Requirements for Full Certification - Middle Grades

Applicants must satisfy all requirements in the following table for the certificate area(s) they are seeking. The table includes details for each certificate area including: the specific area, valid assignment details, available pathways, specific criteria, and required assessment(s). All full teacher certificate areas require the applicant to hold a Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

All documentation listed within the requirements must be submitted with application materials. Demonstration of completion of a certification pathway as well as demonstration of meeting all other requirements is necessary for certification.

Note: Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 64 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments. Additionally, dependent certificate areas are noted with an asterisk and specify the prerequisite certificate (within the criteria).

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1 RI full certification demonstrates that an educator has met all RI certification requirements. RI full certification types include Initial, Professional, and Advanced certificates (all of which are multi-year certificates). RI full certification is comparable to National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) stage three or higher certificates and is recognized by other states for certificate reciprocity. RI full certification does not include preliminary certificates. Individuals pursuing their first full certificate should apply for their Initial certificate.

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<td><strong>PATHWAYS:</strong>&lt;br&gt; Reciprocity  &lt;br&gt;<strong>CRITERIA:</strong>&lt;br&gt; Major or equivalent in the content area or in a closely related field  &lt;br&gt; Completion of a minimum of 12 weeks of student teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours Field experience prior to student teaching  &lt;br&gt; Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association  &lt;br&gt; Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment</td>
<td>Go to <a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a> for test registration, date, and locations  &lt;br&gt;Middle School English Language Arts (5047) with a score of 164  &lt;br&gt;OR  &lt;br&gt;English Language, Literature, Composition: Content and Analysis (5039) with a score of 168  &lt;br&gt;AND  &lt;br&gt;Principles of Learning &amp; Teaching 5-9 (5623) with a score of 160</td>
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| Middle Grades English Teacher Elementary Extension* (11331) | **PATHWAYS:**  
  - RI Approved Program, Credential Review: CRCI, and Reciprocity | **Go to** [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) **for test registration, date, and locations** |
| **CERTIFICATE:** Hold an Elementary Education Teacher (11201) | **CRITERIA:**  
  - 21 semester hours of coursework in English  
  - Completion of a minimum of 45 hours of practicum  
  - Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association  
  - Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment | **Middle School English Language Arts (5047) with a score of 164 OR**  
**English Language, Literature, Composition: Content and Analysis (5039) with a score of 168** |
| Middle Grades English Teacher Secondary Extension* (11341) | **PATHWAYS:**  
  - RI Approved Program, Credential Review: CRCI, and Reciprocity | **Go to** [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) **for test registration, date, and locations** |
| **CERTIFICATE:** Hold a Secondary Grades English Teacher (11406) | **CRITERIA:**  
  - Completion of a minimum of 45 hours of practicum  
  - Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association  
  - Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment | **Middle School English Language Arts (5047) with a score of 164 OR**  
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| Middle Grades Mathematics Teacher (11302)  
Valid for assignment as a Middle Grades Mathematics teacher in grades 5 - 8 in RI public schools | **PATHWAYS:**  
- Reciprocity  
**CRITERIA:**  
- Major or equivalent in the content area or in a closely related field  
- Completion of a minimum of 12 weeks of student teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours field experience prior to student teaching  
- Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association  
- Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment | Go to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) for test registration, date, and locations  
Middle School Mathematics (5169) with a score of 165  
OR  
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) with a score of 160  
AND  
Principles of Learning & Teaching 5-9 (5623) with a score of 160 |
| Middle Grades Mathematics Teacher Elementary Extension * (11332)  
Valid for assignment as a Middle Grades Mathematics teacher in grades 5 - 8 in RI public schools | **PATHWAYS:**  
- RI Approved Program, Credential Review: CRCI, and Reciprocity  
**CERTIFICATE:**  
Hold an Elementary Education Teacher (11201)  
**CRITERIA:**  
- 21 semester hours in Math, including calculus  
- Completion of a minimum of 45 hours of practicum in this certification area  
- Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association  
- Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment | Go to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) for test registration, date, and locations  
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OR  
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<td><strong>PATHWAYS:</strong>&lt;br&gt;□ RI Approved Program, Credential Review: CRCI, and Reciprocity&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>CERTIFICATE:</strong> Hold a Secondary Grades Mathematics Teacher (11408)&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>CRITERIA:</strong>&lt;br&gt;□ Completion of a minimum of 45 hours of practicum in this certification area&lt;br&gt;□ Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association&lt;br&gt;□ Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment</td>
<td>Go to <a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a> for test registration, date, and locations&lt;br&gt;Middle School Mathematics (5169) with a score of 165&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161) with a score of 160</td>
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<td><strong>Middle Grades Science Teacher (11303)</strong>&lt;br&gt;Valid for assignment as a Middle Grades Science teacher in grades 5 - 8 in RI public schools</td>
<td><strong>PATHWAYS:</strong>&lt;br&gt;□ Reciprocity&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>CRITERIA:</strong>&lt;br&gt;□ Major or Equivalent in the content area or in a closely related field&lt;br&gt;□ Completion of a minimum of 12 weeks of student teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours Field experience prior to student teaching&lt;br&gt;□ Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association&lt;br&gt;□ Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment</td>
<td>Go to <a href="http://www.ets.org">www.ets.org</a> for test registration, date, and locations&lt;br&gt;Middle School Science (5440) with a score of 150&lt;br&gt;<strong>OR</strong>&lt;br&gt;General Science: Content Knowledge (5435) with a score of 153&lt;br&gt;<strong>AND</strong>&lt;br&gt;Principles of Learning &amp; Teaching 5-9 (5623) with a score of 160</td>
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<td><strong>Pathways:</strong>&lt;br&gt;- RI Approved Program, Credential Review: CRCI, and Reciprocity&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Certificate:</strong> Hold any Secondary Grades Science Certificate&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>Criteria:</strong>&lt;br&gt;- Completion of a minimum of 45 hours of practicum&lt;br&gt;- Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association&lt;br&gt;- Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment</td>
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<td><strong>CRITERIA:</strong> ▪ Major or equivalent in the content area or in a closely related field ▪ Completion of a minimum of 12 weeks of Student teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours Field experience prior to student teaching ▪ Demonstration of meeting the Professional Competencies of the RI Professional Teaching Standards (RIPTS) ▪ Has demonstrated content competencies as prescribed by the appropriate RIDE approved national professional associations</td>
<td>Middle School Social Studies (5089) with a score of 160 <strong>OR</strong> Social Studies: Content Knowledge (5081) with a score of 162 <strong>AND</strong> Principles of Learning &amp; Teaching 5-9 (5623) with a score of 160</td>
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<td><strong>CRITERIA:</strong> ▪ 21 semester hours in Social Studies with coursework in history as well as areas such as anthropology, political science, and sociology ▪ Completion of a minimum of 45 hours of practicum ▪ Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association ▪ Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment</td>
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| Middle Grades Special Education Teacher* (11381) | **PATHWAYS:**  
  - Credential Review: CRCI and Reciprocity  
  **CERTIFICATE:** Hold a Middle Grades Certificate in English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies  
  **CRITERIA:**  
    - Completion of 12 weeks of student teaching in this area and a minimum of 60 hours of field experience prior to student teaching  
    - Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association  
    - Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment  | Go to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) for test registration, date, and locations  
  Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications (5543) with a score of 164 |

