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 by the State Board of Education.

(d) A category includes both a standard certificate and the related emergency or temporary credential. A category may comprise a standard base certificate or a supplemental certificate. A supplemental certificate may be issued only to a person who already holds the appropriate standard base certificate.

(e) A person must satisfy all applicable requirements and conditions under this title and other law to be issued a certificate in a category. A person seeking an initial standard certification must pass the appropriate examination(s) as prescribed in §230.21 of this title (relating to Educator Assessment).

(f) If the governor declares a state of disaster consistent with the Texas Government Code, §418.014, Texas Education Agency staff may extend deadlines in this chapter for up to 90 days as necessary to accommodate persons in the affected disaster areas.

(g) The general assignment descriptions in this chapter, where applicable, are subject to the specific provisions for the assignment of a holder of a certificate in Chapter 231 of this title (relating to Requirements for Public School Personnel Assignments), and in the event of any conflict with this chapter, Chapter 231 of this title shall prevail.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.1 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 (a-2), 21.0489, 21.0491, 22.0831(f)(1) and (2).

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§233.2. Early Childhood; Core Subjects.

(a) Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3. The Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2020.

(b) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2021.

(c) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8. The Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading certificate: Grades 4-8 may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2021.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.2 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 (a-2), 21.0487, 21.0489, 21.0491, 22.0831(f)(1) and (2).

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§233.3. English Language Arts and Reading; Social Studies.

(a) English Language Arts and Reading with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8. The English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2021.

(b) Social Studies: Grades 4-8. The Social Studies: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2002.

(c) English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8. The English Language Arts and Reading/Social Studies with Science of Teaching Reading: Grades 4-8 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2021.

(d) English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12. The English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.

(e) Social Studies: Grades 7-12. The Social Studies: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.

(f) History: Grades 7-12. The History: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.

(g) Journalism: Grades 7-12. The Journalism: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013.

(h) Speech: Grades 7-12. The Speech: Grades 7-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.3 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 (a-2), 21.0487, 21.0489, 21.0491, 22.0831(f)(1) and (2).

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§233.4. Mathematics; Science.

(a) Mathematics: Grades 4-8. The 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.

(c) Mathematics/Science: Grades 4-8. The 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.

(e) Science: Grades 7-12. The 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.

(g) Physical Science: Grades 6-12. The Physical Science: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2013

(h) Physics/Mathematics: Grades 7-12. The Physics/Mathematics: Grades 7-12 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.

(j) Chemistry: Grades 7-12. The 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(b-1) and (b-2).

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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.

(b) Computer Science: Grades 8-12. The Computer Science: Grades 8-12 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 (a-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 May 15, 2016, 41 TexReg 3308; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10326; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6834; amended to be effective May 11, 2023, 48 TexReg 2341.

§233.6. Bilingual Education.

(a) Bilingual Education Supplemental. The Bilingual Education Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2009.

(b) The State Board for Educator Certification shall determine the target languages for bilingual education certificates based on the student population in the Texas public schools.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.6 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 §233.6 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 June 21, 2009, 34 TexReg 3943; amended to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective December 28, 2014, 39 TexReg 10008; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6834.

§233.7. English as a Second Language.

English as a Second Language Supplemental. The English as a Second Language Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2003.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.7 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(b-1) and (b-2).

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§233.8. Special Education.

(a) Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading/Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 6. The Core Subjects with Science of Teaching Reading/ Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 6 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2026.

(b) Deafblind Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Deafblind: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2025.

(c) Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Special Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2003.

(d) Special Education Specialist: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Special Education Specialist: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2025.

(e) Special Education Supplemental. The Special Education Supplemental certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2003.

(f) Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005.

(g) Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Supplemental: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.8 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 (a-2), 21.0487, 21.0489, 21.0491, 22.0831(f)(1) and (2).

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 10326; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6834; amended to be effective May 11, 2023, 48 TexReg 2341.

§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, 43 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), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.044(e) and (f), 21.0442, 21.048(a) and (a-2), 21.0487, 21.0489, 21.0491, 22.0831(f)(1) and (2).

Source: The provisions of this §233.10 adopted to be effective June 28, 2004, 29 TexReg 6088; amended to be effective June 4, 2006, 31 TexReg 4425; amended to be effective May 15, 2016, 41 TexReg 3308; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10326; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6834; amended to be effective May 11, 2023, 48 TexReg 2341.

§233.11. Health.

Health: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Health: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.11 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, 21.0489, 21.050, and 22.0831(f).

