

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

**005.02 Principal**

005.02A Grade Levels: PK-12, PK-8, or 6 -12

005.02B Endorsement Type: Field/Administrative

005.02C Persons with this endorsement may serve in all general administrative and supervisory capacities in Nebraska schools as a principal at the grade levels for which the program preparation was completed.

005.02D Certification Endorsement Requirements: This endorsement requires 36 graduate semester hours of credit in an approved program in educational administration. Thirty-six (36) graduate semester hours are required for a principal endorsement when completing a PK-8 or 6-12 endorsement. Those seeking a PK-12 principal endorsement must complete a minimum of nine (9) additional credit hours or a total of forty-five (45) graduate semester hours. The focus of the additional nine (9) credit hours must be specific to the new level.

005.02D1 The applicant for this endorsement must have two (2) years of teaching experience in an approved/accredited elementary, middle, and/or secondary schools; and

005.02D2 Internship/Field Experiences: This endorsement requires 250 clock hours of internship/field experiences in approved or accredited elementary, middle, or secondary schools. These hours must be completed at each of the level(s) for the endorsement(s) being sought.

005.02E 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.

005.02F 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.