English		KG - 12
HS - High School (7-12)		059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
HS - High School (7-12)		059901 - Communications		7 - 12
HS - High School (7-12)		050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
HS - High School (7-12)		050000 - English		7 - 12
MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)		050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
MS - Middle School (4-9)		050155 - Language Arts and Reading Generalist (4-6)		4 - 6
MS - Middle School (4-9)		050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9

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050403 - Journalism	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050403 - Journalism		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050410 - Journalism (9-12)		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050403 - Journalism		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050403 - Journalism		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050403 - Journalism	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050403 - Journalism		7 - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	050500 - Speech	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050504 - Speech/Communication	
AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)		050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)		059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)		050530 - Speech/Communication (9-12)		9 - 12
DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)		050504 - Speech/Communication		KG - 12
DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)		050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
HS - High School (7-12)		059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
HS - High School (7-12)		059901 - Communications		7 - 12
HS - High School (7-12)		050504 - Speech/Communication	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
HS - High School (7-12)		050504 - Speech/Communication		7 - 12
MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)		050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
MS - Middle School (4-9)		050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
050545 - Applied Communications	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050504 - Speech/Communication		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050530 - Speech/Communication (9-12)		9 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050504 - Speech/Communication		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050504 - Speech/Communication	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050504 - Speech/Communication		7 - 12
	MC - Middle Childhood (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
	MS - Middle School (4-9)	050150 - Language Arts and Reading (4-9)		4 - 9
051905 - English as a Second Language (ESL)	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	180500 - Bilingual/Multicultural		KG - 12
	AA - Any Standard Certificate/License	050275 - Tesol PreK-12		KG - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050280 - TESOL		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050275 - Tesol PreK-12		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050280 - TESOL		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050280 - TESOL	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050280 - TESOL		7 - 12
	KP - Kindergarten-Primary (K-3)	050290 - Tesol Elem		KG - 8
	MA - Multi Age (P-12)	050250 - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)		PS - 12

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059920 - English Language & Composition	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
059930 - English Literature & Composition	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
059999 - Other English/Language Arts Course	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		7 - 12
	AD - Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	059950 - All Communications 7-8		7 - 8
	CH - Comprehensive High School (7-12)	050012 - English (9-12)		7 - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050145 - Integrated Language Arts		KG - 12
	DS (K-12) - Designated Subject (Grades K-12)	050000 - English		KG - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12
	HS - High School (7-12)	059901 - Communications		7 - 12
HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English	180200 - Middle Grades	4 - 12	
HS - High School (7-12)	050000 - English		7 - 12	