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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

FROM: Philip A. Fitch, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credentials with Middle School or Early Childhood Emphasis

The first candidates to complete the **middle school emphasis** programs at San Francisco State University and California State University, San Marcos, are now receiving their credential documents. These documents include the statement "*Special Preparation for Teaching Middle Level Students: Grades 5-8*". Please see the sample below.

DOCUMENT #930000000	State of California	999-99-9999
Commission on Teacher Credentialing		
issues this document to		
SALLY A. SAMPLE		
Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential		
Authorized Field: General Subjects (Examination)		
Supplementary Authorization: Mathematics		
Bilingual Crosscultural Emphasis: Spanish		
Special Preparation for Teaching Middle Level Students: Grades 5-8		
R2	This credential authorizes the holder to teach multiple-subject-matter (self-contained) classes in grades twelve and below, including preschool, and in classes organized primarily for adults.	
R2B	This credential authorizes the holder to teach single-subject-matter (departmentalized) courses within the field of the supplementary authorization named above in grades nine and below.	
R2BE	This credential authorizes the holder to teach English as a Second Language in grades twelve and below, including preschool, and in classes organized primarily for adults; and to teach multiple-subject-matter (self-contained) classes, or single-subject matter (departmentalized) courses as authorized by any supplementary authorization listed above, to limited-English proficient and non-English proficient students in the language of bilingual crosscultural emphasis named above or in English language development programs.	
Valid:	August 23, 1993 to September 1, 1998	
R21	For each five-year renewal of this credential, the holder must complete a minimum of 150 clock hours of planned and approved professional growth activities and one-half of one year of experience as specified in "The California Professional Growth Manual".	

This statement acknowledges that the candidate's program included instruction and experience in teaching middle school students. **It does NOT authorize additional service.** On the sample you will see an authorization for self-contained classes (R2), one for the supplementary authorization (R2B), and one for the bilingual emphasis (R2BE), but no separate authorization for the middle school emphasis. This is because the holder of a Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential which lists middle level preparation is authorized to do **ONLY** that which any other person with a Multiple or Single Subject Credential can do. The special statement is included simply to recognize completion of specific middle school course work and to allow employers to identify teachers who have a particular interest in working with this group of students.

At this time we are also changing our policy concerning candidates who complete **early childhood education emphasis** programs to correspond with the policy for middle school emphasis. Effective immediately, we will include the statement "*Special Preparation for Teaching Early Childhood: Preschool-3*" on all documents recommended on the basis of a Commission-approved ECE emphasis program.

Again, this statement is included simply to recognize completion of specific early childhood education course work and allow employers to identify teachers who have a particular interest in working with this group of students. It does **NOT** authorize additional service.

Before this policy change, individuals who completed a Multiple Subject Credential program with an ECE emphasis were issued a regular Multiple Subject Teaching Credential with no indication of the emphasis. So that we may include the specialized preparation statement on the document, the institutions that have approved programs (CSU Fresno, San Francisco State University, Sonoma State University, and Pepperdine University) will need to make special note that the ECE emphasis program has been completed when they complete the recommendation form.

The holder of a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential who completed the emphasis program prior to this policy change, and who would like to have the special preparation statement added to his or her document, may request it either at the time of renewal for no additional charge or between renewals by submitting an application and one-half of the credential application fee (\$32.50). The applicant must specify that he or she wants the document to include the special preparation statement so that we can research the old microfilm file for the recommendation to confirm that the ECE emphasis program was completed--this information has not been saved on our computer. If the original document was issued after April 1989 when we went on the computer, or if the microfilm record is not clear, we will have to ask the applicant to include a letter from the recommending institution verifying that the program he or she completed was the ECE emphasis program.

If you have any questions, please contact our Information Services Office at 916-445-7254 between 12:30 and 4:30 any workday afternoon.