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Certification Staffing Assignment
MIDDLE LEVEL ENGLISH GRADES 7-9

Middle Level English in grades 7-9, synthesizes learning experiences from elementary studies in English reading, writing, speaking and listening. These programs help students integrate the application of English syntax (grammar), phonology, morphology and semantics to prose, verse, literature and informational text, as well as develop abilities to communicate and evaluate ideas through oral and written expression as applicable at the educational levels in grades 7-9.

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:
A person holding a valid PA certificate for middle level English is qualified to teach respective courses in grades 7 through 9.

Certification Assignment:
An educator holding a valid PA certificate for Middle Level English is qualified to teach programs as follows: Language arts, grammar and usage; literature; spelling; composition; developmental/integrated reading; study skills; listening skills; speech and presentations.

A middle level English educator will use appropriate skills, content area texts and resources to help students: 1) become proficient in the Pa. Reading Standards and learning processes, and 2) achieve a more complete understanding of coursework.

Certificate Clarification: All individuals teaching English grades 7 through 9 must have achieved a Middle Level English certificate, a Reading Specialist certificate, or Secondary English 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.

The certified English educator may teach developmental/integrated reading courses with students who are reading with comprehension at, or nearly at, the appropriate ability level indicated by their grade placement.

Restrictions:
The certified Middle Level English educator may teach English courses in grades 7, 8, and/or 9 and may teach English only at grade 6.

References:

Program Specific Guidelines for Certification.

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PA Public School Code: §1202
§1212
§1604
§1511

22 PA Code:

Chapter 4: §4.22(c)(1)
§4.23(c)(1)

Chapter 49: §49.11
§49.81

Other CSPG's for Reference: Business, Computer and Information Technology
Elementary
Communications
Reading Specialist
Library Science
Limitations of Assignment of Middle and Secondary Teachers to Instruction at the Elementary Level

THIS REVISION SUPERSEDES ALL EARLIER CSPG'S CARRYING THIS NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESSING THIS SUBJECT. PREVIOUS PRINTING DATES ON THIS SUBJECT: 1973, 3/75,3/78, 2/82, 1/87