

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 Certification](#).
2. Appropriate Fee (See *Application for Certification*).
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety IVP fingerprint card (plastic).
4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Special Education or Early Childhood certificate;
5. Option A, B or C.

Option A: Teaching Experience, Practicum, and Coursework

1. Three years of full-time teaching experience. Please submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form, completed and signed by a Superintendent or Personnel Director, to verify teaching experience.
2. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through eight.
3. 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: Teaching Experience, Practicum, and Exam:

1. Three years of full-time teaching experience. Please submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form, completed and signed by a District Superintendent or Personnel Director, to verify teaching experience.
2. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through eight.
3. Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement K-8 Exam. **One of the following:**
 - i. **Exam:** A passing score on the Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement K-8(46) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).
 - ii. **Out-of-State Exam:** A passing score on a substantially similar Subject Knowledge Reading K-8 examination from another state or agency. Submit the official score report at time of application.
 - iii. **NBCT:** A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a copy of the certificate.
 - iv. **Degree in Reading K-8:** A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree from an accredited institution in Reading K-8. Official transcript(s) required.

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- v. **Teaching Experience:** Three (3) years of full-time experience as a Reading Specialist/Reading Interventionist in grades K-8 in any state, including Arizona. Submit a Verification of Teaching Experience form, completed and signed by the district superintendent or personnel director, to verify teaching experience. *Note: Teaching experience in a foreign country will **not** be accepted.*
- vi. **Post-Secondary Teaching:** Experience teaching courses relevant to K-8 Reading for the last two consecutive years, and for a total of at least three years, at one or more regionally or nationally accredited postsecondary institutions. Submit a verification letter from a department chair, dean, or personnel director, verifying employment for the specific durations from one or more qualifying postsecondary institutions.
- vii. **Work Experience:** Demonstration of expertise in K-8 Reading through five years of relevant work experience. “Work experience” means work experience identified in the submission of a resume verified by a hiring public school superintendent, personnel director, or the Department of Education which demonstrates knowledge or skills relevant to the subject area. Submit a verification letter from a public school superintendent or personnel director verifying that you have at least five years of relevant work experience in the requested subject area, if applicable.

Option C: Out-of-State Certificate or Endorsement

1. The applicant holds a valid, comparable Reading K-8 certificate or endorsement from another state and is in good standing in that other state. Submit a photocopy of your out-of-state certificate or endorsement.

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

Requirements for the Reading Endorsement Grades six through 12 are:

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#)
2. Appropriate Fee (See Application for Certification)
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona **IVP** fingerprint card (plastic). For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) website or call (602) 223-2279.
4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, or Special Education certificate;
5. Option A, B or C.

Option A: Teaching Experience, Practicum, and Coursework

1. Three years of full-time teaching experience. Please submit a Verification of Teaching Experience form, completed and signed by a District Superintendent or Personnel Director, to verify teaching experience.
2. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12.
3. 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.

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Option B: Teaching Experience, Practicum, and Exam

1. Three years of full-time teaching experience. Please submit a Verification of Teaching Experience form, completed and signed by a District Superintendent or Personnel Director, to verify teaching experience.
2. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12.
3. Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement 6-12 Exam. **One of the following:**
 - i. **Exam:** A passing score on the Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement 6-12 (47) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).
 - ii. **Out-of-State Exam:** A passing score on a substantially similar Subject Knowledge Reading 6-12 examination from another state or agency. Submit the original score report at time of application
 - iii. **NBCT:** A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a copy of the certificate.
 - iv. **Degree in Reading 6-12:** A Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral degree from an accredited institution in 6-12 Reading. Official transcript(s) required.
 - v. **Teaching Experience:** Three (3) years of full-time experience as a Reading Specialist/Reading Interventionist in grades 6-12 in any state, including Arizona. Submit a Verification of Teaching Experience form signed and completed by the district superintendent or personnel director to verify teaching experience. *Note: Teaching experience in a foreign country will **not** be accepted.*
 - vi. **Post-Secondary Teaching:** Experience teaching courses relevant to 6-12 Reading for the last two consecutive years, and for a total of at least three years, at one or more regionally or nationally accredited postsecondary institutions. Submit a verification letter from a department chair, dean, or personnel director, verifying employment for the specific durations from one or more qualifying postsecondary institutions.
 - vii. **Work Experience:** Demonstration of expertise in 6-12 Reading through five years of relevant work experience. Submit verification of relevant work experience completed and signed by a supervisor or HR representative.

Option C:

1. The applicant holds a valid, comparable Reading 6-12 certificate or endorsement from another state and is in good standing with that other state. Submit a photocopy of your comparable out-of-state certificate or endorsement.

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

Requirements for the Reading Endorsement Grades K through 12 are:

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#)
2. Appropriate Fee (See Application for Certification)
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona **IVP** fingerprint card (plastic).
4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, Special Education or Early Childhood certificate.
5. Option A, B or C.

Option A: Teaching Experience, Practicum, and Coursework

1. Three years of full-time teaching experience. Please submit a Verification of Teaching Experience form, completed and signed by a District Superintendent or Personnel Director, to verify teaching experience.
2. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through five.
3. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12.
4. 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: Teaching Experience, Practicum, and Exam

1. Three years of full-time teaching experience. Please submit a Verification of Teaching Experience form, completed and signed by a District Superintendent or Personnel Director, to verify teaching experience.
2. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades K through five.
3. Three semester hours of a supervised field experience or practicum in reading completed for the grades six through 12.
4. Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement 6-12 Exam **and** Reading Endorsement K-8 Exam.

One of the following:

- i. **Exam:** A passing score on the Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement K-8 (46) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA). – **AND** - a passing score on the Subject Knowledge Reading Endorsement 6-12 (47) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).
- ii. **Out-of-State Exam:** A passing score on a substantially similar Subject Knowledge Reading K-12 examination from another state or agency. Submit the original score report at time of application.

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- iii.* **NBCT:** A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a copy of the certificate.
- iv.* **Degree in Reading:** A Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctoral degree from an accredited institution in Reading K-12. Official transcript(s) required.
- v.* **Teaching Experience:** Three years of full-time experience as a Reading Specialist/Reading Interventionist in grades K-5 **and** three years of full-time experience as a Reading Specialist/Reading Interventionist in grades 6-12. Reading Specialist/Reading Interventionist experience may be in any state, including Arizona. Submit a Verification of Teaching Experience form signed and completed by the district superintendent or personnel director to verify teaching experience. *Note: Teaching experience in a foreign country will **not** be accepted.*
- vi.* **Post-Secondary Teaching:** Experience teaching courses relevant to K-12 Reading for the last two consecutive years, and for a total of at least three years, at one or more regionally or nationally accredited postsecondary institutions. Submit a verification letter from a department chair, dean, or personnel director, verifying employment for the specific durations from one or more qualifying postsecondary institutions.
- vii.* **Work Experience:** Demonstration of expertise in K-12 Reading through five years of relevant work experience. Submit verification of relevant work experience completed and signed by a supervisor or HR representative. “Work experience” means work experience identified in the submission of a resume verified by a hiring public school superintendent, personnel director, or the Department of Education which demonstrates knowledge or skills relevant to the subject area. Submit a verification letter from a public school superintendent or personnel director verifying that you have at least five years of relevant work experience in the requested subject area, if applicable.

Option C: Out-of-State Certificate or Endorsement

1. The applicant holds a valid, comparable Reading K-12 certificate or endorsement from another state and is in good standing with that other state. Submit a photocopy of your out-of-state certificate or endorsement.