

1.1 Endorsement: Middle Level Teacher

- A. **Function:** This endorsement on a teacher certificate allows the holder to teach students grade 5 through grade 8 in one of the following endorsement areas: 100 English/language arts, 200 social studies, 300 mathematics, or 340 science., ~~or a specific world language, including 410 Latin, 420 French, 430 German, 440 Spanish, 445 Portuguese, 450 Russian, 454 American Sign Language, 455 Hebrew, 456 Arabic, 460 Italian, 465 Greek, 470 Chinese, or 480 Japanese.~~

~~Changes to the list of world language endorsements may be made by the State Board and Commissioner without further rulemaking proceedings.~~

- B. **Eligibility:** Applicants shall meet eligibility requirements specified in Part I. In addition, eligibility for this endorsement shall be established by one of ~~two~~ **three** pathways. Individuals who are not eligible through either pathway may be eligible for a conditional certificate, in accordance with Section 1.3.B.3, below, and Part I Section 6.6 of this rule.

1. Endorsement Eligibility Pathway 1

- (a) ~~Graduated from~~ **Successful completion of** a Maine program approved for the education of middle level teachers, together with a formal recommendation from the preparing institution for the endorsement being sought;
- (b) Earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule; and
- (c) Completed an approved course for teaching students with exceptionalities in the regular classroom.

2. Endorsement Eligibility Pathway 2

- (a) Earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule;
- (b) Holds a valid Maine professional teaching certificate. ~~with a pre-K-3, K-6, 5-8, 6-12, or pre-K-12 endorsement;~~
- (c) Completed a minimum of 24 **18** semester hours in the areas relevant to the middle level endorsement area being sought. For purposes of making this computation, life and physical sciences shall be aggregated and shall include a minimum of nine semester hours in life sciences and a minimum of nine semester hours in physical sciences. **This requirement may be met through testing as described in State Board of Education Rule Chapter 13.** ~~For purposes of making this computation, world language shall have completed a minimum of 24 semester hours or have earned:~~
 - ~~i. a score of at least an "Advanced Low" on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview administered by a certified ACTFL oral proficiency tester in the modern language endorsement area being sought, and earned a score of at least "Advanced Low" on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Writing Proficiency Test in the world language endorsement area being sought; or~~
 - ~~ii. a score of at least a 7 in speaking and writing on the Avant STAMP 4S or Avant STAMP WS in the world language endorsement area being sought; or~~
 - ~~iii. a score of at least a 4 on the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) for the American Sign Language endorsement;~~

(d) Completed a minimum of three semester hours in diversity-centered content related to today's classroom (e.g., culturally responsive teaching, multicultural education, intercultural education, second language acquisition or world language teaching methods);

~~(e)~~ Completed a minimum of three semester hours in human development, educational psychology, developmental psychology, adolescent psychology, or child development, or equivalent;

~~(e)(f)~~ Completed a minimum of three semester hours in adolescent development; and

~~(f)(g)~~ Completed an approved course for teaching students with exceptionalities in the regular classroom.

3. Endorsement Eligibility Pathway 3:

(a) Earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule; and;

(b) Completed an approved course for teaching students with exceptionalities in the regular classroom; and

(c) Completed an approved portfolio in accordance with Part I Section 6 of this rule with prior approval from the superintendent and the department.

3. 4. Conditional Certificate for this Endorsement

(a) Earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule; and

~~(b)~~ Completed a minimum of 24 12 semester hours in the areas relevant to the middle level endorsement area being sought. For purposes of making this computation, life and physical sciences shall be aggregated and shall include a minimum of nine semester hours in life sciences and a minimum of nine semester hours in physical sciences. This requirement may be met through testing as described in State Board of Education Rule Chapter 13. ~~For purposes of making this computation, world language shall have completed a minimum of 24 semester hours or have earned:~~

- ~~i. a score of at least an "Advanced Low" on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview administered by a certified ACTFL oral proficiency tester in the modern language endorsement area being sought, and earned a score of at least "Advanced Low" on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Writing Proficiency Test in the world language endorsement area being sought; or~~
- ~~ii. a score of at least a 7 in speaking and writing on the Avant STAMP 4S or Avant STAMP WS in the world language endorsement area being sought; or~~
- ~~iii. a score of at least a 4 on the American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) for the American Sign Language endorsement; and~~

(c) Holds a valid Maine professional teaching certificate with a ~~pre-K-3, K-6, 5-8, 6-12 or pre-K-12~~ endorsement. Or

(a) Earned at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, in accordance with Part I Section 6.1 of this rule; and

(b) Received prior approval through the department and the superintendent to go through an approved portfolio process in accordance with Part I Section 6 of this rule.