

UPDATES

The department is proposing certification rule changes that will eliminate unnecessary barriers, clarify requirements, and add flexibility. Public comment on the package must be received by June 17; the Board of Education Standards will hear and take action on the package at its meeting on June 22. Please see the [proposed rule package](#) for the full details; below is a snapshot of the important changes we are bringing forward.

All Educators

Streamline the certification process by removing barriers, such as:

- Alternative preliminary certificate requirement
- Library science employer requirements
- Unnecessary requirements for certain preparations to add Early Childhood SPED endorsement

Reduce barriers for industry professionals entering the teaching profession

Allow educator specialists who have completed an educator preparation program to obtain administrative alternative certification

Renewal

Credit for passing state-designated content tests towards adding an endorsement

Credit for providing instruction in a course as part of an educator preparation program

CTE

Ensures all CTE pathways and clusters are able to utilize the same alternative certification options

Provide greater flexibility in adding additional CTE endorsements

Align the CTE alternative certification with general education alternative certification requirements, allowing additional endorsement options for qualified applicants

Allow an educator to add a CTE cluster endorsement once the applicant has earned all pathway endorsements within the cluster

Align CTE endorsements and terminology with the updated Career Cluster Framework

These updates propose greater flexibility, add Special Education endorsements, streamline and modernize the certification process, and make the rules more accessible through clear language.