

40-point Reading Requirement for Renewal



Rule Language

6A-4.0051 Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate.

(7) Special provisions for training in the instruction of reading for grades K-6.

(a) As a component of the credit requirements specified under paragraph (1)(a) of this rule, an educator whose application for renewal of a certificate with a beginning validity date of July 1, 2020, or thereafter, must have earned at least two (2) college credits, forty (40) inservice points, or a combination thereof, in the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies if the educator is renewing any of the following coverages: Elementary Education (K-6), Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 through grade 3), Elementary Education (grades 1-6), Primary Education (grades K-3), English (grades 1-6), Middle Grades English (grades 5-9), Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9), English (6-12), Reading (K-12), Reading (Endorsement), and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12).

(b) An educator may use earned credit for both the purposes of paragraphs (6)(a)* and (7)(a) of this rule.

(c) An educator may use credit earned during the five (5) years immediately preceding the current validity period that meets the requirements of paragraph (7)(a) of this rule, **if the credit was not already used** for a prior renewal period.

**The (6)(a) portion of the rule is the requirement to earn 20 points in methods/strategies for teaching students with disabilities per validity period.*

Coverages

The requirement applies to anyone with the following coverages:

- Elementary Education (K-6)
- Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 through grade 3)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
- Primary Education (grades K-3)
- English (grades 1-6)
- Middle Grades English (grades 5-9)
- Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9)
- English (6-12)
- Reading (K-12)
- Reading (Endorsement)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12)

Renewal

Time Frames

- If a teacher with one of those coverages renewed in 2020, the 40 points must be earned by 2025.
- If a teacher with one of those coverages renewed in 2021, the 40 points must be earned by 2026.
- If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2022, the 40 points must be earned by 2027.
- If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2023, the 40 points must be earned by 2028.
- If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2024, the 40 points must be earned by 2029.

Hours and Coursework

- Points earned within ten years of renewal may be used for the requirement.
- Coursework used to earn a certificate or endorsement may also be used to renew it.
- Courses must address the use of explicit, systematic, and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness, and implementing multisensory intervention strategies.
- Approval of coursework is at the discretion of districts within their Professional Learning Catalog.

