

**Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas
South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation
2019-2020**

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

The table below, *Critical Need Subject Areas*, reflects the percentage of teaching positions available in the 2018-19 school year that are vacant or filled with candidates not fully certified in the particular subject area.

Table: Critical Need Subject Areas

Subject Area	Percentage
Business/Marketing/Computer Technology	76.12%
Latin	60.00%
Media Specialist	50.81%
Industrial Technology Education	50.00%
Dance	46.45%
Family and Consumer Science	33.33%
Spanish	32.00%
Science	28.69%
German	28.57%
English	26.55%
French	25.45%
Art	24.89%
Theatre	24.44%
Driver Education	24.00%
Health	22.68%
Special Education	21.11%
Mathematics	20.35%
Speech Language Therapist	19.28%
Social Studies	18.42%
Middle Level (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies)	18.32%
Physical Education	17.03%
Music	14.25%
Literacy	14.06%
Agriculture	13.33%
Gifted and Talented	12.35%

The following subject areas to be designated as critical need areas for 2019-20 did not qualify for designation on the list for 2018-19: Agriculture, Driver Education and Gifted and Talented.

The following subject areas that were designated as critical need areas for 2018-19 do not qualify for inclusion for 2019-20: English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) and Chinese.

Data used for identifying the proposed critical need subject areas for 2019-20 were provided by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement's (CERRA) based on the annual Supply and Demand Survey.

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