




## MEMORANDUM

To: Local Superintendents of Education, Officials of Eligible Non-public Schools, and All Other Education Stakeholders

From: Dr. Cory M. Murphy, Executive Director   
Office of Teaching and Leading

Date: Monday, February 24, 2020

Subject: Coursework Credit hours required for adding a supplemental endorsement to a three-year alternate route or five-year standard license adjusting from twenty-one (21) hours to eighteen (18) hours of coursework

As a result of a recent review of requirements related to add-on certification (supplemental endorsement) by coursework, the Division of Educator Licensure recommended to the State Board of Education (SBE) a modification to the number of coursework credit hours required for adding a supplemental endorsement to a valid three-year or five-year license from twenty-one (21) coursework credit hours to eighteen (18) coursework credit hours. On December 19, 2019, the SBE granted final approval to modify the number of coursework credit hours required for adding a supplemental endorsement to a valid three-year or five-year Mississippi educator license. This memorandum serves as official notice of the policy change.

The approval of this modification aligns to the most common number of coursework credit hours required to earn a concentration in a subject area when earning a baccalaureate degree. One example of immediate impact resulting from this change is that it allows Mississippi teacher preparation program completers, specifically, in the area of Elementary Education, to receive a teaching license in Elementary Education in addition to other areas of concentration that he/she has successfully earned a grade of "C" or higher on eighteen (18) hours of acceptable coursework in a subject area allowable under current licensure guidelines for *"Supplemental Endorsements that may be Added to a Three-Year or Five-Year License with Eighteen (18) Hours of Coursework in Subject Area"*. This change also applies to other related licensure guidelines listing twenty-one (21) coursework credit hours as one criterion and will be adjusted to reflect the new eighteen (18) coursework credit hours requirement to align with this policy.

***Please note, this policy revision does not impact supplemental endorsements added by the approved program route, such as Mathematics 7-12. Guidelines for Mississippi Educator Licensure K-12 may be accessed via the following web link: <https://www.mdek12.org/OTL/OEL/K12>.***

The Office of Teaching and Leading, Division of Educator Licensure will continue to review all guidelines pertaining to the issuance of an educator license to ensure that each requirement remains necessary and relevant to the contextual framework of present day and ensures consistency in requirements across all pathways to licensure.

Please assist us by disseminating this communication and/or orally sharing the contents of this memorandum to all prospective and practicing educators. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Educator Licensure team for assistance via telephone at (601) 359-3483. We value and appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Attachment

c: Dr. Paula A. Vanderford

**APPENDIX A:  
SUPPLEMENTAL ENDORSEMENTS ADDED TO A VALID MISSISSIPPI LICENSE  
(CONTINUED)**

**Supplemental Endorsements that may be Added to a Three-Year or Five-Year License with ~~Eighteen~~ (18) ~~Twenty-One (21)~~ Hours of Coursework in Subject Area**  
(Coursework must have an earned grade of “C” or higher)

**CODE AREA**

102	Art Education (K-12)
104	Bible (7-12)
105	Business Education (7-12)
119	English (7-12)
123	Drama (Performing Arts) (K-12)
130	French (7-12)
132	Chinese (Mandarin) (K-12)
134	German (7-12)
135	Latin (7-12)
136	Italian (7-12)
139	Russian (7-12)
140	Spanish (7-12)
144	Physical Education (K-12)
149	Journalism (7-12)
165	Music Education Instrumental (K-12)
166	Music Education Vocal (K-12)
171	Psychology (7-12)
181	Biology (7-12)
185	Chemistry (7-12)
188	General Science (7-12)
189	Physics (7-12)
192	Social Studies (7-12)
193	Economics (7-12)
196	Speech Communications (7-12)
302	Agriculture (7-12)
318	Marketing (7-12)
322	Home Economics (7-12)

**The following may also be added by completion of MDE-approved Math & Science Partnerships**

Added to Elementary or Special Education licenses only:

901 or 905 Math (7-8)

904 or 908 Science (7-8)

**Advanced Placement endorsements are added by completion of College Board Approved AP Training**  
(see Appendix E for list)

405 and 411 are academic endorsements that are added by completion of special CTE requirements

**Added by completion of MDE Approved Early Childhood Specialized Training**

122 Pre-Kindergarten add-on endorsement can only be added to a valid Elementary Education (116, 152, or 120) or select Special Education (221, 222, or 223) licenses that includes Kindergarten by completion of the MDE Approved Early Childhood Specialized Training