LCB File No. R021-01

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN EDUCATION

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NAC 391.098 Endorsements. (**NRS 391.019**) [Effective July 1, 2002.]

- 1. To receive an endorsement on an elementary license, a person must complete 12 semester hours of credit within the area of the endorsement, except that:
- (a) An endorsement for English requires the completion of 3 semester hours of courses in advanced composition, descriptive grammar and speech.
- (b) An endorsement to teach pupils who are enrolled in a program of bilingual education requires the applicant to pass the examination required by subsection 1 of NAC 391.242, if an examination is available.
- 2. The board recognizes the following subjects for an endorsement on an elementary license:
 - (a) Art.
 - (b) Computers and technology relating to the use of computers.
 - (c) English.
 - (d) Health.
 - (e) Mathematics.
 - (f) Literacy.
 - (g) Science.
 - (h) Social studies.
 - (i) Physical education.
 - (j) Bilingual education.
 - (k) Music.
- 3. An endorsement on an elementary license is not required to teach in kindergarten through eighth grade. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit a school district from requiring a specific endorsement on an elementary license as a requirement for employment with that district.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 7-18-88, eff. 12-3-88; A 10-18-89; 9-13-91; 12-13-96, eff. 1-1-97; R097-97, 2-26-98; R120-99, 3-13-2000, eff. 7-1-2002)

NAC 391.100 Professional license as elementary teacher. (NRS 391.019) To receive a professional license as an elementary teacher, a person must:

- 1. Meet all requirements for an elementary license;
- 2. Hold a master's degree in education; and
- 3. Have 3 years of verified experience as a teacher in kindergarten or any grade through eighth grade in schools approved by the department.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.080, eff. 10-23-81]—(NAC A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 9-13-91; 11-4-91; R097-97, 2-26-98)

[NAC 391.105 Conditional license as elementary teacher. (NRS 391.019, 391.032)

1. The superintendent of public instruction may issue a conditional license as an elementary teacher to a person who holds a bachelor's degree and has completed 23 semester hours of courses in professional elementary education consisting of:

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, 8 semester hours of supervised student teaching in kindergarten through eighth grade; and
- (b) Fifteen semester hours in methods of teaching elementary subjects, including:
 - (1) Six semester hours in literacy or language arts;
 - (2) Three semester hours in mathematics;
 - (3) Three semester hours in science; and
 - (4) Three semester hours in social studies.
- 2. In lieu of completing 8 semester hours of supervised student teaching pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1, a person may satisfactorily complete 3 years of supervised teaching.
- 3. A conditional elementary license is not renewable. To continue teaching, the holder of the license must complete the requirements for an elementary license within 3 years after the date of issuance of the conditional license.
- [Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.090, eff. 10-23-81] (NAC A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 9-13-91; R097-97, 2-26-98, eff. 12-12-98)]

[NAC 391.165 Limited endorsement as administrator of a school or program; expiration.

- 1. To receive a limited endorsement as an administrator of a school, an applicant must:
- (a) Hold a master's degree;
- (b) Hold a valid license to teach in elementary, secondary or special schools, excluding a business and industry endorsement;
- (c) Have and submit evidence to the department of 3 years of teaching experience in kindergarten or grades 1 through 12 in schools approved by the state; and
- (d) Have completed at least 24 semester hours of graduate courses in the administration of a school, including:
 - (1) Administration and organization of a school;
 - (2) Supervision and evaluation of instruction;
 - (3) Development of personnel;
 - (4) Finances of a school;
- (5) The laws that apply to schools;
 - (6) Curriculum;
- (7) Research;
- (8) Internship or field experience; and
- (9) Other courses considered to be part of an administrative program for educators.
- 2. To receive a limited endorsement as an administrator of a program, an applicant must:
- (a) Hold a master's degree;
- (b) Hold a valid special license in the program for which an endorsement is requested;
- (c) Have and submit to the department evidence of 3 years of experience as a licensed employee in kindergarten or grades 1 through 12; and
- (d) Have completed at least 18 semester hours of credit in graduate courses in administration including:
- (1) Administration and organization of a school or the role of an administrator of a program in the applicant's area of endorsement;
- (2) General principles of supervision of personnel or supervision of personnel for a program in the applicant's area of endorsement;
 - (3) Finances of a school or finances of a program in the applicant's area of endorsement;
- (4) The laws that apply to schools; and
- (5) The evaluation and development of personnel for a school or the evaluation and development of personnel in the applicant's area of endorsement.

