

**OFFICE OF QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS**  
**Summary of State Board of Education Items**  
**March 17-18, 2008**

**EDUCATOR LICENSURE**

14. Approval to change the Licensure Guidelines for all Endorsement codes for Foreign Languages from Secondary grades 7-12 to Special Subjects grades K-12 as recommended by the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure Development (Has cleared the Administrative Procedures Act with no comments).

**Specifications:**

The Certification Commission is recommending approval of a change to all licensure codes for foreign language endorsements from secondary subject grades 7-12 to special subjects grades K-12. This will allow teachers trained to teach a foreign language to include elementary grades as well as secondary grades. Many Mississippi school districts want to offer foreign languages to elementary students, but currently the only way to certify these teachers is through the districts' requests for emergency licenses in elementary education.

**Background Information:**

**Proposal to Revise Foreign Language Endorsements from Secondary 7-12 to Special Subjects K-12:**

At this time, all licensure endorsement codes for foreign language subjects, such as Spanish, French, Latin, German, Italian and Russian are approved as secondary subjects for grades 7-12. Traditionally, these subjects have only been taught on the secondary level; however, in the last few years, several Mississippi school districts have received grants to have Spanish and Italian taught on the elementary level. Because these endorsements can only be issued on the secondary level there is no way to certify these foreign language instructors except for the district to request emergency licenses in elementary education for them. These teachers must make progress toward certification within the one-year time period of their emergency license. They would need to complete an elementary degree within this one-year time period to become fully certified elementary teachers.

The Office of Educator Licensure and the Office of Curriculum are asking the State Board to approve the revision of all foreign language endorsements grades 7-12, to become special subject endorsements for grades K-12. We feel that approval of this revision would allow these fully certified secondary teachers to teach the foreign language of their expertise to elementary students without having to get another degree.

If approved, this change to the licensure guidelines would go into effect on June 1, 2008.

**Attachments:**

1. Current Licensure guidelines list of approved endorsement codes – foreign language endorsements are underlined
2. Current licensure guidelines list of ways supplemental endorsements are added to a standard license – foreign language endorsements are underlined

Backup Material: Attached

Recommendation: Approval

**APPENDIX E: MISSISSIPPI ENDORSEMENT CODES**

**CODE AREA**

PRE-K/12 LICENSES

102	Art (N-12)
104	Bible (7-12)
105	Business Education (7-12)
111	Computer Applications (K-12)
113	Computer Education (K-12)
114	Driver Education (7-12)
116	Elementary Education (K-3)
117	Elementary Education (4-8)
118	Instructional Technology (K-12)
119	English (7-12)
120	Elementary Education (K-6)
121	Dancing (K-12) Performing Arts
123	Drama (K-12) Performing Arts
125	Music (K-12) Performing Arts
127	Visual Arts (K-12) Performing Arts
130	French (K-12)
134	German (K-12)
135	Latin (K-12)
136	Italian (K-12)
139	Russian (K-12)
140	Spanish (K-12)
141	Health Education (K-8)
142	Health Education (7-12)
143	Health Education (K-12)
144	Physical Education (K-12)
147	Technology Education (7-12)
149	Journalism (7-12)
150	Nursery - Grade 1 (N-1) <i>Added to 115, 116, 152 only</i>
152	Kindergarten - 4 (K-4)
153	Child Development (PreK-K)
154	Mathematics (7-12)
165	Music Education/Instrumental (K-12)
166	Music Education/Vocal (K-12)
171	Psychology (7-12)
174	Remedial Reading (K-12)
177	English as a Second Language (K-12)
181	Biology (7-12)
182	Physical Science (7-12)
185	Chemistry (7-12)
188	General Science (7-12)
189	Physics (7-12)
192	Social Studies (7-12)
196	Speech Communications (7-12)
202	Audiologist (K-12)
203	Dyslexia (K-12)
206	Emotional Disability (K-12)
207	Gifted (K-12)
208	Hearing Disability (K-12)
211	Special Education Birth – Kindergarten
213	Psychometrist (K-12)
215	Speech/Language Clinician (K-12)
218	Visually Impaired (K-12)
221	Mild/Moderate Disability (K-12)
222	Severe Disability (K-12) <i>Added to 221 only</i>
223	Mild/Moderate Disability (K-8) <i>Added to elementary only</i>
224	Mild/Moderate Disability (7-12) <i>Added to secondary or special subject license only</i>
499	JROTC Instructor (7-12)
901	Math (4-8)
902	Language Arts (4-8)
903	Social Studies (4-8)
904	Science (4-8)
909	Special Ed Elementary added by HOUSSE
910	Special Ed Fundamental Subjects HQ K-12
436	Guidance Counselor (K-12)
440	Library/Media (K-12)
451	School Psychologist (K-12)

