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Revisions to Colorado Licensing Rules

On June 14, 2018 the Colorado State Board of Education approved revisions to the rules for the Colorado Educator Licensing Act of 1991. Below is a summary of the more significant changes.

To better prepare educators to teach Colorado's diverse student population, all educator pre-service programs must meet the revised standards outlined in the Colorado Educator Licensing Act of 1991. The standards equal approximately 6 semester hours or the equivalent to 90 clock hours.

Elements include:

- Educators are knowledgeable in, understand, and able to apply the major theories, concepts and research related to culture, diversity and equity in order to support academic access and opportunity for CLD student populations
- Educators are knowledgeable in, understand, and be able to use progress monitoring in conjunction with formative and summative assessments to support student learning.
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- Educators are knowledgeable in, understand, and able to apply the major theories, concepts and research related to literacy development for CLD students
- Educators understand and implement strategies and select materials to aid in English language and content learning.
- Educators are knowledgeable in, understand and able to use the major theories, concepts and research related to language acquisition and language development for CLD students.
- Educators are knowledgeable in, understand, and able to use progress monitoring in conjunction with formative and summative assessments to support student learning.



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Effective the 2018-2019 School year, educators endorsed in elementary education, math, science, social studies or English, needing to renew their license must complete 45 clock hours or 3 semester hours of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education within a full 5 year renewal period.

The following are acceptable ways to demonstrate knowledge of the standards

- Demonstration through a collection of professional development, in-service credit, college/university credit and/or work experience that meet the standards as outlined
- Completion of any CDE approved English Language Learner pathway, which may include district, college or university, BOCES or nonprofit programs;
- Completion of a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) or related endorsement (such as English as a Second Language) in or out of Colorado; and/or
- Completion of a Colorado Department of Education facilitated professional development pathway

