

Information on Additional Endorsements: Availability and Requirements

Additional Endorsements on the Elementary Certificate:

The only endorsements that can be added on an Elementary Certificate are subject specific Middle Grades Endorsements in areas such as Social Science, Language Arts, Math, General Science, Biological Science, etc.

- **Requirements for Middle Grades Endorsements (with exception of Math)**
 - Middle Grades Coursework including
 - MLE 3110, 4280, and 4760 (or MLE 5110 and 5150)
 - **And** 18 semester hours in the content field
- **Requirements for Middle Grades Endorsement in Mathematics**
 - Middle Grades Coursework including
 - MLE 3110, 4280, and 4760 (or MLE 5110 and 5150)
 - **And** 18 semester hours in Mathematics including
 - 3 sh Methods of Teaching Math Grades 6-8 (MAT 3620)
 - 15 sh spread into at least four of the following areas: Math Content for Elem Teachers, Calculus, Modern Algebra, Geometry, Computer Science, Statistics, or History of Mathematics

Additional Endorsements on the Secondary Certificate or Special K-12 Certificate:

Both subject specific Middle Grades Endorsements and additional subject specific secondary endorsements can be added to both the Secondary Certificate and the Special K-12 Certificate.

- **Requirements for Middle Grades Endorsements**
 - Middle Grades Coursework including
 - MLE 3110, 4280, and 4760 (or MLE 5110 and 5150)
 - **And** 18 semester hours in the content field (see above for specific coursework required for the Middle Grades Math Endorsement)
- **Requirements for Additional Secondary Endorsements in most fields:**
 - **Option 1** – 24 Semester Hours in the specific content field being endorsed and passage of the Illinois Certification Content Area Test in that field
 - **OR Option 2** – 32 Semester Hours in the specific content field being endorsed (Content Test is not Required with the 32 semester hour option)
 - **Exceptions** are in the areas of: Safety/Driver Education, Social Science (including Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology), and Science (including Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science, Environmental Science and Physics)
- **Requirements for Additional Secondary Endorsement in Safety/Driver Education**
 - 16 semester hours of coursework (No Test Required) including the following:
 - 3 semester hours in general safety
 - 5 semester hours in Driver Education & Advanced Traffic Safety
 - 8 semester hours chosen from 2 or more of the following areas: General Safety, Advanced Psychology & Sociology, First Aid and Health Education, and Instructional Materials)
- **Requirements for Additional Secondary Endorsement in Social Science and Science**
 - 32 semester hours of college coursework in the broad discipline (Social Science or Science) with at least 12 semester hours in the area of designation (specific subject from within the broad discipline) and at least two other subject areas from within the broad discipline represented in the coursework
 - **AND** passage of the Illinois Certification Content Area Test in the field (ie Social Science: History, Social Science: Psychology, Science: Biological Science, Science: Chemistry)

This information is designed to assist you in identifying additional endorsements for which you might qualify. Qualifications are established by the Illinois State Board of Education and are subject to change. For more information visit the Illinois State Board of Education website at <http://www.isbe.net/certification/default.htm>