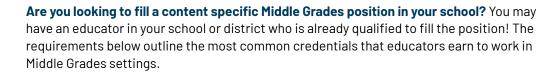
# Pathways to Licensure: Middle Grades





#### **Professional Educator License (PEL) Requirements**

**Option 1 —** PEL + Middle Grades/Middle School endorsement (Grades 5-8 or 6-8)

**Option 2 –** PEL + Junior High endorsement (Grades 5-8 or 6-8)

**Option 3** – PEL + Elementary Education endorsement (if teaching in a self-contained setting for Grades K-9 or 1-6)

**Option 4 —** PEL + Middle Grades Previous Qualification Designation (Grades 5-8)

#### **Major & Minor Teaching Assignment Requirements**

The assignability requirements below are for teaching in departmentalized subjects in Grades 6-8.

**Option 1 –** PEL + Junior High/Middle School endorsement for the major teaching assignment + five semester hours of coursework in the content area for the minor teaching assignment

**Option 2** – PEL + Middle Grades endorsement for major teaching assignment + five semester hours of coursework in the content area for the minor teaching assignment

## **Short-Term Approval (STA) Requirements**

#### **Option 1**

STA — Middle Grades (Grades 5-8)

- ✓ PEL (in a teaching field for any grade range)
- ✓ One of the following:
  - Nine semester hours of coursework in the applicable content area sought
  - A passing score on the applicable content test

### **Option 2**

STA — Content Knowledge Pathway

- ✓ A passing score on the applicable content test ✓ One of the following:
  - Bachelor's degree in the content area of the endorsement sought
  - Bachelor's degree in any area + 32 semester hours of coursework in the content area of the endorsement sought

These approvals are temporary credentials that allow an educator to immediately begin teaching while working toward full licensure requirements.

# Application procedures

View full requirements at <a href="https://www.isbe.net/licensure">www.isbe.net/licensure</a>



Create or login to your existing ELIS account



Submit the applicable endorsement or approval application



Pay the \$50 application fee



Submit required forms and transcripts to your ROE/ISC



#### **Self-contained**

The educator is teaching one group of students several subject areas throughout the day.

#### **Major Teaching Assignment**

The subject the educator is teaching for most of the day.

#### **Minor Teaching Assignment**

The subject the educator is teaching for a minority of the day.

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