*Educators who hold certification in Elementary Education, Elementary Special Education, and Middle Grades Education in a content field are eligible for this assignment without holding the 11381 certificate.*

*Educators who hold certification in a Secondary Grades content field, Secondary Special Education, and Middle Grades content field are also eligible for this assignment without holding the 11381 certificate.*
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| Middle Grades Bilingual Dual Language Teacher* (11391) | **PATHWAYS:**  
- Reciprocity  
**CERTIFICATE:** Hold a Middle Grades certificate  
**CRITERIA:**  
- Completion of a minimum of 45 hours of practicum  
- Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association  
- Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment  
**NOTE:** Educators who hold a valid Bilingual and Dual Language certificate are eligible for an English to Speakers of Other Languages certificate | Go to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) for test registration, date, and locations  
- English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362) with a score of 155  
- Principles of Learning & Teaching 5-9 (5623) with a score of 160  
- American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (0634) with a score of 170;  
- French World Language (5174) with a score of 162;  
- German World Language (5183) with a score of 163;  
- Latin (5601) with a score of 161;  
- Spanish World Language (5195) with a score of 168  
For all other languages: Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with a score of Advanced Low |
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| **Middle Grades English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)* (11392)**                | **PATHWAYS:**  
  ▪ Reciprocity  
**CERTIFICATE:** Hold a Middle Grades certificate  
**CRITERIA:**  
  ▪ Completion of a minimum of 45 hours of practicum  
  ▪ Demonstration of meeting content and pedagogical competencies as prescribed by appropriate RIDE-approved national professional association  
  ▪ Demonstration of deep understanding of applicable student standards and proficiency in designing and implementing standards-based instruction and assessment  
  
**NOTE:** Educators who have a valid English to Speakers of Other Languages certificate may teach in English in Dual Language programs | Go to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org) for test registration, date, and locations  
English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362) with a score of 155  
**ASSIGNMENT NOTES:**  
Educators who hold certification in Elementary Education, Elementary English as a Second Language, and Middle Grades Education in a content field are eligible for this assignment without holding the 11392 certificate  
Educators who hold certification in a Secondary Grades content field, Secondary English as a Second Language, and Middle Grades content field are also eligible for this assignment without holding the 11392 certificate |