

**Elementary Education
Endorsement Guidelines
To Accompany Rule 24
(Adopted by the State Board
of Education on 08/05/21)**

006.20 Elementary Education

006.20A Grade levels: K-6 (K-8 in self-contained classrooms)

006.20B Endorsement type: Field

006.20C Persons with this endorsement may teach children in all elementary subjects in kindergarten through grade 6 in all schools; and in grades 7 and 8 in self-contained classrooms. Self-contained classrooms exist when students spend more than half the school day with one teacher who provides instruction in more than half of the academic areas of the curriculum.

006.20D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires 40 hours of professional education coursework related to teaching children from kindergarten through grade eight and 30 hours of academic coursework in all areas of the elementary curriculum.

006.20D1 A minimum of 40 semester hours of professional education coursework related specifically to elementary education.

006.20D2 A minimum of 30 semester hours of academic coursework distributed across the four curriculum areas of English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies/history. A minimum of six (6) semester hours is required in each of the four areas. Coursework specifically addresses the content area standards for each of the four areas. Coursework in the four core areas includes:

006.20D2a English language arts; and

006.20D2b Mathematics; and

006.20D2c Science; and

006.20D2d Social studies.

006.20D3 In addition to the 30 semester hours listed above, academic coursework is required in each of the following areas:

006.20D3a Fine arts, and

006.20D3b Health and wellness.

006.20E Endorsement Program Requirements: Standard institutions of higher education offering this endorsement program must have on file, within the institution, a plan which identifies the courses and the course completion requirements which the institution utilizes to grant credit toward completion of this endorsement.

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006.20F Effective September 1, 2015, an applicant will be required to submit a passing score as set forth in Appendix C for the applicable content test for the first-time placement of this endorsement on a Nebraska certificate or permit.