

REQUIREMENTS FOR  
**GIFTED EDUCATION, K-12 ENDORSEMENTS**

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

*ENDORSEMENT IS REQUIRED OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TEACHING GIFTED STUDENTS.*

➤ **Provisional Gifted Education Endorsement**

*The Provisional endorsement is valid for 3 years.*

Requirements for the Provisional Gifted Education 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, Secondary or Special Education certificate.
5. Option A, B, or C:
  - A. Two (2) years of verified full-time teaching experience in which most students were gifted. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.)
  - B. Ninety (90) clock hours of verified in-service training in gifted education. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.)
  - C. Six (6) semester hours of courses in gifted education.

➤ **Full Gifted Education Endorsement**

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

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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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\*\* REQUIREMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE FULLY REFERENCED IN THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. \*\*

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4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary or Special Education certificate.
5. Completion of 9 semester hours of upper division or graduate level courses in an academic discipline such as science, mathematics, language arts, foreign language, social studies, psychology, fine arts, or computer science.
6. **TWO** from Option A, B, C, or D:
  - A. Three years of verified full-time teaching experience in gifted education as a teacher, resource teacher, specialist, or similar position verified by the district. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.)
  - B. A minimum of 135 clock hours of verified in-service training in gifted education. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
  - C. Completion of 12 semester hours of courses in gifted education. District in-service programs in gifted education may be substituted for up to 6 semester hours of gifted education courses. 15 clock hours of in-service is equivalent to 1 semester hour. Practicum courses shall not be accepted towards this requirement. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
  - D. Completion of 6 semester hours of practicum or **two years** of verified full-time teaching experience in which most students were gifted. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.)