

Four-Tiered Teacher Licensure Structure

Tier 1	<p>Alternative Resident Educator License Requirements <i>Designated Subjects, World Languages, Intervention Specialists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree and cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher or graduate degree and GPA of 3.0 or higher from an accredited college or university Pass content area exams prescribed by Ohio State Board of Education Successful completion of Alternative Licensure Institute, approved by Chancellor of Ohio Dept. of Education 	<p>Resident Educator License Requirements <i>Traditional Teacher Preparation Program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree and approved teacher preparation program through an accredited college or university Pass examinations prescribed by Ohio State Board of Education Twelve semester hours of reading coursework, including a three-semester hour phonics course in the context of reading, writing and spelling, through an accredited college or university (required for middle childhood, primary and intervention specialist areas)
	<p>Resident Educator License Requirements <i>Teach for America (TFA)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university Grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher Pass content area exams for licensure area Successful completion of TFA summer training institute and assignment to teach in Ohio TFA program 	<p>Alternative Resident Educator License Requirements <i>Montessori</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university Successful completion of a teacher preparation program through the American Montessori Society, the Association Montessori Internationale or an institution accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education
	<p>Professional Educator License Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university Successful completion of the Ohio Resident Educator Program and any coursework and exam limitations <p>Alternative Resident Educator and Montessori License Holders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four full school years of successful teaching experience in each licensure area <p>Out-of-State License Holders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three full school years of successful teaching experience under the standard out-of-state teaching license 	
	<p>Senior Professional Educator License Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's degree or higher from a regional accredited college or university Nine years of successful experience under a standard teaching license or certificate, of which at least five years must be under a professional or permanent license or certificate Demonstration of effective practice at the <i>accomplished</i> or <i>distinguished</i> level of performance as defined in the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession by successful completion of the Master Teacher portfolio and designation as a Master Teacher 	
Tier 4	<p>Lead Professional Educator License Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Master's degree or higher from a regional accredited college or university Nine years of successful experience under a standard teaching license or certificate, of which at least five years must be under a professional or permanent license or certificate Demonstration of effective practice at the <i>distinguished</i> level of performance as defined by in the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession by ONE of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active National Board certification, OR Successful completion of the Master Teacher portfolio AND hold the Teacher Leader endorsement (completion of the approved endorsement program through an accredited university required) 	

Professional, Senior and Lead licensure RENEWAL requires six semester hours (18 CEUs), as approved by the Local Professional Development Committee of the employing school or district (in accordance with the educator's Individual Professional Development Plan or IPDP). Educators must complete all renewal requirements and submit their renewal applications prior to October 1 of the expiration year of the license(s) to be renewed, or the renewal requirement increases to nine semester hours of coursework.