REQUIREMENTS FOR

STANDARD SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, PREKINDERGARTEN-12 CERTIFICATE

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

A School psychologist certificate is required for personnel whose primary responsibility is in the role of a school psychologist providing services that include but are not limited to the duties of student psychoeducational assessment, therapeutic consultation and intervention, and involvement in the process of determination of a student disabilities or disorders.

STANDARD SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, PREKINDERGARTEN – 12 CERTIFICATE

The Standard certificate is valid for 12 years and may be renewed.

Requirements for the Standard School Psychologist Certificate are:


2. Option A or B.

   Option A: Degree, Coursework and Internship or Experience (All requirements A-1 to A-3 must be met.):
   
   A-1. A Master’s or more advanced degree from an accredited institution. Official transcript(s) required.

   A-2. One of the following:
   
   - Completion of a graduate program in school psychology, consisting of at least 60 graduate semester hours. OR,
   
   - Completion of a doctoral program in psychology and completion of a re-training program in school psychology from an accredited institution or Board-approved program with a letter of institutional endorsement from the head of the school psychology program. OR,
   
   - Five years of experience within the last ten years working full time in the capacity of a school psychologist in a school setting serving any portion of grades kindergarten through twelve. Please submit a verification letter, completed and signed by District Superintendent or Personnel/HR Director to verify experience. OR,
   
   - Verification of a Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) Credential. OR,
   
   - Verification of a diploma in school psychology from the American Board of School Psychology.

   A-3. Internship or experience. One of the following:
   
   - A verification letter from a university department chair or designee verifying completion of a supervised internship of at least 1,200 clock hours with a minimum of 600 clock hours in a school setting. Note: This verification letter is required in addition to the official transcripts documenting the internship. OR,
   
   - Three (3) years of experience as a certified school psychologist within the last ten years may be substituted for the internship requirement. Submit a verification letter, completed and signed by District Superintendent or Personnel/HR Director and proof that you were certified while you were working as a school psychologist.

Option B. Out-of-State Certification:

   B-1: The applicant holds a valid, comparable School Psychologist certificate in another state and is in good standing with that other state. Submit one of the following:

   - A photocopy of your valid, comparable out-of-state School Psychologist certificate and the official transcripts documenting completion of the School Psychologist preparation program that qualified you for the out-of-state certificate; or
   
   - An official letter from the educator certification office that issued the comparable out-of-state School Psychologist certificate verifying that you are in good standing in that state and that your certificate is comparable to a Standard School Psychologist certificate.