

Chapter 233. Categories of Classroom Teaching Certificates

§233.1. General Authority .

- (a) In this chapter, the State Board for Educator Certification establishes separate certificate categories within the certificate class for the classroom teacher established under §230.33 of this title (relating to Classes of Certificates).
- (b) For purposes of authorizing a person to be employed by a school district under the Texas Education Code, §21.003(a), a certificate category identifies:
 - (1) the content area or the special student population the holder may teach;
 - (2) the grade levels the holder may teach; and
 - (3) the earliest date the certificate may be issued.
- (c) Unless provided otherwise in this title, the content area and grade level of a certificate category as well as the standards underlying the certification examination for each category are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills curriculum adopted.

- (d) Core/Fine Arts/Physical Education/Health with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core/Fine Arts/Physical Education/Health with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2027.
- (e) Core/Special Education with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core/Special Education with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2027.
- (f) Core/Bilingual Education Spanish with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core/Bilingual Education Spanish with the Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6

Source: The provisions of this §233.3 adopted to be effective June 9, 2002, 27 TexReg 4699; amended to be effective February 6, 2003, 28 TexReg 935; amended to be effective June 4, 2006, 31 TexReg 4425; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670; amended to be effective October 28, 2010, 35 TexReg 9504; amended to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective May 17, 2015, 40 TexReg 2532; amended to be effective May 15, 2016, 41 TexReg 3308; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6834; amended to be effective October 15, 2020, 45 TexReg 7259; amended to be effective May 11, 2023, 48 TexReg

§233.4. Mathematics; Science.

- (a) ~~Mathematics: Grades 4-8. The Mathematics: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.~~ Mathematics: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.
- (b) ~~Science: Grades 4-8. The Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.~~ Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.
- (c) ~~Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8. The Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.~~ Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.
- (d) ~~Mathematics: Grades 7-12. The Mathematics: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.~~ Mathematics: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.
- (e) ~~Science: Grades 7-12. The Science: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.~~ Science: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.
- (f) ~~Life Science: Grades 7-12. The Life Science: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.~~ Life Science: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.
- (g) ~~Physical Science: Grades 10-12. The Physical Science: Grades 10-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.~~ Physical Science: Grades 10-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.
- (h) ~~Physics/Mathematics: Grades 11-12. The Physics/Mathematics: Grades 11-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014.~~ Physics/Mathematics: Grades 11-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014.
- (i) ~~Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12. The Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014.~~ Mathematics/Physical Science/Engineering: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014.
- (j) ~~Chemistry: Grades 7-12. The Chemistry: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.~~ Chemistry: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.4 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), 21.0442, 21.048(a), 21.0487, 21.0489, 21.0491, 21.050, 22.0831(f), and 29.061(b1) and (b2).

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§233.5. Technology Applications and Computer Science

- (a) ~~Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.~~ Technology Applications: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.
- (b) ~~Computer Science: Grades 1-12. The Computer Science: Grades 1-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than June 1, 2001.~~ Computer Science: Grades 1-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than June 1, 2001.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.5 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), 21.0442, 21.048(a) and (2), 21.0487, 21.0489, 21.0491, 22.0831(f)(1) and (2).

Source: The provisions of this §233.5 adopted to be effective June 9, 2002, 27 TexReg 4699; amended to be effective February 6, 2003, 28 TexReg 935; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670; amended to be effective

August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective May 17, 2015, 40 TexReg 2532; amended to be effective

Source: The provisions of this §233.8 adopted to be effective February 6, 2003, 28 TexReg 935; amended to be effective June 4, 2006, 31 TexReg 4425; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 6326; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, TexReg 6834; amended to be effective May, 2023, 48 TexReg 2341; amended to be effective May 19, 2024, 49 TexReg 3559.

§233.9. Gifted and Talented.

Gifted and Talented Supplemental. The Gifted and Talented Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.9 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), 21.0442, 21.048(a), 21.0489, 21.0491, 21.050, and 22.0831(f).

Source: The provisions of this §233.9 adopted to be effective June 28, 2004, 29 TexReg 6088; amended to be effective June 22, 2008, 33 TexReg 4670; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, TexReg 6834.

§233.10 Fine Arts.

- (a) Music: Early Childhood Grade 12. The Music: Early Childhood Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.
- (b) Art: Early Childhood Grade 12. The Art: Early Childhood Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005.
- (c) Theatre: Early Childhood Grade 12. The Theatre: Early Childhood Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005.
- (d) Dance: Grades 6-12. The Dance: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than March 1, 2017.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.10 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a)ae.2 (A)is

- (1) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require the following academic preparation and work experience.
 - (A) Option I. An individual must:
 - (i) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that

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