

ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION OPTIONS

This document highlights options made available through the 2017 educator certification rules

Alternative Certification Paths for Teachers

General Education	Leads to a secondary or K-12 preparation. Not intended for individuals who want to teach CTE. After completion of requirements, applicants may add other endorsements based on the preparation. To add CTE endorsements, applicants must complete the CTE methods course.
Career and Technical Education (CTE)	Leads to a CTE preparation. Individuals going through this pathway may also add endorsements for other areas such as math, science, etc. Individuals who want to teach CTE but not complete the additional coursework requirements may prefer to apply for a CTE Instructor Permit. The permit is limited to only CTE pathways, and individuals may not add other endorsements except those specifically available through that route.
Teach for America (TFA)	Applicants must be participants in the Teach for America (TFA) program. According to the TFA website, applicants must have a bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50.
Special Education	Applicants must have a valid teaching certificate and 3 years of teaching experience within the past 5 years.

Superintendent Alternative Certification

Description	Leads to a Superintendent endorsement. Individuals going through this pathway must have a master's degree or higher and 3 or more years of experience in a management role.
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K-12 Principal Alternative Certification

Description	Leads to a K-12 Principal endorsement. Individuals going through this pathway must have completed a teacher education program or alternative certification program and have 3 or more years of teaching experience.
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