

REQUIREMENTS FOR  
**GIFTED EDUCATION, PREK-12 ENDORSEMENTS**

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

*ENDORSEMENT IS REQUIRED OF INDIVIDUALS WHOSE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TEACHING GIFTED STUDENTS.*

➤ **Provisional Gifted Education Endorsement**

*The Provisional endorsement is valid for 3 years.*

Requirements for the Provisional Gifted Education endorsement are:

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#)
2. Appropriate fee (see Application for Certification)
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (**IVP**) fingerprint card (plastic). For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) website or call (602) 223-2279.
4. A valid Arizona Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary or Special Education certificate.
5. Option A, B, or C:
  - A. Two (2) years of verified full-time teaching experience in which most students were gifted. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed by the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.
  - B. Ninety (90) clock hours of verified in-service training in gifted education. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
  - C. Official transcripts showing six (6) semester hours of courses in gifted education.

➤ **Full Gifted Education Endorsement**

*The endorsement shall be automatically renewed with the certificate on which it is posted.*

Requirements for the Gifted Education endorsement are:

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#)
2. Appropriate fee (see Application for Certification).
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (**IVP**) fingerprint card (plastic). For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) website or call (602) 223-2279.
4. A valid Arizona Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary or Special Education certificate.
5. Official transcripts showing completion of 9 semester hours of upper division or graduate level courses in an academic discipline such as science, mathematics, language arts, foreign language, social studies, psychology, fine arts, or computer science.
6. **TWO** from Option A, B, C, or D:

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- A. Three years of verified full-time teaching experience in gifted education as a teacher, resource teacher, specialist, or similar position verified by the district. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed by the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.
- B. A minimum of 135 clock hours of verified in-service training in gifted education. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
- C. Official Transcripts showing completion of 12 semester hours of courses in gifted education. District in-service programs in gifted education may be substituted for up to 6 semester hours of gifted education courses. 15 clock hours of in-service is equivalent to 1 semester hour. Practicum courses shall not be accepted towards this requirement. (Submit a letter on official letterhead from District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify in-service training.)
- D. Completion of 6 semester hours of practicum or **two years** of verified full-time teaching experience in which most students were gifted. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed by the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.