

Education

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Alabama	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.alsde.edu/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	An individual who completed a State-approved Educator Preparation Program at an Alabama college or university must make application for certification through that college or university and applicants must hold a Bachelors Degree from an accredited university	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background clearance based on a fingerprint review.
Alaska	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://education.alaska.gov/teacher/certification	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Applicants must complete a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university; and a state approved teacher preparation program,.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background Questions are required in the application
Arizona	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.azed.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Bachelor's degree at least is required	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background questions need to be answered
Arkansas	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/become-an-arkansas-teacher	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Completing a bachelors degree is the first step to becoming a licensed teacher.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background check is required
California	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.ctc.ca.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Earns a Bachelors Degree as well as pre approved program	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background Check is required for all applicants

Colorado	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Bachelors or higher degree from a regionally accredited college/university. Completion of an approved preparation program which led to licensure in the state in was approved	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	
Connecticut	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Services/Teachers-and-Administrators	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Complete Educator preparation program as well as completing bachelor's degree	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	
Delaware	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.doe.k12.de.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3690	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	A minimum of a Bachelors Degree	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	
District of Columbia	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://dcps.dc.gov/page/teacher-certification-and-licensing	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Must hold at least a bachelor's degree and have completed an approved teacher certification program.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	An Identity History Summary Check issued by the FBI is required
Florida	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Hold at least a bachelor's degree	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	
Georgia	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/ApplicationProcedures.aspx	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Must have a bachelors degree and complete a state approved educator preparation program.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	
Hawaii	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/Employment/LicensureAndCertification/Pages/home.aspx	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Have a bachelors degree and complete a State-approved teacher, librarian or counselor education program	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	

Idaho	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Educator preparation program as well as college transcript for a BA	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicants have to under go a background investigation check
Illinois	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.isbe.net/licensure	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Send Official2 transcript (s) reflecting a bachelors degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	
Indiana	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.doe.in.gov/licensing	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Complete preparatory program and have a bachelors degree	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	
Iowa	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://boe.iowa.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Completion of a full state of Iowa approved teacher preparation program for college semester hour credit including meeting at least one of our endorsement requirements and have a bachelor's degree	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background Check is required for all applicants
Kansas	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation/Licensure/License-Requirements/Initial-License-Requirements	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	In-State Requirements for an Initial Teaching License Bachelors degree from a regionally accredited college or university and Completion of a state-approved teacher preparation program	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	KBI and FBI background clearance if: You are applying for your first Kansas license
Kentucky	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://education.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Completed an approved educator preparation program in Kentucky	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Need to Disclose Background Information within the application

Louisiana	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.louisianabelieves.com/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	The undergraduate teacher preparation pathway consists of a Bachelor of Arts or Science university degree program and complete a preparation program	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	
Maine	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.maine.gov/doe/cert	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Bachelors Degree is required	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Must answer background questions within the application
Maryland	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/default.aspx	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	completing a Maryland approved educator preparation program as well as bachelor's degree	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background Checks are required for all applicants
Massachusetts	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.doe.mass.edu/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Possession of a bachelor's degree. All candidates seeking Initial licensure as an educator in Massachusetts are required to complete an approved educator preparation program	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Massachusetts law provides for state and federal criminal background checks for individuals working in public and private schools.
Michigan	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.michigan.gov/mde/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Michigan law and rules require that all individuals complete an approved preparation program (e.g., math, elementary, English) in order to become a teacher in Michigan.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		N/A	
Minnesota	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://mn.gov/pelsb/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	a Bachelor's Degree is required for teaching credentials	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Applicant must get fingerprint card done
Mississippi	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.mdek12.org/OTL/OEL	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Bachelors Transcript is needed from university for teaching licensure.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Need to complete background check

Missouri	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://dese.mo.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Complete Bachelors as well as preparation program	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background checks are required
Montana	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://opi.mt.gov/BOPE	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Need to obtain a Bachelor's Degree. Completion of an educator preparation program which is accredited by NCATE, CAEP, MACTE or is a state approved program from a regionally accredited college or university AND completion of student teaching or a supervised teaching experience through an educator preparation program. OR Completion of a National Board Certification program. OR Completion of a non-traditional teaching program with five (5) successful years of teaching experience, along with a current, standard, unrestricted out-of-state educator license.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Initiate Your Fingerprint Background Check
Nebraska	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.education.ne.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Completion of a Baccalaureate Degree. Completion of a Teacher Education Program at a state approved college or university	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Required criminal record history check
Nevada	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://doe.nv.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	We require ALL official transcripts of every regionally accredited college or university you have attended	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	A criminal background check is a requirement of all applicants for Nevada Department of Education licensure pursuant to NRS 391.033.