3. A limited administrative endorsement expires 5 years after the date on which it was issued and is not renewable. To continue employment as an administrator, the holder of the endorsement must complete the requirements for an endorsement as a professional administrator of a school or as a professional administrator of a program during the term of his limited endorsement.

— [Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.170, eff. 10-23-81] (NAC A 12-15-86; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education. 11 4 91; 7 7 94; 3 28 96, eff. 4 1 97)

NAC 391.192 Endorsement to teach computer literacy.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, to receive an endorsement on or after September 1, 1990, to teach computer literacy in kindergarten through grade 12, a person must have a valid elementary, secondary or special license and complete:
 - (a) A program, which has been approved by the board, for teaching the use of a computer; or
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, 6 semester hours in courses of study which include the following:
- (1) Methods for teaching the use of a computer or educational issues related to computers, or both; and
 - (2) An introduction to using:
 - (I) The computer keyboard and printer;
 - (II) Basic operating commands;
 - (III) Computer vocabulary; and
 - (IV) Available software.

A certificate from a university verifying the knowledge and skills of the applicant will be accepted in lieu of credit.

If the applicant has a limited endorsement to teach computer literacy, he must complete at least 6 semester hours of computer-related course work by the end of the term of the limited endorsement to receive an endorsement pursuant to this section.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 9-11-89)

[NAC 391.194 Limited endorsement to teach computer literacy.

- A teacher may receive a limited endorsement to teach computer literacy if he has:
- (a) A valid elementary, secondary or special license; and
- (b) Taught at least one period of computer literacy for at least 1 school year.
- This limited endorsement is valid for 5 years and is not renewable.
- (Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 9-11-89)]

NAC 391.196 Endorsement to teach computer programming or computer science.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, to receive an endorsement on or after September 1, 1990, to teach computer programming or computer science in kindergarten through grade 12, a person must have a valid elementary, secondary or special license and complete:

 (a) A program, which has been approved by the board, for teaching computer programming
- or computer science; or
 - (b) Twelve semester hours in courses of study which include the following:
- (1) Methods for teaching the use of a computer or educational issues involved in the teaching of computers, or both:
 - (2) Methods for teaching computer programming; and
 - (3) Instruction in at least two computer languages.
- 2. If the applicant has a limited endorsement to teach programming and computer science, he must complete at least 9 semester hours of computer-related course work by the end of the term of the limited endorsement.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Education, eff. 10-17-86; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 9-11-89)—(Substituted in revision for NAC 391.293)

[NAC 391.198 Limited endorsement to teach computer programming or computer science.

- 1. A teacher may receive a limited endorsement to teach computer programming or computer science if he has:
- (a) An elementary, secondary or special license; and
- (b) Taught at least one period of computer programming or computer science for at least 1 school year.
- 2. This limited endorsement is valid for 5 years and is not renewable.
- (Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 9-11-89)]

NAC 391.202 Endorsement to teach computer applications.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, to receive an endorsement on or after September 1, 1990, to teach computer applications in kindergarten through grade 12, a person must have a valid elementary, secondary or special license and complete:
 - (a) A program, which has been approved by the board, for teaching computer applications; or
 - (b) Twelve hours in courses of study which include the following:
- (1) Methods for teaching the use of a computer or educational issues and computers, or both; and
- (2) Methods for teaching computer applications or instruction in at least two of the following application packages, or both:
 - (I) Word processing.
 - (II) Databases.
 - (III) Spreadsheets.
 - (IV) Telecommunications.
 - (V) Graphics.
 - (VI) Integration.
 - (VII) Desktop publishing.
- 2. If the applicant has a limited endorsement to teach computer applications, he must complete at least 9 semester hours of computer-related work by the end of the term of the limited endorsement to receive an endorsement pursuant to this section.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 9-11-89)

[NAC 391.204 Limited endorsement to teach computer applications.

