MINNESOTA
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD

Licensure Field Scope Restrictions – Out-of-State Applicants

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/8710.0313/

When the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) receives an out-of-state application, it is reviewed for equivalency to a similar approved Minnesota program. Minnesota does not have license reciprocity with any other state/country licensing authority.

Minnesota teacher preparation programs require student teaching and/or supervised practicums at each grade level of a licensure field scope (grade level). However, many states/countries only require student teaching at one grade level to be granted the full scope of the licensure field. PELSB also accepts two school years of teaching experience in the licensure field as the teacher of record in the missing grade level in lieu of student teaching.

In situations where teaching experience has not been gained at all grade levels, PELSB is able to restrict the scope of the licensure field to match the experience. PELSB is also able to issue a license within two grade levels of a license scope for which past rules have been adopted. PELSB can only issue a Minnesota licensure scope that has been approved. The table below shows the licensure scope of full Minnesota approved licensure programs and provides the out-of-state program completer the scope options that PELSB may issue.

Full MN Approved Licensure Scope	Out-of-State Program Completer Scope Options
Birth to Age 6 Required: Infant/Toddler (birth-age three), PreK Ages three through five), Primary (kindergarten through age 6) i.e. ECSE	Age 3-PreK, PreK
Birth – Grade 3 Required: Infant/Toddler, PreK, Kindergarten-Grade 3 i.e. Early Childhood Ed	Birth to Age 6, PreK, PreK -K, PreK-Grade 3, K-3
Kindergarten – Grade 6 Required: Primary and Intermediate Elementary i.e. Elementary Ed	K-6 – no restriction
Grades 9-12 Required: High School i.e. Chemistry, Physics, Life, Earth and Space, Career Pathways such as Law Enforcement, Firefighting, etc.	Grades 9-12

Full MN Approved Licensure Scope	Out-of-State Program Completer Scope Options
Kindergarten-Grade 12 Required: Primary, Middle, and High School i.e. ABS, EBD, PE, Music, etc	K-6, K-8, Grades 5-8, Grades 5-12, Grades 7-12
Birth to Grade 12 Required: Infant, PreK, Primary, Middle, and High School i.e. ASD, BVI, DHH, PHD	Birth-Age 6, Age 3-PreK, PreK, PreK-K, B-Grade 3, K-6, K-8, K-12, Grades 5-8, Grades 5-12, Grades 7-12
Grades 5-8 Required: Middle School i.e. General Science stands alone, all other MN 5-8 programs are endorsements	Grades 5-8
Grades 7- 12 Required: Middle and High School i.e. All CTE programs – no other current MN 7-12 programs. Does not include CTE for Agricultural Ed (5-12), Business (5-12), or FACS (5-12)	Grades 7-12

If a teacher receives a job offer from a Minnesota public school/charter school in a position that is outside the grade level of the Minnesota licensure field held, the teacher and hiring district can request an out-of-field permission (OFP) which allows the teacher to teach at that grade level. The OFP is submitted by the district and does not have a fee associated with it. Once a teacher has at least two school years of teaching experience in the licensure field as the teacher of record, at the missing grade level, the teacher can apply to expand the scope of the license.