

Chapter 231. Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments

Subchapter C. Grades 6-8 Assignments

§231.41. Self-Contained, Grades 6-8.

- (a) Self-contained is defined as a class in which one teacher teaches all or most subjects to one class of students.
- (b) An assignment in a self-contained classroom for All General Subjects, Grades 6-8, is allowed with one of the following certificates.
 - (1) Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
 - (2) Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8 (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).
 - (3) Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
 - (4) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
 - (5) Core Subjects: Grades 4-8 (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).
 - (6) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8 (Encli.691a 1 ()-5P MCID 10 BDC 0.004 Tc -6: 105)
 - (7) Elementary--General.
 - (8) Elementary--General (Grades 1-6) (Grade 6 only).
 - (9) Elementary--General (Grades 1-8).
 - (10) Elementary Early Childhood Education (Prekindergarten).
 - (11) Elementary Self-Contained (Grades 1-8).
 - (12) English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood.
 - (13) English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8 (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).
 - (14) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
 - (15) Generalist: Grades 4-8 (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).
 - (16) Prekindergarten-Grade 6--General (Grade 6 only).

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§231.43. All General Subjects, Grade 6.

- (a) An assignment in a departmentalized classroom for All General Subjects, Grade 6, with an elementary level certificate is allowed with one of the following certificates.
 - (1) Any elementary teacher certificate appropriate for Grade 6.
 - (2) Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6.
 - (3) Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8 (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).
 - (4) Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6.

- (5) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6.
 - (6) Core Subjects: Grades 4-8 (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).
 - (7) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8 (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).
 - (8) English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6.
 - (9) English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8 (English, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).
 - (10) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6.
 - (11) Generalist: Grades 4-8 (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).
- (b) Requirements for a holder of a secondary or all-level certificate in a departmentalized Grades 6-8 assignment are specified for each subject area in this subchapter.

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§231.45. English Language Arts, Grades 6-8.

An assignment in a departmentalized classroom for English Language Arts, Grades 6-8, for a holder of a valid elementary, secondary, or all-level certificate is allowed with one of the following certificates.

- (1) Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (2) Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (3) Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (4) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8 (English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies only).

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§231.49. Reading (At or Above Grade Level), Grades 6-8.

An assignment in a departmentalized classroom for Reading (at or above grade level), Grades 6-8, for a holder of a valid elementary, secondary, or all-level certificate is allowed with one of the following certificates.

- (1) Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (2) Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (3) Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (4) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (5) Core Subjects: Grades 4-8.
- (6) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (7) Elementary English (Grades 1-8). This assignment requires verifiable preparation in teaching of reading such as in-service, seminar, or college course in reading. Initial assignments beginning with the 1990-1991 school year require nine semester credit hours of upper-division coursework in reading with at least one course in diagnostic reading techniques.
- (8) Elementary Reading (Grades 1-8).
- (9) Elementary teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in English and nine semester credit hours of upper-division coursework in reading with at least one course in diagnostic reading techniques.
- (10) English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (11) English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (12) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (13) English Language Arts and Reading with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (14) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12 (Grades 7 and 8 only).
- (15) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12 (Grade 8 only).
- (16) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8.
- (17) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (18) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (19) Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (20) Junior High School or High School--English.
- (21) Junior High School or High School--English Language Arts, Composite. This assignment includes at least six semester credit hours of reading. Initial assignments beginning with the 2003-2004 school year require nine semester credit hours of upper-division coursework in reading with at least one course in diagnostic reading techniques.
- (22) Junior High School or High School--Reading.
- (23) Legacy Master Reading Teacher (Early Childhood-Grade 12).
- (24) Reading Specialist.
- (25) Reading Specialist (Early Childhood-Grade 12).
- (26) Secondary English (Grades 6-8). This assignment requires verifiable preparation in teaching of reading such as in-service, seminar, or college course in reading. Initial assignments beginning with the 1990-1991 school year require nine semester credit hours of upper-division coursework in reading with at least one course in diagnostic reading techniques.