- 1. A teacher may receive a limited endorsement to teach computer applications if he has:
- (a) A valid elementary, secondary or special license; and
- (b) Taught at least one period of computer applications for at least 1 school year.
- 2. This limited endorsement is valid for 5 years and is not renewable.
- (Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 9-11-89)]

INAC 391,244 Limited endorsement to teach American Sign Language, (NRS 391,019)

- 1. A person may receive a limited endorsement to teach American Sign Language in kindergarten through grade 12 if he:
 - (a) Holds a bachelor's degree;
- (b) Has completed at least 6 semester hours of course work in professional education and the methods of teaching from a regionally accredited college or university of which at least 3 semester hours of credit must have been earned in the methods of teaching basic subjects, including, without limitation, literacy or language arts, mathematics, science and social studies; and
- (c) Has completed at least 12 semester hours of course work in American Sign Language from a regionally accredited college or university or holds:
- (1) An American Sign Language Teacher's Association Certificate issued by the American Sign Language Teachers Association;
- (2) An Interpreting Certificate issued by the National Association for the Deaf that is at least a level 4 certificate;

- (3) A Certificate of Interpretation or Certificate of Transliteration issued by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf; or
- (4) A certificate as a certified deaf interpreter issued by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.
- A limited endorsement to teach American Sign Language issued pursuant to this section is valid for 3 years and may not be renewed. To continue to teach American Sign Language, the holder of a limited endorsement must complete the requirements for an endorsement to teach American Sign Language during the period of the limited endorsement.

3. The holder of a limited endorsement to teach American Sign Language may teach only the language set forth in the endorsement.

— (Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education by R089-99, eff. 10-25-99)]

NAC 391.245 Endorsement to teach industrial arts.

- 1. To receive an endorsement to teach industrial arts, a person must hold a bachelor's degree and have completed:
 - (a) An approved program of preparation for teaching industrial arts; or(b) The following requirements:

- (1) Thirty-six semester hours in drafting, electricity, electronics, graphic arts, power, transportation, manufacturing and construction, including at least two of the following subjects:
 - (I) Ceramics;
 - (II) Crafts;
 - (III) Metals;
 - (IV) Plastics;
 - (V) Textiles; or
 - (VI) Wood; and
 - (2) Twenty-two semester hours of credit in professional education including:
 - (I) Historical development of technology;
 - (II) Principles, methods and materials in the teaching of industrial arts;
 - (III) Eight semester credits in supervised teaching; and
 - (IV) Foundations of education.
- 2. Proof of work experience as a journeyman in a related field of instruction may be applied toward renewal of this endorsement at the rate of 200 hours for 1 semester hour of credit up to a maximum of 3 hours of credit.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.320, eff. 10-23-81]

NAC 391.250 Endorsement as professional teacher of industrial arts.

- 1. To receive an endorsement as a professional teacher of industrial arts, a person must:
- (a) Meet all requirements for an endorsement to teach industrial arts;
- (b) Hold a master's degree; and
- (c) Have 3 years of verified experience as a teacher of industrial arts in state-approved schools:
- Proof of work experience as a journeyman in a related field of instruction may be applied toward renewal of this endorsement at the rate of 200 hours for 1 semester hour of credit up to a maximum of 3 hours of credit.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.330, eff. 10-23-81]

NAC 391.252 Endorsement to teach junior reserve officers' training corps program.

- 1. To receive an endorsement to teach pupils in the junior reserve officers' training corps program developed pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2031, a person must:
 - (a) Hold a bachelor's degree;
- (b) Have received, from the secretary of the military branch he serves in or has retired from, certification as an instructor in the program;
- (c) Have held a limited endorsement to teach pupils in junior reserve officers' training corps program; and

- (d) Have received a favorable evaluation of his work by a principal in the school district in which he taught under the limited endorsement.
- The holder of an endorsement to teach pupils in the junior reserve officers' training corps program may teach the course only in grade 7 through grade 12.
- 3. An endorsement to teach pupils in the junior reserve officers' training corps program is not required to teach the course.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 10-14-93)

INAC 391.254 Limited endorsement to teach junior reserve officers' training corps

- 1. A person may receive a limited endorsement to teach pupils in the junior reserve officers' training corps program developed pursuant to 10 U.S.C. § 2031, if he:
 - (a) Holds a bachelor's degree; and
- (b) Has received, from the secretary of the military branch he serves in or has retired from, certification as an instructor in the program.
 - 2. This limited endorsement is valid for 1 year and is not renewable.
- 3. The holder of a limited endorsement to teach pupils in the junior reserve officers' training corps program may teach the course only in grade 7 through grade 12.
- 4. A limited endorsement to teach pupils in the junior reserve officers' training corps program is not required to teach the course.
- (Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 10-14-93)]

NAC 391.282 Endorsement to teach dance education. On or after September 1, 1996, an applicant for an endorsement to teach dance education must:

