

**ASSIGNMENT**

**Assignment to Departmentalized Classes Outside Credential Authorization**

Any holder of a credential other than an emergency permit may be assigned, with his/her consent to teach departmentalized classes in grades K-12 regardless of the designations on his/her teaching credential, provided that their subject matter knowledge is verified prior to the assignment. (Education Code 44258.3)

Procedures for verifying a teacher’s subject matter knowledge shall be developed and implemented by the Superintendent or designee with the involvement of appropriate subject matter specialists, including curriculum specialists, resource teachers, classroom teachers certified to teach the subject, staff assigned to regional subject matter projects or curriculum institutes, or college faculty. (Education Code 44258.3)

Procedures to be used for this purpose shall specify: (Education Code 44258.3)

1. One or more of the following ways in which subject matter competence shall be assessed:
  - a. Observation by subject matter specialists.
  - b. Oral interviews.
  - c. Demonstration lessons.
  - d. Presentation of curricular portfolios.
  - e. Written examinations.
2. Specific criteria and standards for verifying subject matter knowledge by any of the above methods. These criteria shall include, but need not be limited to, evidence of the individual’s knowledge of the subject matter to be taught, including demonstrated knowledge of the curriculum framework for the subject and the specific content of the district’s course of study for the subject at the grade level to be taught.

Whenever a teacher is assigned to teach departmentalized classes pursuant to Education Code 44258.3, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the exclusive representative of the district’s certificated employees. (Education Code 44258.3)

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