Source: The provisions of this §233.11 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, 43 TexReg 6834.

§233.12. Physical Education.

Physical Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Physical Education: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.12 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 §233.12 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6834.

§233.13. Career and Technical Education (Certificates not requiring experience and preparation in a skill area).

(a) Technology Education: Grades 6-12. The Technology Education: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

(b) Family and Consumer Sciences, Composite: Grades 6-12. The Family and Consumer Sciences, Composite: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

(c) Human Development and Family Studies: Grades 8-12. The Human Development and Family Studies: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

(d) Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences: Grades 8-12. The Hospitality, Nutrition, and Food Sciences: Grades 8-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2004.

(e) Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources: Grades 6-12. The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014.

(f) Business and Finance: Grades 6-12. The Business and Finance: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.13 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 §233.13 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766; amended to be effective December 28, 2014, 39 TexReg 10008; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6834.

§233.14. Career and Technical Education (Certificates requiring experience and preparation in a skill area).

(a) All individuals seeking a career and technical education certificate specified in this section must have the required number of years of qualified work experience and preparation in a skill area approved in accordance with the provisions of subsection (f) of this section prior to issuance of the certificate and assignment in a Texas school.

(b) Marketing: Grades 6-12. The Marketing: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. A candidate for the Marketing: Grades 6-12 certificate must:

(1) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB); and

(2) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience in a marketing occupation as specified in subsection (f) of this section.

(c) Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate. The standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. A standard Health Science: Grades 6-12 certificate shall be based on experience and academic preparation in the skill area and require the following:

(1) an associate or more advanced degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB;

(2) current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency as a health professions practitioner; and

(3) approval, by the certification officer of an approved educator preparation program (EPP), of two years of full-time wage-earning experience using the licensure requirement described in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(d) Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate. The certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2014. A standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall be based on academic preparation and experience in the skill areas to be taught and completion of specified pedagogy and professional responsibilities training.

(1) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require the following academic preparation and wage-earning experience.

(A) Option I. An individual must:

(i) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and

(ii) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate. Up to 18 months of the wage-earning experience can be met through a formal documented internship.

(B) Option II. An individual must:

(i) hold an associate degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the THECB; and

(ii) have two years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate.

(C) Option III. An individual must:

(i) hold a high school diploma or the equivalent; and

(ii) have five years of full-time wage-earning experience within the past ten years in one or more approved occupations for which instruction is offered. The experience must be approved by the certification officer of an EPP approved to prepare teachers for the Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate.

(2) The standard Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement. If the licensure, certification, or registration is not based on a recognized test or measurement, then passing the appropriate National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) assessment is required. A cosmetology teacher must hold a valid Cosmetology Operator license or Class A Barber Operator license.

(3) An individual seeking initial certification as a teacher and completing requirements through an EPP must complete one year of creditable classroom teaching experience, as defined in Chapter 153, Subchapter CC, of Part 2 of this title (relating to Commissioner's Rules on Creditable Years of Service), on an intern or probationary certificate in the specific area of trade and industrial education.

(4) The holder of a standard or provisional Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12 certificate or Vocational Trades and Industry certificate may be approved for additional trade and industrial education assignments provided he or she meets the required number of years of wage-earning experience as indicated in this subsection. Work experience must be approved according to the provisions of this subsection. The EPP must submit a statement of qualifications to the Texas Education Agency within 60 calendar days of approval.

(e) Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12 certificate. The certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2018. A standard Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12 certificate shall be based on academic preparation and experience in the skill areas to be taught and completion of specified pedagogy and professional responsibilities training.

(1) The standard Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require all of the following academic preparation and wage-earning experience.

(A) An individual must have been issued a high school diploma or its equivalent or a postsecondary credential, certificate or degree.

(B) An individual must have seven years of full-time wage-earning experience within the preceding 10 years in an approved occupation for which instruction is offered, and have not been the subject of a complaint filed with a licensing entity or other agency that regulates the occupation of the person, other than a complaint that was determined baseless or unfounded by that entity or agency.

(C) An individual must hold with respect to that occupation a current license, certificate, or registration, as applicable, issued by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement.

(2) The standard Trade and Industrial Workforce Training: Grades 6-12 certificate shall require current licensure, certification, or registration by a nationally recognized accrediting agency based on a recognized test or measurement.

(f) Career and technical education certificates. Approval of career and technical education certificates in this section shall be based on prior experience and preparation in a skill area.

