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Certification Staffing Assignment
EARLY CHILDHOOD PRE K-3

Early Childhood Education programs prepare educators to teach children in preschool through grade 3 through a strong base in child development, PA academic standards, curriculum, instruction and assessment of young children.

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:
A person holding a valid PA certificate for Early Childhood is qualified to teach all courses from Pre-kindergarten and Nursery through Grade 3.

Certification Assignment:
An educator holding a valid PA certificate for Early Childhood is qualified to teach child development and early learning content as follows:

1) Language and literacy
2) Socio-emotional
3) Math-cognitive
4) Science
5) Creative Expression
6) Physical
7) Approaches to Learning

Certification is required of persons assigned to pre-school or pre-kindergarten even though these programs are not state-mandated.

The certified Early Childhood educator is qualified to teach developmental reading (Pre K to Grade 3) and special education students in an early intervention program.

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.

Districts offering Kindergarten-three programs should use an Early Childhood Education certificate holder, but may assign a person with an Elementary Education certificate.

Restrictions:
A certificate endorsed for Family and Consumer Science does not qualify the holder to teach Early Childhood Education courses.

References:
Program Specific Guidelines for Certification .

Pa Public School Code: §1202
§1212
§1604

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22 PA Code:	Chapter 4:	§4.22
	§4.23	
	§4.31	
Chapter 49:	§49.11	
	§49.81	
	§49.142	

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