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- (27) Secondary English Language Arts, Composite (Grades 6-8). This assignment includes at least six semester credit hours of reading. Initial assignments beginning with the 2003-2004 school year require nine semester credit hours of upper-division coursework in reading with at least one course in diagnostic reading techniques.
- (28) Secondary Reading (Grades 6-8).
- (29) Secondary English (Gray h (up29)8.1 12 0 T (-)Tj3.006 (A -0.003 Tw 23.1(nt)6.9 18))13.7 (.)16.9 (i)6.9 (a)4.9 (1)6

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- (14) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12 (Grades 7 and 8 only).
- (15) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 8-12 (Grade 8 only).
- (16) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8.
- (17) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (18) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (19) Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (20) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--English. This assignment requires verifiable preparation in the

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§231.57. Social Studies, Grade 6.

An assignment in a departmentalized classroom for Social Studies, Grade 6, for a holder of a valid elementary, secondary, or all-level certificate is allowed with one of the following certificates.

- (1) Any elementary teacher certificate appropriate for Grade 6.
- (2) Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6.
- (3) Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (4) Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6.
- (5) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6.
- (6) Core Subjects: Grades 4-8.
- (7) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (8) English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6.
- (9) English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (10) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8.
- (11) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (12) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6.
- (13) Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (14) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Economics.
- (15) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Geography.
- (16) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Government.
- (17) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--History.
- (18) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Psychology.
- (19) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Sociology.
- (20) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Social Studies.
- (21) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Social Studies, Composite.
- (22) Junior High School or High School--Anthropology.
- (23) Junior High School or High School--Economics.
- (24) Junior High School or High School--Geography.
- (25) Junior High School or High School--Government-Political Science.
- (26) Junior High School or High School--History.
- (27) Junior High School or High School--Psychology.
- (28) Junior High School or High School--Sociology.
- (29) Junior High School or High School--Social Science, Composite.
- (30) Secondary Economics (Grades 6-12).

- (31) Secondary Geography (Grades 6-12).
- (32) Secondary Government (Grades 6-12).
- (33) Secondary History (Grades 6-12).
- (34) Secondary Psychology (Grades 6-12).
- (35) Secondary Sociology (Grades 6-12).
- (36) Secondary Social Studies (Grades 6-12).
- (37) Secondary Social Studies, Composite (Grades 6-12).
- (38) Secondary or all-level teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in social studies.
- (39) Social Studies: Grades 4-8.

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§231.59. Social Studies, Grades 7 and 8.

An assignment in a departmentalized classroom for Social Studies, Grades 7 and 8, for a holder of a valid elementary, secondary, or all-level certificate is allowed with one of the following certificates.

- (1) Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (2) Core Subjects: Grades 4-8.
- (3) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (4) Elementary History.
- (5) Elementary History (Grades 1-8).
- (6) Elementary Social Studies (Grades 1-8).
- (7) Elementary teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in social studies.
- (8) English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (9) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies: Grades 4-8.
- (10) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (11) Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (12) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--History.
- (13) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Social Studies.
- (14) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Social Studies, Composite.
- (15) High School--History.
- (16) High School--Social Science, Composite.
- (17) History: Grades 7-12.
- (18) History: Grades 8-12 (Grade 8 only).

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- (22) Secondary Social Studies (Grades 6-12).
- (23) Secondary Social Studies, Composite (Grades 6-12).
- (24) Secondary or all-level teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in social studies.
- (25) Social Studies: Grades 4-8.
- (26) Social Studies: Grades 7-12.
- (27) Social Studies: Grades 8-12 (Grade 8 only).

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§231.61. Mathematics, Grades 6-8.

An assignment in a departmentalized classroom for Mathematics, Grades 6-8, for a holder of a valid elementary, secondary, or all-level certificate is allowed with one of the following certificates.

