

CERTIFICATION ALERT

Connecticut Educator Certification News from
the Connecticut State Department of Education



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Emergency Educator Certification Endorsements for the 2020–21 School Year

The Connecticut State Board of Education has adopted the following temporary emergency endorsements, effective for the 2020–21 school year. These endorsements may be issued to any educator who currently holds an appropriate Initial, Provisional, or Professional Educator Certificate, including interim certificates, upon a mutually agreed submission of the request by the LEA/District. This emergency authorization does not apply to special service, occupational/vocational, adult educator, or administrative certificates. It can only be issued to educators who hold a certificate in a teaching area, to temporarily authorize them to teach in another area.

- **Emergency Generalist, Grades PK–8 (#201)**

This endorsement is available to educators who hold any of the following teaching endorsements: #002, #003, #004, #005, #013, #305, #112, #113. It extends authorization for the educator to teach any academic or special subject area in grades PK through eight. It does not authorize the teaching of special education, TESOL, or bilingual education.

Currently certified PK–12 educators and holders of middle grades (4–8) endorsements will be eligible for either #201 or #202, or for both, depending on need.

- **Emergency Generalist, Grades 7–12 (#202)**

This endorsement is available to educators who hold any of the secondary academic (7–12) endorsements. It extends authorization for the educator to teach any academic or special subject area in grades 5–12. It does not authorize the teaching of special education, TESOL, or bilingual education.

Currently certified PK–12 educators and holders of middle grades (4–8) endorsements will be eligible for either #201 or #202, or for both, depending on need.

- **Emergency Teacher of English Learners, PK–12 (#204)**

This endorsement is available to educators who hold an endorsement for TESOL, any world language, and/or bilingual education. This endorsement extends authorization to the educator to serve either as a TESOL or bilingual education content teacher in grades PK–12.

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Please Note:

- Emergency authorizations are only valid for the 2020–21 school year to address staffing concerns brought about by the pandemic;
- Emergency authorizations are intended to provide districts with the flexibility required to utilize and retain their existing certified educators in a variety of proposed instructional models; including hybrid and distance based learning, to best support students during the 2020–21 school year;
- Districts must ensure that educators who agree to serve under these emergency endorsements have the skills, support and resources to serve successfully in a position as closely aligned as possible with their areas of content knowledge and grade level training and experience; and
- Use of emergency authorization will NOT affect TRB as they are in approved assignment codes.

Directions for the submission of the Application for Temporary Emergency Authorization (ED 2020):

1. Candidate completes first part of new application (Part I–II) and forwards to the district.
2. District completes Parts III and IV of the application and submits the entire ED 2020, along with a rationale for why this candidate is the best fit for the position and a brief explanation of supports and resources made available to the educator to help ensure successful transition to the emergency assignment.
- 3a. Electronic Submission — Application packet is submitted directly to: teacher.cert@ct.gov, with “ED 2020 District Submission” in the subject line.
- 3b. Mail Submission — Application packet is mailed to:
Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification
Connecticut State Department of Education
P.O. Box 150471
Hartford, CT 06115-0471

Additional directions and resources for the submission of the *Application for Temporary Emergency Authorization (ED 2020)* are posted on the Bureau’s District Resource page at <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Certification-Resources-for-Districts>. Additional resources related to the pandemic response are at <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Bureau-of-Certification/COVID19-Updates-for-Educators>.

