



State of Arizona  
Department of Education  
Office of John Huppenthal  
Superintendent of Public Instruction

December 10, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

The State Board of Education adopted a rule change to the Secondary Education teaching certificate on December 8, 2014. Effective immediately, the Secondary certificate is valid for grades **6-12**. The Secondary certificate will now allow individuals to teach in a departmentalized (single subject) classroom in grades 6-12; however, the Secondary certificate does **NOT** certify individuals to teach in a self-contained grade classroom.

The middle grade approved areas will now be issued for grades 6-8. Secondary certificate holders do **NOT** need to take and pass a middle grade subject knowledge exam if they already have the high school equivalent approved area on their certificate (e.g., English, Math, History, General Science, etc.).

Secondary certificates have already been updated in the Certification database to reflect the change to grades 6-12. Current Secondary certificate holders are being contacted to alert them of this change; however, we need your help in also communicating this message. Individuals who currently hold a valid Secondary certificate may request an updated printed certificate free of charge until March 8, 2015. A Duplicate Copy/Name Change form will need to be completed and submitted in order to receive the updated Secondary certificate.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kasey Ohrns".

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