

EARLY CHILDHOOD LICENSURE

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



EARLY CHILDHOOD (WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES)

- Teachers with this license are able to teach in **general education and inclusion classrooms**. They are not able to fill a role that requires a licensed special education teacher.
- This license is **NOT** equivalent to a special education license.
- As of 2017, this license is no longer offered to new applicants.
- Teachers who currently have this license are able to renew their license. In other words, educators can keep the license they have.
- Some districts may require an additional moderate disabilities license for employment in PK-2 classrooms depending on the district's individual needs and policies.*

EARLY CHILDHOOD (PREK-2)

- Teachers with this license are able to teach in general education and inclusion classrooms.
- Subject Matter Knowledge (SMK) Requirements for this license include skills and knowledge to support students with moderate disabilities, but at a **high level**.
- Teachers looking to teach in classrooms that have students with moderate disabilities may require the PreK-2 moderate disabilities license.*

MODERATE DISABILITIES (PREK-2)

- A teacher with a Moderate Disabilities license is considered a “licensed special education teacher” for the purpose of servicing an IEP.

***PLEASE NOTE: DISTRICTS SET THEIR OWN HIRING REQUIRMENTS. CHECK WITH THE LOCAL BARGAINING UNIT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A SPECIFIC DISTRICT.**

