

Subsequent Endorsement Rule Changes

In an effort to provide districts with more staffing flexibility, ISBE rule changes have simplified the process for teachers who wish to add a grade range to a current Professional Educator License (PEL).

Scenarios for Adding Grade Levels to a PEL

Early Childhood

A teacher with a PEL in Early Childhood Education (B-2) who wants to add the elementary (1-6) middle (5-8) or the secondary grade range (9-12)

Elementary

A teacher with a PEL in Elementary Education (1-6) who wants to add the early childhood (B-2) middle (5-8) or the secondary grade range (9-12)

Middle Grade

A teacher with a PEL in Middle Grades Education (5-8) who wants to add the early childhood (B-2) elementary (1-6) or the secondary grade range (9-12)

Secondary

A teacher with a PEL in Secondary Education who wants to add the early childhood education (B-2) elementary (1-6) or the middle grade range (5-8)

New Pathways for Subsequent Endorsement

- ▶ To add **early childhood** to an existing PEL requires 18 semester hours in early childhood and the content test (specific coursework distribution is required)
- ▶ To add **elementary grades** to an existing PEL requires 18 semester hours in the content area and the content test (specific coursework distribution is required)
- ▶ To add **middle grades** to an existing PEL requires 18 semester hours; hours in the content area that must include a content specific methods course and the content test
- ▶ To add **secondary grades** to an existing PEL requires 18 semester hours in a specific content area and the content test
- ▶ The new **LBSI endorsement** will no longer be tied to the PEL grade bands. Teachers with the new LBSI will be endorsed to teach special education in grades K-21.
- ▶ The requirements for the **Reading Endorsement** were changed from 24 semester hours to 18 semester hours with a specific distribution of coursework