

Tennessee Department of Education Operating Procedures (5.502f) Educator Licensure Policy – Reactivating Retired Endorsements on an Inactive License

The table below provides information about which endorsements educators may apply for when reactivating a license with retired endorsements. Please note: This table applies to educators who have completed an approved preparation program. Educators who are reactivating a license while enrolled in a program may follow the endorsement structure in alignment with the initially approved program (e.g. Middle Grades 4-8 and Special Education Modified K-12) until the endorsements are superseded.

To reactivate an inactive license, an educator must ensure that the Tennessee Department of Education’s office of educator licensing has received qualifying scores (not more than 5 years old) on all required content assessments, literacy assessments, and general assessments related to the special education core. Educators must submit these scores for each endorsement they are seeking to reactivate. If the office of educator licensing has valid assessment scores (not more than 5 years old) on file, the educator does not need to submit new scores. To determine if the Practitioner License will be issued as a first or second issuance, the office of educator licensing will also evaluate the educator’s experience and consider whether the individual has completed preparation.

For additional information on requirements for reactivating an inactive license, please review the *Reactivation Procedures – Inactive Licenses (5.502d)* document located here.

For information regarding current State Board of Education assessment requirements, please review the *Professional Assessments for Tennessee Educators Policy (5.105)* located here. Please note: Assessments taken and corresponding scores must be those required at the time of application. Qualifying scores on assessments no longer used may not be used for the purpose of reactivating an inactive license.

Table I
Endorsements issued on a reactivated license with retired endorsements*

Endorsement Held	Endorsement Options
Elementary 1–8 (401)	K–5 CA-MG (6-8 subject-specific only)
Elementary 1–9 (001)	K–5 CA-MG (6-8 subject-specific only)
Elementary K–8 (402)	K–5 CA-MG (6-8 subject-specific only)
Middle Grades 5–8 (400) Middle Grades 4–8 (440)	CA-MG (6-8 subject-specific only)
preK–3 (403)	preK–3 (467)
K – 3 (002)	preK-3
Special Education Modified K-12 (460)	Interventionist K–8 and 6–12
Early Childhood preK–4 (497)	preK–3
Special Education preK–1 (465)	preK–K
Special Education Speech Language Pathologist (464) - Teaching License	Special Education Speech Language Pathologist (498) – School Service Personnel License

* Educators who hold an expired license with endorsements that are not reflected in these categories and/or grade spans should communicate with the Office of Educator Licensure regarding which endorsements their license currently has, and what endorsements they may add. We encourage these educators to communicate with the office prior to taking any assessments. Communication should be directed to 615-532-4885 or education.licensing@tn.gov.

Acronym	Description
Category	
CA - MG	Core Academic - Middle Grades
Grade Span	
preK-3	Pre-Kindergarten through 3 rd Grade
K-5	Kindergarten through 5 th Grade
K-8	Kindergarten through 8 th Grade
6-8	6 th Grade through 8 th Grade
6-12	6 th Grade through 12 th Grade

Additional Information:

- Educators who hold a subject-specific endorsement with a 7-12 grade span on an inactive license, will be converted to a Practitioner License with the corresponding 6 - 12 subject-specific endorsement.