

REQUIREMENTS FOR
READING ENDORSEMENTS
GRADES K - 8; GRADES 6 - 12; GRADES K - 12
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

A Reading endorsement shall be required of an individual in the position of reading or literacy specialist, reading or literacy coach, and reading or literacy interventionist.

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

➤ **READING ENDORSEMENT – GRADES K THROUGH 8**

Requirements for the **Reading Endorsement Grades K through 8** 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, Special Education or Early Childhood certificate;
5. Three years of full-time teaching experience;
6. Option A, B or C.

Option A:

- 1) Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through eight;
- 2) Twenty-one semester hours beyond requirements of the initial provisional teaching certificate to include the following:
 - i. Three semester hours in the theoretical and research foundations of language and literacy;
 - ii. Three semester hours in the essential elements of elementary reading and writing instruction (grades K through eight);
 - iii. Three semester hours in the elements of elementary content area reading and writing (grades K through eight);
 - iv. A total of six semester hours in reading assessment systems;
 - v. Three semester hours in leadership; and
 - vi. Three semester hours of elective courses in an area of focus that will deepen knowledge in the teaching of reading to elementary students, such as children's literature, or teaching reading to English Language Learners.

Option B:

- 1) Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through eight;
- 2) A passing score on the Reading Endorsement Subject Knowledge portion (46) of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) for grades K through eight, **or** a comparable K-eight reading exam from another state, **or** a valid certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in K-eight reading.

Option C:

- 1) Proof of a comparable valid K-8 Reading Specialist certificate or endorsement from another state.
- 2) A passing score on the Reading Endorsement Subject Knowledge portion (46) of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) for grades K through eight, **or** a comparable K-eight reading exam from another state, **or** a valid certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in K-eight reading.

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➤ **READING ENDORSEMENT – GRADES SIX THROUGH 12**

Requirements for the Reading Endorsement Grades six through 12 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.
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4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education certificate;
5. Three years of full-time teaching experience;
6. Option A, B or C.
Option A:
 - 1) Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12;
 - 2) Twenty-one semester hours beyond requirements of the initial provisional teaching certificate to include the following:
 - i. Three semester hours in the theoretical and research foundations of language and literacy;
 - ii. Three semester hours in the essential elements of reading and writing instruction for adolescents (grades six through 12);
 - iii. Three semester hours in the elements of content area reading and writing for adolescents (grades six through 12);
 - iv. A total of six semester hours in reading assessment systems;
 - v. Three semester hours in leadership; and
 - vi. Three semester hours of elective courses in an area of focus that will deepen knowledge in the teaching of reading such as adolescent literature, or teaching reading to English Language Learners.
Option B:
 - 1) Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12;
 - 2) A passing score on the Reading Endorsement Subject Knowledge portion (47) of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) for grades six through 12, **or** a comparable six-12 reading exam from another state.
Option C:
 - 1) Proof of a comparable valid six-12 Reading Specialist certificate or endorsement from another state.
 - 3) A passing score on the Reading Endorsement Subject Knowledge portion (47) of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) for grades six through 12, **or** a comparable six-12 reading exam from another state.

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➤ **READING ENDORSEMENT – GRADES K THROUGH 12**

Requirements for the Reading Endorsement Grades K through 12 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.

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4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, Special Education or Early Childhood certificate;
5. Three years of full-time teaching experience;
6. Option A, B or C.

Option A:

- 1) Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through five;
- 2) Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12;
- 3) Twenty-four semester hours beyond requirements of the initial provisional teaching certificate to include the following:
 - i. Three semester hours in the theoretical and research foundations of language and literacy;
 - ii. Three semester hours in the essential elements of elementary reading and writing instruction (grades K through eight);
 - iii. Three semester hours in the essential elements of reading and writing instruction for adolescents (grades six through 12);
 - iv. Three semester hours in the elements of elementary content area reading and writing (grades K through eight);
 - v. Three semester hours in the elements of content area reading and writing for adolescents (grades six through 12);
 - vi. A total of six semester hours in reading assessment systems; and
 - vii. Three semester hours in leadership.

Option B:

- 1) Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through five;
- 2) Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12;
- 3) A passing score on the Reading Endorsement Subject Knowledge portion (46) of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) for grades K through eight - **AND** - A passing score on the Reading Endorsement Subject Knowledge portion (47) of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) for grades six through 12, **or** a comparable K-12 reading exam from another state.

Option C:

- 1) Proof of a comparable valid K-12 Reading Specialist certificate or endorsement from another state.
- 2) A passing score on the Reading Endorsement Subject Knowledge portion (46) of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) for grades K through eight - **AND** - A passing score on the Reading Endorsement Subject Knowledge portion (47) of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) for grades six through 12, **or** a comparable K-12 reading exam from another state.