

REQUIREMENTS FOR  
**MIDDLE GRADE, 5-9 ENDORSEMENT**  
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

*THE MIDDLE GRADE, 5-9 ENDORSEMENT MAY EXPAND THE GRADES A TEACHER IS AUTHORIZED TO TEACH ON AN ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY CERTIFICATE.*

➤ **Middle Grade Endorsement**

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

**Requirements for the Middle Grade 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 <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/fingerprint-clearance-card-ivp/>.
4. A valid Arizona Elementary or Secondary certificate.
5. Option A or B.
  - A. **Coursework and Practicum (All requirements A-1 through A-2 must be met.):**
    - A-1. Six (6) semester hours of courses in middle grade education to include one course in early adolescent psychology and one course in middle grade curriculum.
    - A-2. A practicum or **one year** of verified full-time teaching experience in grades 5-9. Please submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form from the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.

**B. Out-of-State Certificate or Endorsement:**

The applicant holds a valid, comparable Middle Grade 5-9 certificate or endorsement from another state and is in good standing with that other state. Submit a photocopy of your out-of-state certificate or endorsement.