

**Certification Staffing Assignment  
GENERAL SCIENCE**

General Science is the science addressing universal properties and involving the fundamental concepts of the life, physical and earth and space science.

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:

A person holding a valid PA certificate for general science is qualified to teach all General Science courses in grades 7 through 12.

Certification Assignment:

An educator holding a valid PA certificate for general science is qualified to teach content to include the areas of: life science, physical science, introduction to earth and space science and societal impact of these applications. A general science certificated educator can teach environmental science coursework

At the middle level, the General Science educator will also provide science instruction, adjusted to the students' abilities when below proficient.

Restrictions:

An educator holding a General Science certificate is not qualified to teach Advanced Earth and Space Science, unless also holding that certificate.

Special Considerations:

An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills, may serve in the role of mentor or advisor, and may assist students in understanding the "reading" content area materials related to this subject area.

References:

Program Specific Guidelines for Certification.

Other CSPG's for Reference: Biology

PA Public School Code:     §1202  
  §1212  
  §1604

22 PA Code: Chapter 4:     §4.22  
  §4.23  
  §4.31

Chapter 49:     §49.11  
  §49.81

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