

**Title of Regulation**

**Regulation No.: 43-62**

**AREAS OF CERTIFICATION**

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**Constitutional and Statutory Provisions:**

Section(s):

59-5-60(1).

General powers of [State] Board

59-25-110.

System for examination and certification of teachers

59-26-10, et seq.

Training, Certification, and Evaluation of Public Educators

Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

20 U.S.C. § 6301, et seq.

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

U.S. Code of Laws

**State Board Regulation**

43-62. Areas of Certification.

**I. INITIAL CERTIFICATION AREAS AND GRADE SPANS**

In consultation with the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), the State Board of Education (SBE) has the authority to establish initial certification areas or fields as well as certification grade spans, to revise or amend certification areas, and to abolish certification areas that no longer reflect professional practice or needs of South Carolina schools and students.

**II. ADDING AREAS OF CERTIFICATION**

In consultation with the SCDE, the SBE has the authority to establish certification areas that may be added to a valid educator certificate, to revise or amend these areas, and to abolish add-on certification areas that no longer reflect professional practice or needs of South Carolina schools and students. In order to add an additional area of certification to a valid South Carolina credential, an educator must complete the specific requirements for that area as outlined by the SBE's guidelines.

**III. SPECIALIZED ENDORSEMENTS**

In consultation with the SCDE, the SBE has the authority to establish specialized endorsements that may be added to a valid educator certificate, to revise or amend specialized endorsement areas, and to abolish specialized endorsement areas that no longer reflect professional practice or needs of South Carolina schools and students. In some instances, an endorsement may be required to teach specific courses. In other instances, the endorsement represents additional training and study to enhance an educator's professional practice. In order to add an endorsement to a valid South Carolina teaching credential, an educator must complete the specific requirements for that area as outlined by the SBE.

**IV. SPECIALIZED ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION**

In consultation with the SCDE, the SBE has the authority to establish alternative certification areas and routes that are based on specialized training and do not lead to an alternate route certificate, revise or

amend these specialized areas, and abolish specialized alternative certification areas that no longer reflect professional practice or needs of South Carolina schools and students. In order to be issued an educator certificate in one of these areas, the applicant must complete the specific requirements for that area as outlined by the SBE.