- 1. Hold a bachelor's degree;
- 2. Hold an elementary, secondary or special license, excluding a business and industry endorsement: and
 - 3. Have completed:
 - (a) A program for the teaching of dance education which has been approved by the board; or
- (b) A combination of at least 16 semester hours of credit in any of the following areas of study:
 - (1) At least 2 semester hours in the fundamentals of dance, including, but not limited to:

 - (I) Awareness of the body;(II) The basic principles of dance; or
- (III) The improvisation of dance; (2) At least 3 semester hours in the history and development of dance, including, but not limited to:
 - (I) The history of dance;
 - (II) The styles and techniques of dance; or
 - (III) A survey of dance forms, including, but not limited to, ballet, modern jazz and tap;
- (3) At least 3 semester hours in the kinesiology relating to the performance of dance, including, but not limited to:
 - (I) Anatomy and physiology;

 - (II) The anatomy and physiology of exercise for the performance of dance; or (III) The care and prevention of injuries that occur during the performance of dance;
 - (4) At least 3 semester hours in the composition of dance, including, but not limited to:

 - (I) An analysis of the rhythms relating to dance; (II) The spatial relationships involved in the performance of dance; or
 - (III) The choreography of dance;
- (5) At least 3 semester hours in the methods of teaching dance; or
 (6) At least 2 semester hours in the techniques of dance in at least two of the following dance forms:
 - (I) Ballet;
 - (II) Modern:
 - (III) Jazz; or
 - (IV) Tap.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 6-19-96)

[NAC 391.283 Limited endorsement to teach dance education.

- 1. On or after September 1, 1996, an applicant for a limited endorsement to teach dance education must:
 - (a) Hold a bachelor's degree;
- (b) Hold an elementary, secondary or special license, excluding a business and industry endorsement: and
- (c) Have completed a combination of at least 8 semester hours of credit in any of the following areas of study:
 - (1) The fundamentals of dance, including, but not limited to:
 - (I) Awareness of the body;
 - (II) The basic principles of dance; or
 - (III) The improvisation of dance;
 - (2) The history and development of dance, including, but not limited to:
 - (I) The history of dance;
 - (II) The styles and techniques of dance; or
 - (III) A survey of dance forms, including, but not limited to, ballet, modern jazz and tap;
 - (3) The kinesiology relating to the performance of dance, including, but not limited to:
 - (I) Anatomy and physiology;
 - (II) The anatomy and physiology of exercise for the performance of dance; or
 - (III) The care and prevention of injuries that occur during the performance of dance;
 - (4) The composition of dance, including, but not limited to:
 - (I) An analysis of the rhythms relating to dance;
 - (II) The spatial relationships involved in the performance of dance; or
 - (III) The choreography of dance;
 - (5) The methods of teaching dance; or
- (6) At least 2 semester hours in the techniques of dance in at least two of the following dance forms:
 - (I) Ballet;
 - (II) Modern;
 - (III) Jazz: or
 - (IV) Tap.
- 2. A limited endorsement to teach dance education is valid for 3 years and is not renewable. To continue teaching dance education, the holder of the limited endorsement must complete, during the time his limited endorsement is valid, the requirements for an endorsement to teach dance education.
- (Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 6-19-96)]

NAC 391.285 Endorsement to teach reading.

- 1. To receive an endorsement to teach reading, a person must:
- (a) Hold a bachelor's degree;
- (b) Hold a teacher's elementary or secondary license; and
- (c) Have at least 16 semester hours of preparation in separate or integrated courses related to reading in each of the following subjects:
 - (1) Foundations of reading;
 - (2) Elementary methods and materials;
 - (3) Secondary methods and materials;
 - (4) Diagnosis of reading disabilities; and
 - (5) Practical experience in reading remediation.
- 2. To renew this endorsement, the holder must have completed 6 semester hours of graduate courses in reading and literacy education or either of them.

[Bd. of Education, Certification Reg. § 391.450, eff. 10-23-81]—(NAC A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 11-4-91; 11-22-91; 1-27-93)

NAC 391.332 Endorsement as substitute teacher; period for which substitute teacher may be hired. (NRS 391.019)

- 1. To receive an endorsement as a substitute teacher in kindergarten through grade 12, a person must:
- (a) Have completed at least 62 semester hours of credit from an accredited college or university, including at least 6 semester hours of credit in professional education; or
 - (b) Possess a baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university.
- 2. A school district may hire a person who has an endorsement as a substitute teacher in kindergarten through grade 12 for:
- (a) Unlimited days of service if filling the position of a licensed teacher who is under contract.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 60 days of service if filling a teaching position for which a licensed teacher has not been hired under contract.
- 3. The department may grant a school district one extension for 30 days with regard to a person who is hired pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 2 in an exceptional case upon request from the superintendent of schools of the county school district or from the administrator of a state-approved private school. Upon the expiration of such an extension, a school district may apply for an additional extension pursuant to NAC 391.398 if the school district is unable to hire a licensed special education teacher.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 6-19-96; A by R219-97, 4-17-98)

