

505-2-.161 MIDDLE GRADES ENDORSEMENT

(1) The Middle Grades Endorsement may be added to grades 6-12 teaching fields to enable these teachers to work in-field in middle schools. To be eligible for the Middle Grades Endorsement see PSC Rule [505-2-.12](#).

(a) Until JUNE 30, 2006, in addition to completing a state-approved program, applicants for the Middle Grades Endorsement have the option of completing 9 semester hours of college credit or equivalent Professional Learning Units (PLUs) in the following:

(i) Nature and curriculum needs of the middle grades learner;

(ii) Teaching of Reading OR Teaching of Reading and Writing; and

(iii) A supervised practicum in grades 4-8 OR one year of acceptable teaching experience in grades 4-8 while holding a valid state certificate in that field.

(b) After JULY 1, 2006, only guidelines in PSC Rule [505-2-.12](#) will apply.

(2) In-Field Statement (See Rule [505-2-.26](#)). An individual with the Middle Grades Endorsement is in-field to teach the content subjects of the base certificate field(s) in grades 4-8.

(a) Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found under Certification/Curriculum Assignment Policies (CAPs) on the PSC web site at www.gapsc.com.

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