

Executive Summary

Infield Designation for Instructional Personnel Assigned Outside Their Certification Area

Chapter 2000-301, Laws of Florida, known as “Educate 2000,” Amended Section 231.095, Florida Statutes, that addresses the assignment of teachers outside the field in which the teacher is certified. Prior to the change, if a teacher in a district school system was assigned to teach outside the area in which he or she was certified, parents or guardians were to be notified in writing of such an assignment and the teacher was designated “out-of-field.” Pursuant to Section 6A-1.0503,FAC., such teacher had specific timelines and course requirements to meet in order to be considered qualified to teacher in the out-of-field assignment with no penalty to the school district.

The amendment to Section 231.095, Florida Statutes, adds two options by which a teacher is considered “infield” and is not to be designated as an out-of-field teacher. A teacher, other than a teacher of English/language arts to Limited English Proficient (LEP) students, is considered infield if one of the following conditions is met:

- holds a valid Florida Educator’s Certificate with an appropriate coverage as provided in the *Course Code Directory* for teaching the course, or
- holds a valid Florida Educator’s Certificate and has a minor in the field in which the instruction is provided, as shown on an official college transcript or as verified in writing by the college or university, or
- holds a valid Florida Educator’s Certificate and has demonstrated sufficient subject area expertise in the subject area in which the instruction is provided through an established plan as approved by the district school board.

Therefore, a notification to parents or guardians and the requirements of Section 6A 1.0503,FAC., are not required for a teacher who meets one of the above three options for being considered infield.