

# Certification Structure Discussion

Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness



# Certification Structure Workgroup

**Charge:** Review and discuss state and national data, seek feedback from Kentucky school districts and Educator Preparation Providers to determine if the current grade band structure meets the needs of Kentucky school districts.

## Stakeholder Groups Represented

- Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB)
- Kentucky School Counselor Association (KSCA)
- Educator Preparation Providers
- Kentucky Association of School Superintendents (KASS)
- Kentucky Education Association (KEA)
- Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA)
- Kentucky Association of School Human Resource Managers (KASHRM)
- Legislators
- KDE Staff
- Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE)
- Principals Advisory Council (PrAC)
- Teachers Advisory Council (TAC)
- Education Cooperatives

# Certification Grade Bands Recommendation

## Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

- Retain Preschool-Kindergarten, consider optional endorsement for Grades 1-3

## Elementary

- Grades K-6

## Middle Grades

- Grades 4-9

## Secondary

- Grades 7-12





# Content Certification

## Tennessee

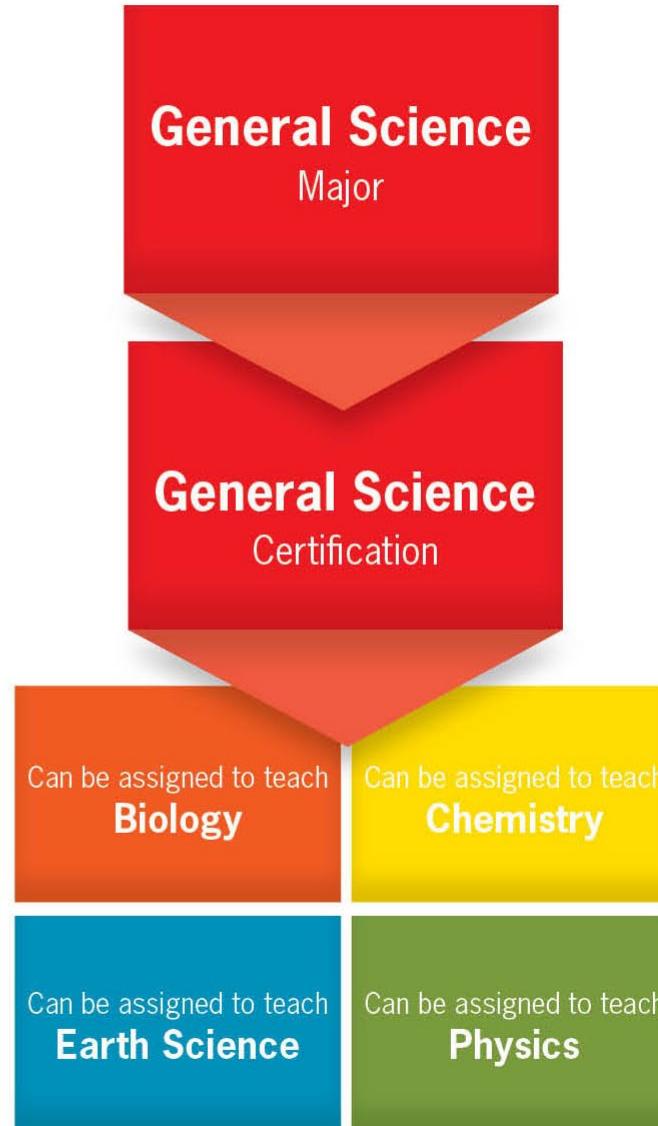
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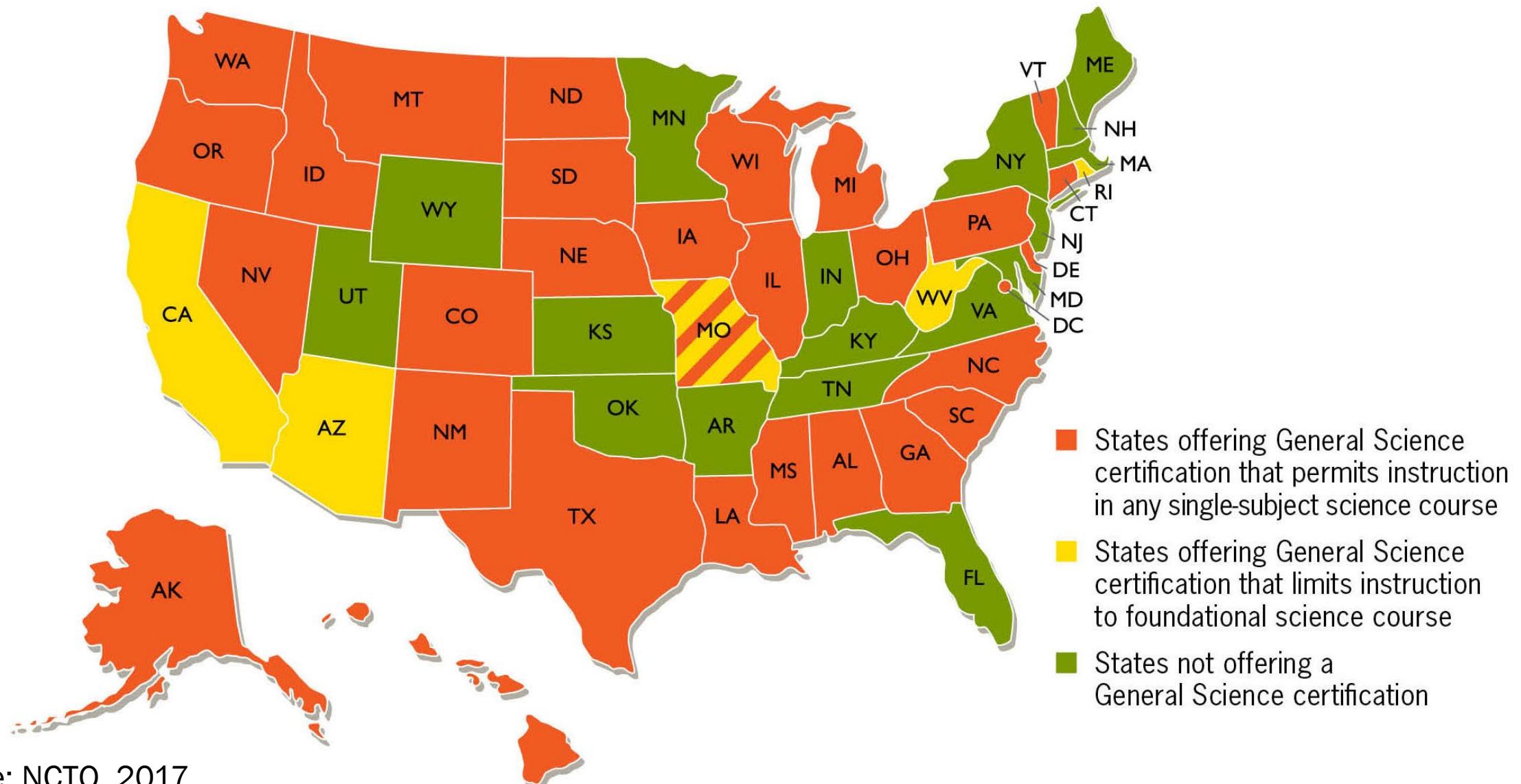
## Colorado

