

**Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas
Loan Cancellation
2018-2019**

The South Carolina Department of Education recommends that the following subject areas be designated as critical for purposes of the Teacher Loan Cancellation Program.

The table below, *Critical Need Subject Areas*, reflects the percentage of teaching positions available in the 2017-2018 SY that are vacant or filled with candidates not fully certified in the particular subject area.

Subject Area	Percentage
Latin	75.00%
German	61.90%
Industrial Technology Education	60.00%
Business/Marketing/Computer Technology	57.34%
Media Specialist	49.12%
Theatre	26.32%
Science	24.79%
Spanish	23.99%
Health	21.95%
Dance	21.24%
Special Education	21.14%
Family & Consumer Science (Home Economics)	20.00%
English	19.07%
Music	18.83%
Mathematics	18.61%
Art	17.45%
French	17.14%
Middle Level Social Studies, Math, Language Arts, Science	16.62%
Speech Language Therapist	15.97%
ESOL	15.30%
Social Studies	14.91%
Literacy	13.16%
Chinese	12.50%
Physical Education	11.35%

The South Carolina Department of Education is recommending that the State Board of Education add the following subject areas: Industrial Technology, Physical Education and Social Studies. The agency is recommending that the State Board of Education remove four areas that were previously identified as critical need subject areas: Career and Technology Education, Agriculture, Engineering, and Gifted & Talented. The above *Critical need Subject Areas* data is primarily based on the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement's (CERRA) annual Supply and Demand Survey. At the time of this report, all school districts had reported data through the survey.