(1) Prospective career and technical education teachers shall submit a statement of qualifications detailing prior experience and skill area preparation to the EPP approved to prepare teachers for the career and technical education certificate sought. The certification officer of the EPP shall review the applicant's statement of qualifications to determine whether the applicant meets the appropriate approval criteria specified in this subsection. In the case of an educator who otherwise qualifies for certification by examination in Marketing: Grades 6-12, Health Science: Grades 6-12, or Trade and Industrial Education: Grades 6-12, the review and approval of required work experience may be performed by a certified school administrator.

(2) Under this subsection, 12 months of wage-earning experience consisting of at least 40 hours per week shall equal one year of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 40 hours, but at least 20 hours per week, shall be calculated at a 50% rate in determining years of full-time experience. Wage-earning experience consisting of less than 20 hours per week shall not be considered acceptable in determining full-time experience.

(3) Postsecondary and proprietary school teaching experience in the specific occupational area for which the candidate is seeking certification may be counted on a year-for-year basis in lieu of on-the-job experience. Proprietary schools must be accredited or otherwise approved by the Texas Workforce Commission. Recency of experience requirements must be met, as well as current licensure, certification, or registration by a state or nationally recognized accrediting agency.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.14 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 (a-2), 21.0487, 21.0489, 21.0491, 22.0831(f)(1) and (2).

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§233.15. Languages Other Than English.

(a) The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) shall issue languages other than English (LOTE) certificates in the following areas:

(1) American Sign Language: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The American Sign Language: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2005.

(2) Arabic: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Arabic: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007.

(3) Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Chinese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007.

(4) French: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The French: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2009.

(5) German: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The German: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2009.

(6) Hindi: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Hindi: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010.

(7) Italian: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Italian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010.

(8) Japanese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Japanese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007.

(9) Korean: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Korean: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than June 1, 2016.

(10) Latin: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Latin: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than January 1, 2010.

(11) Portuguese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Portuguese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than June 1, 2016.

(12) Russian: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Russian: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007.

(13) Spanish: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Spanish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2009.

(14) Tamil: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Tamil: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than September 1, 2025.

(15) Turkish: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Turkish: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than November 1, 2010.

(16) Vietnamese: Early Childhood-Grade 12. The Vietnamese: Early Childhood-Grade 12 certificate may be issued no earlier than October 15, 2007.

(b) An interested party may request an additional LOTE certificate using the petition process described in §250.20 of this title (relating to Petition for Adoption of Rules or Rule Changes) for SBEC consideration. The petitioner must provide:

(1) the desired LOTE certificate and confirmation of the number of students likely to receive instruction in the requested language;

(2) the number of individuals interested in adding a certification in the new language; and

(3) the rationale for the request and anticipated benefit to students.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.15 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 (a-2), 21.0487, 21.0489, 21.0491, 22.0831(f)(1) and (2).

Source: The provisions of this §233.15 adopted to be effective June 4, 2006, 31 TexReg 4425; amended to be effective October 15, 2007, 32 TexReg 7264; amended to be effective October 25, 2009, 34 TexReg 7199; 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 15, 2016, 41 TexReg 3308; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6834; amended to be effective May 11, 2023, 48 TexReg 2341.

§233.16. Driver Education Endorsement.

The driver education endorsement will be issued upon evidence of completion of requirements specified in §75.1002 of this title (relating to Driver Education Teachers). The driver education endorsement requires the following:

(1) completion of an approved driver education endorsement educator preparation program offered under this title;

(2) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

(3) a valid standard, provisional, or professional Texas classroom teaching certificate.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.16 issued under the Texas Education Code, §§21.003(a), 21.031, 21.041(b)(1)-(4) and (6), 21.048(a), 21.050, and 22.0831(f).

Source: The provisions of this §233.16 adopted to be effective August 12, 2012, 37 TexReg 5766.

§233.17. Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps: Grades 6-12 certificate. The holder of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps: Grades 6-12 certificate is eligible to teach all junior reserve officer training courses in Grades 6-12. A candidate for the standard Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps: Grades 6-12 certificate must:

(1) hold a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps instructor certificate issued by one of the military branches;

(2) complete an approved educator preparation program;

(3) hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

(4) pass the appropriate certification examination.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §233.17 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(b-1) and (b-2).

Source: The provisions of this §233.17 adopted to be effective May 15, 2016, 41 TexReg 3308; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6834.