- **NAC 391.335** Endorsement to teach grades 5 through 9. 1. To receive an endorsement to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9, a person must hold a valid elementary or secondary license and have completed at least 12 semester hours of credit in at least three of the following areas of study:
- (a) Teaching and evaluative strategies for the middle school, including study of skills relating to cooperative learning, interdisciplinary teaching and higher-order thinking.
- (b) Methods of teaching mathematics, science, social studies, language arts or reading at a middle school level.
- (c) Social and emotional needs of young adolescents, including study of issues relating to substance abuse, divorce, child abuse and neglect.
 - (d) Advisory role of a teacher when working with pupils and their respective parents.
 - (e) Philosophy, organization and curriculum of the middle school.
- (f) Theory of scheduling, supervision and evaluation of programs and pupils in a middle school.
- 2. In addition, if the applicant does not have prior experience as a teacher in any grade from grade 5 through grade 9, he must have successfully completed a practicum with a maximum of 3 credits at grade 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 in a middle school.
- 3. An endorsement to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9 is not required to teach pupils in a middle school.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 10-1-93)

[NAC 391.337 Limited endorsement to teach grades 5 through 9.

- 1. To receive a limited endorsement to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9, a person must hold a valid elementary or secondary license and:
- (a) Have 3 years of verified experience as a teacher in any grade from grade 5 through grade 9; or

- (b) Have completed at least 6 semester hours of credit in at least two of the following courses of study:
- (1) Teaching and evaluative strategies for the middle school, including study of skills relating to cooperative learning, interdisciplinary teaching and higher-order thinking.
- (2) Methods of teaching mathematics, science, social studies, language arts or reading at a middle school level.
- (3) Social and emotional needs of young adolescents, including study of issues relating to substance abuse, divorce, child abuse and neglect.
 - (4) Advisory role of a teacher when working with pupils and their respective parents.
 - (5) Philosophy, organization and curriculum of the middle school.
- (6) Theory of scheduling, supervision and evaluation of programs and pupils in a middle school.
- 2. In addition, if the applicant does not have prior experience as a teacher in any grade from grade 5 through grade 9, he must have successfully completed a practicum with a maximum of 3 credits at grade 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 in a middle school.
- 3. Such an endorsement is not required to teach pupils in a middle school.
- 4. A limited endorsement to teach pupils in grades 5 through 9 is valid for 5 years from the date of issuance and may not be renewed.
- (Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 10-1-93)]

NAC 391.339 Endorsement to teach mathematics in grades 5 to 8, inclusive: Requirements; renewal; exception.

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, to receive an endorsement to teach mathematics to pupils in grades 5 to 8, inclusive, a person must complete 24 semester hours of credit in courses in methods of teaching mathematics and courses involving:
 - (a) Algebraic structures;
 - (b) Geometry and measurement;
 - (c) Probability or combinatorics;
 - (d) The theory of numbers and solving problems;
 - (e) Computer literacy or computer science;
 - (f) Statistics or data analysis;
- (g) Concepts of calculus, including an introduction to limits, derivatives and integrals or precalculus or differential calculus; and
 - (h) If necessary to complete 24 semester hours of credit:
 - (1) Euclidean or noneuclidean geometry;
 - (2) The history of mathematics;
 - (3) Computer application or programming; and
 - (4) Finite mathematics.
- 2. A recipient of such an endorsement may teach in grades 5 to 8, inclusive, any course in mathematics included in the course of study adopted by the board, up to and including Algebra I.
- 3. A licensed teacher may teach mathematics in a middle school without obtaining an endorsement pursuant to this section.
- 4. To renew an endorsement to teach mathematics to pupils in grades 5 to 8, inclusive, the holder must complete at least 6 semester hours of course work before the endorsement expires.
- 5. If a course in methods of teaching mathematics was not required for obtaining the initial endorsement, a person who received an endorsement to teach mathematics before January 11, 1996, must complete such a course to renew the endorsement.

(Added to NAC by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, eff. 1-11-96)

ENDORSEMENTS FOR TEACHING EXCEPTIONAL PUPILS

NAC 391.340 Qualifications for teaching pupils who have hearing impairments.