New Hampshire	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.education.nh.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Individuals shall qualify for a credential pursuant to Ed 504 by completing a board approved educator preparation program(s) at a college, university or teacher training institution in New Hampshire in accordance with Ed 600.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background Clearance is required
New Jersey	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://nj.gov/education/sboe/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Official college transcript(s) sent with degree conferral and grade point average (GPA) listed on the transcript	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Criminal Conviction Questions need to be answered
New Mexico	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Official sealed transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges/universities attended. Earned degrees must be posted on transcript	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background check completed through Gemalto for Teacher Licensure
New York	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	http://www.nysed.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Original official transcripts of all college study for bachelors degree	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Fingerprint for background check is required
North Carolina	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.dpi.nc.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	completed a state approved teacher education program from a regionally accredited college or university, or completed another state's approved alternative route to licensure and earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) reserves the right to deny certification to a candidate or to revoke NBPTS certification of a teacher for certain forms of misconduct
North Dakota	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.nd.gov/esp/esp/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	If you are applying for your initial license, you will need to submit an official transcript to ESPB of the University you graduated from	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	In order to obtain your initial educator's license, you must complete a background check processed by ESPB.

Ohio	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	The Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education approves institutions of higher education and educator licensure programs for the preparation of pre-kindergarten through grade 12 educators and other school personnel. The State Board of Education for Ohio develops and approves the standards and requirements for educator licensure preparation programs.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Need a valid background check
Oklahoma	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://sde.ok.gov/teacher-certification	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Graduated from an accredited institution of higher education that has an approved teacher education program for the certification area sought. Successfully completed a higher education teacher education program approved by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA)	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Need to go through a background clearance check

Oregon	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.oregon.gov/ode/about-us/stateboard/Pages/default.aspx	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Hold a bachelor's degree or higher (regionally accredited or foreign equivalent); Complete a Commission-approved teacher preparation program (official verification of completion is required)	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	18	Applicants must be 18 years or older	Please See Notes	Oregon law requires the following applicants to be fingerprinted: Student teachers: For first placement in a field experience after admission to an Oregon approved educator-preparation program; Educators: For first time Oregon licensure or registration; School nurses: For first time Oregon certification; Expired license, registration, or certificate holders: For reinstatement of a license, registration, or certificate that has been expired for more than three years prior to the date of application; Out-of-State student teachers in Oregon schools: For first placement in a field experience in any Oregon public school if completing an educator preparation program by an out-of-state provider.
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Pennsylvania	meets state requirements	meets state requirements	meets state requirements	meets state requirements	meets state requirements	https://www.education.pa.gov/Educators/Certification/Pages/default.aspx	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Must complete a bachelor's degree program	1+	Pearson and / or ETS examinations required	N/A		Please See Notes	Must be approved for TIMS application
Rhode Island	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	http://www.ride.ri.gov/teacheradministrators/educatorcertification.aspx	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Bachelor's Degree - Official transcript with conferral of degree (photo copies are NOT accepted)	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Legal questions need to be answered within the application
South Carolina	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://ed.sc.gov/educators/teaching-in-south-carolina/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	requirements of an educator preparation program as well as having a Bachelors degree	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Complete the Fingerprinting Process and Criminal Records Review.
South Dakota	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://doe.sd.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Have a bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and Complete a teacher education program from a regionally accredited institution of higher education	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background check is required
Tennessee	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.tn.gov/education.html	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	hold a bachelors degree from a regionally-accredited college or university. be enrolled in or have completed an approved educator preparation program, and be recommended for licensure by the program provider;	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	18	Applicants must be 18 years or older	N/A	
Texas	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Obtain a Bachelors Degree - You must earn a bachelors degree from an accredited college or university as complete a preparation program	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	18	Applicants must be 18 years or older	Please See Notes	Complete Fingerprinting. All first-time applicants must be fingerprinted as part of a national criminal background check.

Utah	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.schools.utah.gov/licensing	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Requirement 1: Bachelors degree or higher from an accredited institution	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background Checks are required
Vermont	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://education.vermont.gov/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Bachelor's Degree - The official transcript should show the conferred date of when you completed an educator preparation program	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Fingerprints are required for a background check
Virginia	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Have completed a state-approved preparation course and bachelors degree	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Background History needs to be completed
Washington	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://www.k12.wa.us/certification	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Completion of a bachelor's degree or higher Completion of a state of Washington approved teacher preparation program	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	18	Applicants must be 18 years or older	Yes	Character. Applicants for certificates in Washington state who are not holders of a valid Washington state teacher's, administrator's, educational staff associate's, career and technical education, or first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher's certificate must give evidence of good moral character
West Virginia	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://wvde.us/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Use this form when applying for certification upon completion of a teacher preparation program from a regionally accredited institution of higher education in West Virginia.	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Under W. Va. Code section 18A-3-10, applicants for initial licensure in the state of West Virginia are required to undergo a criminal history investigation completed by both the West Virginia State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Wisconsin	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/general	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	1 Completed of a state-approved educator preparation program in the licensure area. 2. A minimum of bachelors degree or the equivalent. Speech Language and Pathologist must have a masters' degree..	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	Satisfactory background checks result.
Wyoming	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	may meet state requirements	https://wyoingp.tsb.com/	Curriculum	Bachelor's Degree and State-approved Educator Preparation Program	Completion of an approved Educator Preparation Program, Program must be from an accredited college or university Program must include student teaching and lead to an Institutional Recommendation (IR) for licensure	1+	Licensure applicants must take and pass all State Board required examinations.	N/A		Please See Notes	IMPORTANT: Failure to answer any of the licensing and legal questions in a truthful and complete manner or failure to provide truthful information or supporting documents could lead to your application being cancelled and fee forfeited. Failure to answer could also lead to disciplinary action toward any PTSB license or permit you possess. All conduct must be disclosed