

**School of Education
Certification Office**

Obtaining an Additional NJ Teaching Endorsement for Teaching in Middle Schools

Currently, the NJ State Department of Education approves qualified elementary education candidates to receive additional endorsements for teaching in middle school subject areas, which is entitled “**Elementary teacher with subject matter specialization**” (grades 5 – 8). Candidates who **hold NJ elementary teacher certification** are eligible for one or more of the four endorsements *based upon completion of the following*:

1. ~ NJ elementary teacher certificate has been issued; **and**
2. ~ Passing scores on the appropriate Praxis exam(s) are on file in the NJ Department of Education (See below) **and**
3. ~ Completion of 15 credits (on 4-year college transcripts) in the appropriate subject area. * NJ “Elementary teacher with subject matter” endorsements are available in the following areas:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>NJ-Required Praxis test</u>	<u>Test #</u>	<u>Passing Score</u>	
<i>English</i>	<i>Middle School English</i>	<i>10049</i>	<i>156</i>	
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Middle School Math</i>	<i>20069</i>	<i>152</i>	
<i>Social Studies</i>	<i>Middle School Social Studies</i>	<i>20089</i>	<i>158</i>	
<i>Science</i>	<i>Middle School Science</i>	<i>10439</i>	<i>145</i>	and

4. ~ Complete a COURSE in the “growth/development of children & young adolescents.” 4 TCNJ courses are approved to fulfill this requirement: ELEM 201 Child & Adoles Gr & Devel; ECE 201 Inf thru Adoles. Devel; SPE 203 Psyc Dev of Ch & Adoles; EPSY 523 Adv Ch & Adoles Devel.
5. ~ Candidates apply on-line through www.state.nj.us/education. Click on Licensure in the drop-down box. Compile and submit supporting documents listed on the website.

(A Spanish middle school certificate is available; 15 credits of Spanish , passing scores are needed - Spanish: Content Knowledge Praxis test and oral test.... There is NO Spanish Middle School praxis test.)

*Please note that additional endorsements are **valid only in New Jersey**, and are not recognized in any other state, as the credential is not based upon completion of an approved teacher preparation program in the subject area for middle school teaching.*

This process can occur after graduation. Practicing teachers complete the above items as do newly-certified teachers.

State information is available in The NJ Administrative Code, 6A, chapter 9-
www.state.nj.gov/education/code/current/title6a/chap9.pdf See section 6A:9-11.11.

* There are no lists of approved courses for the 15 credits. Generally, course prefix indicates the subject area, i.e.: ENGL, MATH, or any science. In Social studies, at least 1-2 history courses are required; other acceptable courses in social studies are government, political science, sociology, geography, anthropology, and economics. Typically, the State Licensing Office seeks courses offered through the corresponding subject area department. Teacher preparation courses (including teaching methods) will not be approved for subject area courses. (6A:9-9.2,(a),7,ii)