- (1) Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (2) Bilingual Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (3) Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (4) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (5) Core Subjects: Grades 4-8.
- (6) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8.
- (7) Elementary Mathematics (Grades 1-8). A teacher holding an Elementary Mathematics (Grades 1-8) certificate may teach Algebra I at the middle school level for high school graduation credit.
- (8) Elementary teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in mathematics.
- (9) English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (10) English as a Second Language Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (11) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (12) Generalist: Grades 4-8.
- (13) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Mathematics.
- (14) Junior High School or High School--Mathematics.
- (15) Junior High School or High School--Mathematical Science, Composite.
- (16) Legacy Master Mathematics Teacher (Grades 4-8).
- (17) Legacy Master Mathematics Teacher (Grades 8-12) (Grade 8 only).
- (18) Mathematics: Grades 4-8. A teacher holding a Mathematics: Grades 4-8 certificate may teach Algebra I at the middle school level for high school graduation credit.
- (19) Mathematics: Grades 7-12 (Grades 7 and 8 only).
- (20) Mathematics: Grades 8-12 (Grade 8 only).
- (21) Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12.
- (22) Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 8-12 (Grade 8 only).
- (23) Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8.

- (27) Junior High School or High School--Science.
- (28) Junior High School or High School--Science, Composite.
- (29) Legacy Master Science Teacher (Grades 4-8).
- (30) Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8.
- (31) Science: Grades 4-8.
- (32) Secondary Biology (Grades 6-12).
- (33) Secondary Chemistry (Grades 6-12).
- (34) Secondary Earth Science (Grades 6-12).
- (35) Secondary Life/Earth Science (Grades 6-12).
- (36) Secondary Physical Science (Grades 6-12).
- (37) Secondary Physics (Grades 6-12).
- (38) Secondary Science (Grades 6-12).
- (39) Secondary Science, Composite (Grades 6-12).
- (40) Secondary or all-level teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in any combination of sciences.

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- (53) Secondary Earth Science (Grades 6-12).
- (54) Secondary Life/Earth Science (Grades 6-12).
- (55) Secondary Physical Science (Grades 6-12).
- (56) Secondary Physics (Grades 6-12).
- (57) Secondary Science (Grades 6-12).
- (58) Secondary Science, Composite (Grades 6-12).
- (59) Secondary or all-level teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in any combination of sciences.

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- (10) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Art.
- (11) Junior High School or High School--Art.
- (12) Secondary Art (Grades 6-12).
- (13) Secondary or all-level teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in art.

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§231.73. Music, Middle School 1-3.

An assignment in a departmentalized classroom for Music, Middle School 1-3, is allowed with one of the following certificates.

- (1) All-Level Music.
- (2) Bilingual Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (3) Core Subjects: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (4) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (5) Elementary Music.
- (6) Elementary Music (Grades 1-8).
- (7) Elementary teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in music.
- (8) English as a Second Language Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (9) Generalist: Early Childhood-Grade 6 (Grade 6 only).
- (10) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Music.
- (11) Junior High School or High School--Music.
- (12) Music: Early Childhood-Grade 12.
- (13) Secondary Music (Grades 6-12).
- (14) Secondary or all-level teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in music.

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- (6) Grades 6-12 or Grades 6-8--Theatre Arts.
- (7) Junior High School or High School--Drama.
- (8) Junior High School or High School--Speech and Drama.
- (9) Secondary Theatre Arts (Grades 6-12).
- (10) Secondary or all-level teacher certificate plus 18 semester credit hours in theatre arts/drama.
- (11) Theatre: Early Childhood-Grade 12.

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§231.81. Dance, Middle School 1-3.

An assignment in a departmentalized classroom for Dance, Middle School 1-3, is allowed with the Dance: Grades 6-12 and the Dance: Grades 8-12 certificate.

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