

**Certification Staffing Assignment
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
(K-6)**

Elementary Education is the science or art of preparing individuals to teach all elementary subject matters including literacy and mathematics in the elementary grades, including kindergarten through grade six.

Grade-Level Scope of Certificate:

A person holding a valid Pennsylvania certificate for elementary education is qualified to teach all courses from kindergarten through sixth grade. Middle-level certifications, which allow individuals to teach courses in grades seven through nine, are addressed in CSPG #52 to 55.

Certification Assignment:

An educator holding a valid Pennsylvania certificate for elementary education is qualified to teach mathematics, English language arts, developmental reading, science (including environment and ecology), history, geography, government and other content areas. In addition, elementary education teachers are qualified to teach art, music, business, computer and information technology, health (including AIDS and other health issues) and physical education within a grade-by-grade (K-6) self-contained elementary classroom. The certified elementary educator may teach remedial classes, **other than** diagnostic/prescriptive reading, to students whose grade norms fall below seventh grade. A person holding an elementary education certificate is qualified to teach developmental reading up to and including sixth grade.

The certified elementary educator:

- May teach remedial classes, **other than** diagnostic/prescriptive reading, to students whose grade norms fall below seventh grade;
- Is qualified to teach developmental reading up to and including sixth grade; and
- Is qualified to teach AIDS education within a grade-by-grade (K-6) self-contained basis – a certified school nurse may not be assigned as a teacher but may serve as a resource.

When elementary students are grouped separately and scheduled for instruction in any or all of the following areas, a person holding a certificate endorsed in the appropriate area must be assigned:

Content Area	Required Certificate Endorsement
Art	Art
Business, Computer and Information Technology	Business, Computer and Information Technology or Business Education
Health	Health or Health and Physical Education
Music	Music Education
Physical Education	Health and Physical Education

Special Considerations:

An educator certified in elementary education may provide 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.

Restrictions:

A person holding an elementary education (K-6) certificate may be assigned to grades Kindergarten 4, Kindergarten 5 and first through sixth grades. The certification may not be used in a Pre-K Counts program.

A person holding an elementary education certificate may not be assigned as the teacher of record in a computer lab or resource center for the purpose of computer technology instruction effective Sept. 1, 2003. Teachers assigned to computer education classes prior to Sept. 1, 2003, may be retained as long as they remain in those positions. Once a computer education position is vacated, staffing must be in accordance with the guidelines provided relative to CSPG #33.

References:

Program Specific Guidelines for Elementary Education

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

22 PA Code: Chapter 4: §4.22, §4.23, §4.31
Chapter 49: §49.11, §49.81, §49.142
Chapter 14: §14.21(b) (1)

THIS REVISION SUPERSEDES ALL EARLIER CSPG’S CARRYING THIS NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESSING THIS SUBJECT--PREVIOUS PRINTING DATES ON THIS SUBJECT:

Summary of Changes

<i>Date of Revisions</i>	<i>Major Changes to CSPG 41</i>
8/10/2011	Elimination of administrative decision of 2004-05 to allow Elementary K-6 certified teachers to provide full computer education at the elementary grade level. Elementary certified teachers may not provide computer education except in or to a self-contained classroom or as part of the implementation of the elementary classroom content
8/10/2011	Clarification of memo of 6/2002: Teachers hired to teach computer education on any Instructional I or II certificate prior to 9/1/2003 under CSPG #113 of 12/1990 may continue in such an assignment. If a break occurs in the assignment within the district to teach computer education then the assignment must be filled by one of the appropriate certificates listed in CSPG #33.
8/10/2011	Removal of bridge certificate program options as a special consideration- final program expiration was 7/1/2008 (programs initiated 7/1/2005) and 7/1/2009 (programs initiated 7/1/06)
6/1/2006	Elementary K-6 certified teachers may not be assigned to an 7 th & 8 th grade level assignment after 6/1/2006 (or if completing the Bridge certificate program may not be assigned to 7 th & 8 th grade after the Bridge program 3-year window of 7/1/2008-09)
5/1/2005	Elementary K-6 certified teachers may teach <i>remedial</i> reading other than diagnostic/prescriptive reading to students whose grade norms fall below seventh grade (may teach Title I Reading under Reading Specialist direction)
7/1/2004	Elementary K-6 certified teachers may be assigned to teacher developmental reading at

	grade levels K-6 only; eliminated the provision of CSPG # 48 of 3/88 for Elementary K-6 certified teachers to teach developmental reading to grade levels K-12
(CSPG #48 -3/1988)	Elementary K-6 certified teachers many not teach remedial reading classes: may teach developmental reading at any grade level, K-12
CSPG #41 Related Histories	
CSPG # 84-1/1987	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary K-6 certified teachers may teach elementary level subjects to students at the secondary level (except special education students), in correction education programs, and in detention centers and homes Note: Elementary certificates issued prior to 7/1/1969 were valid for teaching elementary subjects in kindergarten through eighth grade in an eight-four school organization; valid for teaching elementary subjects in kindergarten through six grade in a three-six-six school organization
CSPG #53- 3/1975	Elementary K-6 certified teachers may not teach corrective or remedial reading
CSPG #53- 3/1975	Removal of policies for Foreign Language endorsement at elementary level with 6 semester hours: Library Science endorsement at elementary level with 12 semester hours (Regulations –College Certificates in Elem Educ. 2/1961)
(Regulations – College Certificates in Elem. Educ. 2/1961)	Lists basic requirements for issuance of an Elementary certificate: gives information on endorsements that can be added; refers to conditions for teaching at the secondary level with an elementary certificate