

KSDE Licensure Information

KSDE licenses all teachers, administrators, counselors, school psychologists, library/media specialists, reading specialists, and substitute teachers.

Currently, there are 11 license options; 2 substitute licenses; and 2 certificates available

There are currently eight routes to the classroom.

Main License Types

Initial: Granted to those upon graduating from a teacher prep program and passing the required assessments or those earning their school specialist (counselor, psychologist, reading specialist, library/media specialist), or administrator degrees

Professional: Granted to teachers following a 2 year mentorship program; administrators and school specialists following a 1 year mentorship or internship program

Standard Substitute: Granted to education-degreed, classroom teachers

Emergency Substitute: Granted to those who have 60 or more college hours from an accredited university

Additional License Types

- Transitional: Used when a license has been expired for 6 months
- Provisional: Hold a license in another subject and wish to move to a new subject, special education, or school specialist license
- Restricted: Has a degree in an education content area (i.e. math, English) and wishes to teach (Transition to Teaching programs)
- Limited Apprentice-SPED – Used when a person has a bachelors degree and allows them to begin coursework and teach quickly
- STEM: Has a degree in STEM field and 5 years full time professional experience
- CTE Specialized Certificate: Has industry-recognized certificate in the profession and 5 years of full-time work experience
- Accomplished: Granted to those with National Board Certification

License Renewals

- Initial License: Complete a structured and approved mentoring program to earn a professional license; may renew an initial license once
- Professional License with Bachelors degree: Earn 160 PDC points, 80 points must be from college credit (1 credit hour = 20 points)
- Professional license with Masters degree: Earn 120 PDC points or twice during career can use 3 years of experience.
- Standard Substitute: Earn 50 PDC points
- Emergency Substitute: Can be renewed through application.

Routes to the Classroom

As a response to teacher shortages, over the past several years, KSDE has opened various routes to the classroom.

[Routes to the Classroom Chart 1](#)

[Detailed Routes to the Classroom Chart](#)