

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Algebra 1 Endorsement, Grade 8

For teachers who have licensed in Middle Childhood Math/Science (4-8), through the Non-Traditional Licensure Program or a Non-Traditional (MAT) Master of Arts in Teaching Program.

Additional Licensure Plan, (area 209)

Name: _____ S.S.#: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____

Email address: _____ County: _____ School District: _____

School districts seeking to employ teachers to teach out of field (not in the field in which the teacher is currently licensed) will use the Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) to meet that need. School districts may use the ALP process to address unusual emergency situations when licensed teachers are asked to teach in areas/levels for which they are not licensed. School districts may not exceed the three-year limit without possible penalty.

Eligibility Guidelines. Teachers must meet the following conditions:

- possess an initial or standard Arkansas teaching license for Middle Childhood Math/Science (4-8).
- seek to add this area of endorsement, and
- be assigned to teach in this area rather than the one for which they are currently licensed.

The Algebra 1 endorsement area will be added to the current teaching license when the following items have been submitted to the Office of Professional Licensure.

- **Completed licensure application form bearing the signature of the Arkansas college's/university's Licensure Officer verifying completion of the program of study.**
- **Praxis Score Report reflecting a passing score on the required Praxis II Specialty Area Assessment.**
- **Official transcript(s) verifying the required program of study.**
- **Written verification of the successful completion of the approved one-week professional development training and follow-up sessions.**

Required Assessments:

- Praxis II: Middle School Mathematics, test #069
Effective 04-21-2008
Minimum score required: 161

NOTE: Test at a Glance (TAAG) study guide booklets are available on line from www.ets.org/praxis/prxar.html. **Any teacher wishing to take any Praxis assessment is strongly encouraged to obtain these study materials.**

The following background is strongly recommended before attempting the Praxis testing:

Required Content Background:

The Algebra 1 Endorsement for grade 8 requires a program of study consisting of fifteen (15) hours of mathematics (excluding the six (6) semester hours that has traditionally been identified for elementary and early childhood teachers) to include content in numeration, computation, number theory and number sense, algebraic concepts, probability, data analysis, statistics, geometry, and concepts of advanced math and calculus.

The Algebra 1 Endorsement for grade 8 requires applicants to complete an approved one-week professional development program provided through the Arkansas Department of Education, a Regional Education Service Cooperative or an Arkansas college/university. The teacher must also attend the prescribed follow-up sessions held throughout the school year.

Recommended Experience Background:

Experience as a middle school teacher, preferably of mathematics, or a middle school teacher with an interest in teaching mathematics.

Employing School District Guidelines.

- The employing school district will document the need to assign a teacher out of field because an appropriately credentialed teacher is not available.
- The employing school district superintendent shall submit a waiver request and completed ALP form with the ADE Office of Professional Licensure **within 30 days of the out-of-field teaching assignment**, thus documenting the above statement.
- The employing school district understands that a teacher working under this ALP shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing the Addition of Areas of Licensure or Endorsement) each year that the teacher is employed in the out-of-area assignment.
- The employing school district understands that the teacher will have no more than three calendar years from the first date he/she was employed in the out-of-area assignment by any district to meet full licensure requirements for the additional endorsement area being sought. A waiver request must be submitted each year the teacher is employed out of area.

School District Assurances:

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

Teacher ALP Guidelines.

Teachers shall make adequate yearly progress (as specified in the Rules Governing the Addition of Areas of Licensure or Endorsement) each year that the teacher is employed in the out-of-area assignment. The teacher will have no more than three calendar years from the first date he/she was employed in the out-of-area assignment by any district to meet full licensure requirements for the additional endorsement being sought.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

S.S.#: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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