**CODE AREA**

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES

301	Vocational Agriculture-Related Program (7-12)
302	Agriculture (7-12)
304	Vocational Agriculture Occupations (7-12)
305	Agripower and Equipment (7-12)
310	Business and Computer Technology (7-12) <i>Added to 105 only</i>
311	Lodging and Hospitality (7-12)
314	Vocational Counselor (K-12) <i>Added only to 436</i>
317	Cooperative Ed (7-12) <i>Added to voc. license only</i>
318	Marketing (7-12)
321	Vocational Family and Consumer Science (7-12)
322	Home Economics (7-12)
323	Design Technology for Fashion Interiors (7-12)
328	Child Care (7-12) <i>Added only to 321 or 322</i>
329	Aging Services (7-12) <i>Added only to 321 or 322</i>
330	Fashion & Int Des & Merch (7-12) <i>Added only to 321 or 322</i>
331	Food Production, Management & Services (7-12) <i>Added only to 321 or 322</i>
335	Computer Systems Technology (7-12)
336	Computer Graphics Technology (7-12)
340	Electronic Communication Production (7-12)
342	Automotive Body Repair (7-12)
343	Automotive Mechanics (7-12)
344	Building Trades (7-12)
346	Carpentry (7-12)
348	Cosmetology (7-12)
349	Custodial Services (7-12)
350	Diesel Equipment Repair (7-12)
352	Electrical Trades (7-12)
353	Electronics (7-12)
355	Health Cluster (7-12)
356	General Drafting (7-12)
357	Industrial Maintenance (7-12)
359	Machine Shop (7-12)
360	Brick, Block and Stone Masonry (7-12)
361	Metal Trades (7-12)
363	Plumbing and Pipe Fitting (7-12)
364	Printing (7-12)
366	Food Production, Management & Services (7-12)
369	Heating and Air Conditioning (7-12)
373	Small Gas Engines (7-12)
376	Welding (7-12)
377	Food Production (Meat) (7-12)
378	Furniture Manufacturing (7-12)
379	Polymer/Plastic Technology (7-12)

ADMINISTRATOR LICENSES

480	Administrator Special Fellowship
486	Administrator (all three levels)
494	Alternate Route Assistant Administrator
495	Athletic Administrator

TECH PREP LICENSES

981	ICT I – Information & Comm. Technology I
982	ICT II – Information & Comm. Technology II
983	STEM – Science, Tech., Engineering & Math
992	Agriculture & Envir Science Technology (7-12)
994	Technology Applications (7-12)
995	Work Based Learning (7-12)
996	Career Discovery (7-12)
997	Computer Discovery (7-12)
998	Technology Discovery (7-12)

**APPENDIX A: SUPPLEMENTAL ENDORSEMENTS THAT MAY BE ADDED TO A VALID MISSISSIPPI LICENSE**

**Supplemental Endorsements Added By Praxis**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>II Specialty Area Test AREA</u>
102	Art Education
181	Biology Education
105	Business
185	Chemistry
119	English
130	<b>French K-12</b>
134	<b>German K-12</b>
208	Hearing Disability K-12
322	Home Economics
147	Technology Education
440	Library/Media
318	Marketing
154	Mathematics
901	Math 7-8
902	Language Arts 7-8
903	Social Studies 7-8
904	Science 7-8
166	Music Education
144	Physical Education
189	Physics
192	Social Studies
140	<b>Spanish K-12</b>
221	Special Education (Mildly/Moderately Disabled—K-12)
910	Special Education Fundamental Subjects
196	Speech Communications
218	Visually Impaired K-12

**Supplemental Endorsements**

**Added by Completion of Approved Program (Institutional Program Verification required)**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>AREA</u>
111	Computer Applications
114	Driver Education
117	Elementary Education (4-8)
143	Health Education
150	Nursery-Grade 1 (N-1)
152	Elementary Education (K-4)
174	Remedial Reading
177	English as a Second Language
182	Physical Science
207	Gifted
208	Hearing Impaired (K-12)
218	Visually Impaired (K-12)
221	Mild/Moderate Disability (K-12)
222	Severe Disability (K-12) added to 221 only
223	Mild/Moderate Disability (K-8) added to elementary only
224	Mild/Moderate Disability (7-12) added to secondary or special subject license only
310	Business & Computer Technology (only added to 105)
314	Vocational Guidance(added only to 436)
317	Cooperative Education(added to vocational license only)
328	Child Care (only added to 322 or 321—Home Economics)
329	Aging Services (only added to 322 or 321—Home Economics)
330	Clothing (only added to 322 or 321—Home Economics)
331	Food Production, Management, and Services (only added to 322 or 321—Home Economics)
440	Library/Media

**Supplemental Endorsements**

**Added with 18 Hours in Area Prior to September 1, 2004 and 21 Hours in Area After September 1, 2004 (Course work must have a grade of "C" or higher)**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>AREA</u>
102	Art Education
104	Bible
105	Business Education
119	English
123	Drama (Performing Arts)
130	<b>French K-12</b>
<del>134</del>	<del><b>German K-12</b></del>
<del>135</del>	<del><b>Latin K-12</b></del>
<del>136</del>	<del><b>Italian K-12</b></del>
<del>139</del>	<del><b>Russian K-12</b></del>
<del>140</del>	<del><b>Spanish K-12</b></del>
144	Physical Education
149	Journalism
154	Mathematics
165	Music Education Instrumental
166	Music Education Vocal
171	Psychology
181	Biology
185	Chemistry
188	General Science
189	Physics
192	Social Studies
196	Speech Communications
302	Agriculture
318	Marketing
322	Home Economics

**Supplemental Endorsements**

**Added by Completion of MDE Approved Module, Course or Workshop**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>AREA</u>
981	Information & Comm. Technology I
982	Information & Comm. Technology II
983	STEM – Science, Tech., Engineering & Math
992	Agri & Envir Sci/Tech
994	Technology Applications
995	Work-Based Learning
996	Career Discovery
997	Computer Discovery
998	Technology Discovery

**Supplemental Endorsements**

**Added by Completion of MDE Approved MiddleGrade Professional Development Institute(s)**

<u>CODE</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Added to Elementary licenses:	
901	Math 7-8
902	Language Arts 7-8
903	Social Studies 7-8
904	Science 7-8
Added to Special Education licenses :	
905	Math 7-8 (Sped only)
906	Language Arts 7-8 (Sped only)
907	Social Studies 7-8 (Sped only)
908	Science 7-8 (Sped only)

*(Endorsements from Institutes can only be added to an Elementary or Special Education license)*