



## Approved Private Special Education Schools Certification Matrix

Private special education programs for preschool through grade 12

The following is a table that outlines the types of teacher certifications or endorsements and the categories of special education its holders are eligible to teach. This [Glossary of Acronyms and Terms](#) can be referenced for clarification on the categories below.

### Preschool

Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Hearing Impaired ( <b>HI</b> ) Preschool	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hearing Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 certificate</li><li>Standard Professional teaching certificate <b>and</b> a Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement</li></ul>
Special Education Early Childhood (A, DD, ED, MIID, MOID, SID, OI, OHI, PSD, SLD, TBI) Preschool	One of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Early Childhood Special Education certificate</li><li>Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, <b>or</b> Special Education LD certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education endorsement</li><li>Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, <b>or</b> Special Education LD certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education certificate</li></ul>



# Exceptional Student Services

Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities (A, DD, ED, MD*, MIID, MOID, OI, OHI, SLD, TBI) Preschool	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early Childhood Special Education Certificate</li><li>• Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, <b>or</b> Special Education LD certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education endorsement</li><li>• Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, <b>or</b> Special Education LD certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education certificate</li><li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate <b>and</b> a Provisional or full Mild/Moderate Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement</li></ul>



# Exceptional Student Services

Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Special Education Moderate/Severe Disabilities (A, DD, ED, MD*, MDSSI**, MIID, MOID, OI, OHI, SID, SLD, TBI) Preschool	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Special Education Certificate</li> <li>• Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, <b>or</b> Special Education LD certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education endorsement</li> <li>• Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Moderate/Severe Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ID, Special Education ED, <b>or</b> Special Education LD certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education certificate</li> <li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate <b>and</b> a Provisional or full Moderate/Severe Disabilities, PreK-12 Endorsement</li> </ul>
Speech/Language Impairment <b>(SLI)</b> Preschool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech-Language Pathologist PreK-12 certificate</li> </ul>
Visually Impaired <b>(VI)</b> Preschool	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 certificate</li> <li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate <b>and</b> a Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement</li> </ul>



# Exceptional Student Services

## Kindergarten to Grade 3

Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Hearing Impaired ( <b>HI</b> ) Kindergarten–Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hearing Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 certificate</li><li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate <b>and</b> a Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement</li></ul>
Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities (A, DD, ED, ED-P***, MD*, MIID, MOID, OI, OHI, SLD, TBI) Kindergarten–Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Early Childhood Special Education certificate</li><li>• Mild-Moderate Disabilities certificate</li><li>• Cross-Categorical certificate</li><li>• Special Education ID certificate</li><li>• Special Education LD certificate</li><li>• Special Education ED certificate</li><li>• Moderate/Severe Disabilities certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education endorsement</li><li>• Moderate/Severe Disabilities certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education certificate</li><li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate <b>and</b> a Provisional or full Mild/Moderate Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement</li></ul>



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Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Special Education Moderate/Severe Disabilities (A, DD, ED, ED-P***, MD*, MDSSI**, MIID, MOID, OI, OHI, SID, SLD, TBI) Kindergarten–Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Special Education certificate</li> <li>• Moderate/Severe Disabilities certificate</li> <li>• Special Education ID certificate</li> <li>• Mild/Moderate Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education LD, <b>or</b> Special Education ED certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education endorsement</li> <li>• Mild-Moderate Disabilities, Cross-Categorical, Special Education ED <b>or</b> Special Education LD certificate <b>and</b> an Early Childhood Education certificate</li> <li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate <b>and</b> a Provisional or full Moderate/Severe Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement</li> </ul>
Speech/Language Impairment ( <b>SLI</b> ) Kindergarten–Grade 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech-Language Pathologist PreK-12 certificate</li> </ul>
Visually Impaired ( <b>VI</b> ) Kindergarten–Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 certificate</li> <li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate and a Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement</li> </ul>



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## Grades 4 to 12

Teaching Assignment	Appropriately Certified Requirement
Hearing Impaired <b>(HI)</b> Grades 4–12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hearing Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 certificate</li> <li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate with a Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement</li> </ul>
Special Education Mild/Moderate Disabilities (A, DD, ED, ED-P***, MD*, MIID, MOID, OI, OHI, SLD, TBI) Grades 4–12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mild-Moderate Disabilities</li> <li>• Cross-Categorical Special Education</li> <li>• Special Education ID</li> <li>• Special Education LD</li> <li>• Special Education ED</li> <li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate with a Provisional or full Mild/Moderate Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement</li> </ul>
Special Education Moderate/Severe Disabilities (A, DD, ED, ED-P***, MD*, MDSSI**, MIID, MOID, OI, OHI, SID, SLD, TBI) Grades 4–12	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderate/Severe Disabilities certificate</li> <li>• Special Education ID</li> <li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate with a Provisional or full Moderate/Severe Disabilities, PreK-12 endorsement</li> </ul>
Speech/Language Impairment <b>(SLI)</b> Grades 4–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech-Language Pathologist PreK-12 certificate</li> </ul>
Visually Impaired <b>(VI)</b> Kindergarten–Grade 3	One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 certificate</li> <li>• Standard Professional teaching certificate with a Visually Impaired, Birth-Grade 12 endorsement</li> </ul>



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\*MD requires the following categories to coexist: two or more of HI, MOID, OI, VI or one of HI, MOID, OI, VI and one of ED, ED-P, MIID, SLD.

\*\*MDSSI requires the following categories to coexist: severe HI and severe VI or one of severe HI, severe VI, and another severe disability (Group B): A, ED-P, MOID, OI, SID.

\*\*\*Teachers in an ED-P classroom must be ED-certified, Mild/Moderate certified, Moderate/Severe certified, or Cross-Categorical certified, with 20 hours of additional professional development in teaching students with emotional disabilities (additional 20 hours only applies to Cross-Categorical certified personnel).

**Note:** In the case that a public education agency (PEA) provides services for a particular student's needs while they are enrolled in the approved private special education school, then the PEA will be required to provide an educator ID of an appropriately certified staff to the disability type that is providing services to that child.