

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Gifted and Talented Licensure Endorsement
Grades P-8 and 7-12
(areas 305, 306)
Additional Licensure Plan

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.

THIS AREA CANNOT BE ADDED BY TESTING ONLY. A PROGRAM OF STUDY FROM AN APPROVED INSTITUTION MUST BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED.

Eligibility guidelines. Teachers must meet the following conditions:

- possess an initial or standard teaching license,
- seek to add this area of licensure or endorsement, and
- be assigned to teach in this area rather than the one for which they are currently licensed.

The additional area of licensure will be added to the credential when all licensure requirements are successfully completed and application is submitted with recommendation from the university.

Teachers assigned to teach in this field must complete an approved performance-based program of study, as defined by the university, and pass the required assessment(s) for the new licensure area. The application, when submitted, must bear the signature of the university's Licensure Officer verifying completion of the program of study. Test score and official transcript must be attached.

Required assessments:

Current. (May be taken until Aug. 31, 2007)

- **Praxis II: Principles of Learning and Teaching test #0521 (P-4) Passing Score 159;**
- **OR PLT #523 (5-9) Passing Score 164; OR PLT #524 (7-12) Passing Score 164**

Becomes Effective on Sept. 1, 2007

- **Praxis II: Gifted Education, test #10357 (P-8 and/or 7-12) Passing Score 156**

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 content is required to complete an approved program of study:

- ✓ Identification and programming for the gifted student.
- ✓ Curriculum and instruction for the gifted student.
- ✓ Assessment, testing and evaluation for the gifted student and gifted programs.
- ✓ Counseling and guidance of the gifted student or social and emotional needs of the gifted student.
- ✓ Creativity
- ✓ Supervised practicum experience with gifted students.

NOTE: The provider of the approved program of study may substitute an independent study, seminar, or study of special topics related to gifted education in lieu of the topic of creativity.

Employing school district guidelines:

The employing district will document the need to assign a teacher out of field because an appropriately credentialed teacher is not available.

The employing district authority will sign and file this 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 district understands that a teacher will have no more than three calendar years from the date of employment in an out-of-area assignment to meet full licensure requirements for the additional licensure or endorsement being sought.

School District Assurances:

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

School District authority: _____ Date: _____

Teacher ALP guidelines.

Teachers must meet full licensure requirements for the additional license or endorsement being sought within three years of beginning the ALP.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

S.S.#: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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