- 1. Before teaching pupils, ages 3 to 21, inclusive, who have hearing impairments, a person must hold an endorsement issued pursuant to this section.
 - 2. To receive the endorsement, the person must:
- (a) Have completed a program of preparation for teaching pupils who have hearing impairments, which has been approved by the board;
- (b) Hold a license or certificate, issued by another state, with an endorsement to teach pupils who have hearing impairments;
 - (I) Human growth and development;
 - (II) Educational psychology;
 - (III) Methods and materials of teaching reading or mathematics;
 - (IV) Additional studies in methods of teaching reading or mathematics;
 - (V) Introduction to special education or the education of pupils who have disabilities;
- (VI) The characteristics of pupils who have specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances or mental retardation;
 - (VII) The assessment of pupils who have disabilities;
 - (VIII) Behavior management;
 - (IX) Parental involvement in programs for pupils who have disabilities;
- (X) Curriculum development or methods and strategies for teaching pupils who have specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances or mental retardation; and
- (XI) Education or planning for the transition of pupils who have disabilities from their current placement to placement in additional educational programs, employment and living independently as an adult.

The requirement for course work in two of these areas may be satisfied by completing one course, of at least 3 semester hours, that encompasses both subject matters.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Education, eff. 3-7-84; A 11-25-86; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 7-18-88; 11-27-91, eff. 1-11-92; 1-10-96)

[NAC 391.347 Limited endorsement to teach pupils who have specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances or mental retardation, and mild to moderate needs for assistance and intervention.

- 1. To receive a limited endorsement to teach pupils who have specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances or mental retardation, and mild to moderate needs for assistance and intervention in their educational processes, a person must hold a teacher's elementary, secondary or special license with an endorsement in special education or a bachelor's or master's degree with a major or minor in special education, and must have completed 20 of the 30 semester hours prescribed in subparagraph (2) of paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NAC 391.343 and the student teaching, equivalent field experience, or verifiable teaching experience prescribed in subparagraph (1) of paragraph (d) of subsection 2 of NAC 391.343.
- 2. The term of a limited endorsement is 3 years and the endorsement is not renewable. To continue teaching pupils who have specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbances or mental retardation, and mild to moderate needs for assistance and intervention in their educational processes, the holder must complete, during the term of his limited endorsement, the requirements for the general endorsement prescribed in subsection 2 of NAC 391.343.

— (Added to NAC by Bd. of Education, eff. 3-7-84; A 11-25-86; A by Comm'n on Prof. Standards in Education, 7-18-88; 11-27-91, eff. 1-11-92; 1-10-96)]

[391.396 Limited endorsement to teach in program for gifted and talented pupils.

- 1. Beginning September 1, 1995, to receive a limited endorsement to teach in a program for gifted and talented pupils, a teacher or other educational personnel must:
- (a) Hold a license for the level of education in which the program is offered:
- (b) Have 2 years of verified experience as a teacher in schools approved by the department; and

- (c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, have completed at least 6 semester hours of credit from an accredited college or university in any of the areas of study listed in paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of NAC 391.394.
- 2. A teacher or other educational personnel may satisfy the requirements of paragraph (c) of subsection 1 by providing certification from an accredited college or university verifying that his knowledge and skill will be accepted in lieu of completing a particular course of study.
- 3. A limited endorsement is valid for 5 years from the date of issuance and may not be renewed.]
- 391.398 Substitute teacher of special education: Application for additional extension of period of hire. (NRS 391.019)
- 1. If a school district is unable to hire a licensed special education teacher at the expiration of an extension granted pursuant to subsection 3 of NAC 391.332, it may apply to the department for an additional extension for the remainder of the school year. The application must be in writing and include:
- (a) Evidence that the school district has advertised a position for a licensed special education teacher:
 - (b) Evidence that the school district was unable to hire a licensed special education teacher;
- (c) Evidence that the school district was unable to hire a licensed elementary or secondary teacher to fill the position of a special education teacher;
- (d) If a substitute teacher was hired rather than an applicant who holds an elementary or secondary license, the rationale for such a hiring; and
- (e) An assurance that the school district will continue its efforts to hire a licensed special education teacher for the remainder of the school year.
- 2. The department shall report the application for an additional extension and the disposition of the application to the commission at the next meeting of the commission for which notice of the report may be given pursuant to subsection 2 of NRS 241.020.