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Connecticut Educator Certification News from
The Connecticut State Department of Education



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IMPORTANT STATUTORY CHANGE: NEW GRADE LEVELS FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT

In accordance with Public Act 12-63, amended by Public Act 13-122 (Section 11), on or after July 1, 2013, an endorsement for elementary education will be issued for Grades 1–6 only. Therefore, for *most* new applications received on or after July 1, 2013, a new endorsement, #305, authorizing service in Grades 1–6, will be issued upon determination of eligibility. The old endorsement #013, which authorized service in Grades K–6, will no longer be available, except for completers of Connecticut programs, in limited cases. Those who already hold the endorsement will continue to hold it, as long as they do not allow their certificate to lapse.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Current students in Connecticut teacher preparation programs:

Current students in Connecticut teacher preparation programs leading to recommendation for certification in elementary education, who successfully complete the program and are recommended for certification by the Connecticut college or university on or before June 30, 2017, shall be eligible for an elementary certificate for Grades K–6.

2. Individuals coming into Connecticut from other states:

Individuals coming into Connecticut from other states, seeking an elementary education endorsement, will receive endorsement for Grades K–6 only if the application is received AND they are determined to have been eligible before July 1, 2013. All out-of-state applications received on or after July 1, 2013, will be evaluated for eligibility for endorsement #305 elementary Grades 1–6.

3. Connecticut educators seeking to add an endorsement in elementary education:

Connecticut educators seeking to add an endorsement in elementary education to a valid Connecticut certificate must apply AND meet all requirements prior to July 1, 2013, to be eligible for endorsement #013 elementary Grades K–6. Those who apply and/or complete requirements on or after July 1, 2013, will be evaluated for endorsement #305 elementary Grades 1–6.

If you have questions about your specific circumstances, you may email teacher.cert@ct.gov.



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