

## ***Part 25 Changes: FAQ***

### ***Impact on Illinois Programs***

**Q: Is there a change to the grade range specific LBS I endorsement per these updates?**

No. Special education requirements have not changed.

**Q: How are the requirements different for a subsequent secondary education endorsement?**

Previously, subsequent secondary education endorsements required 24 hours with 12 at the upper division, or in some cases, 32 hours with 12 hours specific to that particular content area and the test. Effective December 5, 2019, any educator wanting a subsequent secondary education endorsement must complete 18 hours *in the particular content area* and the test. For example, if an educator holds a PEL in any teaching endorsement, and wants to add a Science-Chemistry endorsement, he or she must have 18 hours of chemistry content and pass the Chemistry test.

**Q: Can current candidates be entitled for subsequent secondary endorsements that have met the previous requirements (prior to rule changes effective 12/5)?**

Illinois Educator Preparation Programs that currently have candidates completing subsequent secondary education endorsements under the old rules may allow these candidates to complete the endorsement requirements under the prior rules OR may allow them to meet the current requirements.

**Q: Will the distribution of specific courses need to be approved by ISBE staff, similar to the ESL matrix?**

ISBE approval is not required, and a matrix may be submitted as a courtesy to ISBE for educators who may apply via ISBE, rather than through entitlement. Guidance on these matrices will be provided in the coming months.

**Q: Can institutions that do not have an approved program in a content area offer coursework leading to a subsequent endorsement? For example, can an institution entitle a subsequent endorsement in Middle Grades if that institution does not have an approved program in Middle grades?**

Yes, as a regionally accredited institution, an IL institution can offer subsequent endorsement courses that may or may not be part of a full approved program.

**Q: Can a teacher who takes coursework through a particular Illinois institution for a subsequent endorsement apply for a new subsequent endorsement directly through ISBE?**

Yes. Teachers may apply via ISBE by submitting transcripts or the Illinois institution may entitle them.

**Q: Do subsequent middle grades endorsements require 3 hours of methods and 15 hours of content area coursework plus the test?**

No. While middle grades methods is a required distribution area for a middle grades subsequent endorsement, there are no required semester hours for this distribution area.

**Q: If a candidate is currently a practicing teacher, can s/he “student teach” in her/his own classroom?**

Yes, as long as the student teaching is credited on the transcript and the student teacher meets all requirements of student teaching.

**Q. If an educator obtains a Secondary Social Science- History endorsement with 18 hours plus the content exam, can s/he still teach other areas of Social Science- Geography, Psychology, etc.?**

Yes, assignability rules still allow educators who hold a social science (and science) endorsement in one content area to teach all content areas within Social Science or Science contents, unless it is an AP/Honors course. If the course is AP/Honors, the specific content endorsement must be held.