



Middle School/Junior High Grades 7-9

NAC 391.111

To receive a license to teach Middle School/Junior High (7th-9th grade) a person must:

1. Complete the following required testing (or equivalent testing administered in another state):
 - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators
 - Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12
 - Praxis Content Area TestPlease [visit the Praxis testing website](#) for further testing information.
2. Hold a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university and have completed:
3. A program of preparation for teaching middle school or junior high school education which is approved by the Board; or
4. Twenty-four (24) semester credits of course work in professional education which must include:
 - A. Eight (8) semester credits of supervised student teaching in a designated middle school or junior high school;
 - B. A course in the methods and materials for teaching the major or minor field of specialization at the middle school, junior high school or secondary grade level or a middle school or junior high school level integrated methods course;
 - C. Three (3) semester credits in a course of study regarding education or curricular adaptation for pupils with disabilities or a course of study regarding foundations of education or methods in teaching English language learners;
 - D. Three (3) semester credits in a course of study regarding parental involvement and family engagement;
 - E. Six (6) semester credits in two of the following areas:
 - i. Middle school foundations, history, theory or philosophy
 - ii. Middle school curriculum, pedagogy or assessment
 - iii. Adolescent growth and development
 - iv. Nature and needs of the adolescent, including social, emotional, and cultural concerns
 - v. Classroom management strategies
 - vi. Supervision and evaluation of programs and pupils in a middle school; and
 - F. Six (6) semester credits of course work in any of the following subjects:
 - i. English as a second language/bilingualism or biculturalism
 - ii. Educational technology
 - iii. Tests and measurement
 - iv. Educational psychology
 - v. Education of the exceptional child
 - vi. Multicultural education ; OR

vii. Educational research.

5. Twenty-four (24) semester credits in a major field of endorsement or area of concentration.* Subsequent minor fields of endorsement may be added to the license upon verification of fourteen (14) semester hours of credit.
6. The following subjects are recognized for an endorsement on a middle school or junior high school education license:
 - A. Art;
 - B. English/Language arts;
 - C. Foreign Language - limited to languages cited in [NAC 391.131](#)
 - D. Instrumental and vocal music;
 - E. Instrumental music;
 - F. Mathematics **
 - G. Science
 - H. Social science; and
 - I. Vocal music.

* The major or minor fields of endorsement or area of concentration identified above shall be deemed to be met if the applicant holds a bachelor's degree or a higher degree with a major, minor or area of concentration identified on the official transcript of record conferred by a regionally accredited college or university.

** An endorsement for mathematics requires the completion of three (3) semester credits to include a course in college algebra or the concepts of calculus, including an introduction to limits, derivatives and integrals, pre-calculus or differential calculus.

Note: The middle school/junior high license is issued for grades 7-9; however, pursuant to [NAC 391.113](#) you would not be qualified to teach 9th grade in a high school setting.