

1 **R7-2-609.01. Middle Grades Teaching Certificate**

2 **A.** Except as noted, all certificates are subject to the general certification provisions in R7-2-
3 607 and the renewal requirements in R7-2-619.

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5 **B. Standard Professional Middle Grades Certificate – grades five through nine**

6 1. The requirements include all of the following:

7 a. A bachelor’s degree;

8 b. Completion of a teacher preparation program in middle grades education
9 from a Board-approved educator preparation program or from an accredited
10 institution offering substantially similar training, addressing the following topics
11 and any others as required by law:

12 i. Early adolescent psychology;

13 ii. Research-based instructional strategies for delivering differentiated
14 reading instruction, assessment, intervention and remediation to support
15 readers of varying ages and ability levels, including students with
16 dyslexia;

17 iii. Instructional design and lesson planning, including modifications
18 and accommodations;

19 iv. The learning environment, including classroom management;

20 v. Developmentally appropriate instructional delivery, facilitation and
21 methodologies;

22 vi. Assessing, monitoring and reporting progress;

23 vii. Teaching students with exceptionalities;

24 viii. Professional responsibility and ethical conduct; and

25 ix. Twelve weeks of capstone experience as described in R7-2-604 in
26 grades five through nine, which may be completed during the valid period
27 of a teaching intern or student teaching intern certificate. One year of
28 verified full-time teaching experience in grades five through nine may be
29 substituted for the capstone experience requirement. For individuals
30 seeking dual certification, any capstone experience requirements may be
31 met through separate eight-week capstone experiences in each of the
32 certification areas sought.

33 c. A passing score on the professional knowledge portion of the Arizona
34 Teacher Proficiency Assessment;

35 d. A passing score on at least one subject knowledge portion of the Arizona
36 Teacher Proficiency Assessment, unless the applicant has a bachelor’s, master’s or
37 doctoral degree in the relevant content area or otherwise qualifies for a waiver of
38 the subject knowledge assessment; and

39 e. A valid fingerprint card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

40 2. Applicants may meet the requirements in subsection (B)(1)(b) with the submission
41 of an application for the Standard Professional Middle Grades certificate that includes
42 evidence of two years of verified full-time teaching experience in grades five through nine,
43 and Board-approved or accredited training or coursework which teaches the knowledge
44 and skills described in R7-2-602 and subsections (B)(1)(b)(i)-(viii).