

CERTIFICATION ALERT

Connecticut Educator Certification News from
the Connecticut State Department of Education



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Emergency Educator Certification Endorsements for the 2021–22 School Year

The Connecticut State Board of Education has adopted the following temporary emergency endorsements, effective for the 2021–22 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.

1. Emergency Generalist, PK–8 (#201) and Emergency Generalist, 7–12 (#202)

As new endorsements, the Emergency Generalist, PK–8 (#201) and Emergency Generalist, 7–12 (#202) would allow a certified educator who currently holds an initial, provisional or professional teaching certificate to teach all content/subject and grade levels within the PK–8 or 7–12 grade span, exclusive of special education and TESOL/bilingual endorsements, for the 2021–2022 school year at the request of the LEA/District.

Currently certified elementary #002, #003, #004, #005, #013, #305, #112, #113 holders would be eligible for the Emergency # 201 and current 7–12 holders for the #202. Currently certified PK–12 educators and middle grades (4–8) would be eligible for either the #201/#202, or both, depending on need.

2. Emergency Teacher of English Language Learners, PK–12 (#204)

The Emergency Teacher of English Language Learners, PK–12 (#204) would authorize a certified world language teacher or a bilingual or TESOL teacher who currently holds an initial, provisional or professional teaching certificate to serve either as a TESOL or bilingual education content teacher in grades PK–12 for the 2021–22 school year at the request of the LEA/District.

3. Emergency PK authorization for Comprehensive Special Education, K–12 (#205)

The Emergency PK authorization for Comprehensive Special Education, K–12 (#205) would authorize a certified Special Education teacher, who currently holds an initial, provisional or professional teaching certificate authorized for #165, K–12 Comprehensive Special Education, to serve as a special education teacher in the PK setting for the 2021–22 school year at the request of the LEA/District.

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In each instance, the temporary authorization would be issued as a stand-alone authorization, valid for the remainder of the school year, with no fees associated with the processing. Status as a temporary authorization would allow the SBE and Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification greater control over the addition and subsequent removal (expiration) of the “Temporary Authorization.” All Emergency Endorsements issued under a Temporary Authorization would be set to expire June 30, 2022.

Please Note:

- Emergency authorizations are only valid for the 2021–2022 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 2021–22 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: SDEdistricts.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>.

