

CERTIFICATION ALERT

Connecticut Educator Certification News from
the Connecticut State Department of Education



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2023 Legislation Affecting Educator Certification

Public Act No. 23-159: An Act Concerning Assorted Revisions and Additions to Education Statutes.

Effective July 1, 2023:

- **Kindergarten Authorization (Section 13):**

At the request of the superintendent, a kindergarten authorization may be issued to an educator who holds the Elementary, 1-6 (#305) endorsement. This kindergarten authorization can be renewed for a second year at the request of the superintendent. NOTE: After the teacher has been issued two kindergarten authorizations, to remain in the position, the educator must seek the #112 and/or #113 cross-endorsement.

- **Comprehensive Special Education (Section 13):**

The Comprehensive Special Education, K–12 (#165) endorsement will authorize service in grades PreK-12. Beginning July 2023, districts and educators will be able to print updated copies of their certificates reflecting the change in grade span.

- **Adjunct Arts Instructor Permit (Section 15):**

The degree requirement may be met with a bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education.

- **Integrated Early Childhood/Special Education Endorsements (Section 17):**

The Integrated Early Childhood/Special Ed., Birth-Kindergarten (#112) and/or the Integrated Early Childhood/Elementary Ed. N-3 and Special Education N-K (#113) endorsements may be added as a cross-endorsement based on meeting coursework and assessment requirements. An institutional recommendation is no longer required.

- **Long-Term Substitute Authorization (Section 18):**

A substitute authorization is required for any person serving in the same teaching position, during a given school year, for a total of 60 school days or more. Note: All days of service are counted toward the total even if they are not consecutive.