(States with only multiple-subject certification)



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# General Science Certification



# KENTUCKY

## Sciences

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Earth Science

## Mathematics

- Middle School Mathematics
- Secondary Mathematics

## Special Education

- Learning and Behavior Disorders
- Moderate and Severe Disabilities
- Hearing Impaired
- Hearing Impaired with Sign Language Proficiency
- Visually Impaired
- Communication Disorders



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# WEST VIRGINIA

## Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Chemistry/Physics
- Earth & Space
- General Science (foundation classes)

## Mathematics (specialized)

- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Math Comprehensive
- General Mathematics (5-9)

## Special Education

- Autism
- Developmentally Delayed
- Emotional/Behavior Disorders
- Intellectual Disabilities
- Multi-Categorical (excludes Autism)
- Severe Disabilities
- Specific Learning Disabilities
- Comprehensive SPED



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# TENNESSEE

## Sciences (specialized)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Earth & Space

## Mathematics

- Mathematics (6-12)
- Middle Grades  
Mathematics (5-9)

## Special Education

- Special Education Interventionist (K-8, 6-12)
- Special Education Comprehensive (6-12)



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# OHIO

## Sciences

- Integrated Science
- Earth Science
- Life Science

## Special Education

- Mild/Moderate Needs
- Moderate/Intensive Needs
- Intervention Specialist  
Supplemental License



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# ILLINOIS

## Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth & Space Science
- Environmental Science
- Physics

Permission for all subject areas

## Special Education

LBS I - may be assigned to serve students with the following disabilities: learning disabilities, social/emotional disorders, intellectual disabilities, physical/orthopedic disabilities, autism, or traumatic brain injury

### LBS II – Endorsements

Curriculum Adaptation Specialist  
Multiple Disabilities Specialist  
Behavior Intervention Specialist  
Deaf-Blind Specialist  
Bilingual Special Education Specialist  
Technology Specialist  
Transition Specialist



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# Small Group Discussions

# Considerations

## Preparation

Content Education Majors, Dual Majors, Minors

## Certification

Comprehensive vs. Specialized

## Permissions

Courses vs. Grade Bands - (Algebra I, Geometry) (5-9, 8-12)

## Future Impact

Consequences - Teacher performance, student performance, culture



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# Science Certification

Based on your district needs, what changes to science certification would be most impactful?

# Special Education and Math

Based on your district needs, what changes should be considered for special education and math certification?

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