

REQUIREMENTS FOR
MIDDLE GRADE, 5-9 ENDORSEMENT
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

ENDORSEMENT MAY EXPAND THE GRADES A TEACHER IS AUTHORIZED TO TEACH ON AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY CERTIFICATE.

➤ **Middle Grade Endorsement**

The endorsement shall be automatically renewed with the certificate on which it is posted.

Requirements for the Middle Grade endorsement are:

1. Completed **Application for Endorsement**
2. Appropriate fee (see Application for Endorsement)
3. One of the following:
 - A. A photocopy of your valid Arizona **IVP** fingerprint card (plastic) issued on or after January 1, 2008.
 - OR -**
 - B. A photocopy of your valid Arizona fingerprint clearance card (plastic) issued prior to January 1, 2008.

***NOTE:** Effective January 1, 2008, per Arizona State Statute A.R.S. § 15-106, an applicant who applies for a teaching certificate shall submit an **Identity Verified Prints (IVP)** Fingerprint card. "Non-IVP" Arizona fingerprint clearance cards issued on or after January 1, 2008 will **NOT** be accepted.*

4. A valid Arizona Elementary or Secondary certificate.
5. Six (6) semester hours of courses in middle grade education to include one course in early adolescent psychology and one course in middle grade curriculum.
6. A practicum or **one year** of verified full-time teaching experience in grades 5-9. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from the **District Superintendent** or **Personnel Director** to verify teaching experience.)