

Chapter 239. Student Services Certificates

Subchapter D. Reading Specialist Certificate

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this Subchapter D issued under the Texas Education Code, §1.031(a) and §1.041(b)(1) -

- (a) Because the reading specialist plays a critical role in campus effectiveness and student achievement, the rules adopted by the State Board for Educator Certification in this subchapter ensure that each candidate for the Reading Specialist Certificate is of the highest caliber and possesses the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the performance of the diverse student population of this state.
- (b) An individual serving as a reading specialist is expected to actively participate in professional development activities to continually update his or her knowledge and skills. Currency in best practices and research as related to both campus leadership and student learning is essential.
- (c) The holder of the Reading Specialist Certificate issued under the provisions of this subchapter may teach reading to students in Prekindergarten-Grade 12.

Source: The provisions of this §39.90 adopted to be effective February 6, 2003, 28 TexReg 936; amended to be effective July 13, 2004, 29 TexReg 6645; amended to be effective December 23, 2009, 34 TexReg 9201.

§239.91. Minimum Requirements for Admission to a Reading Specialist Preparation Program.

- (a) Prior to admission to an educator preparation program leading to the standard Reading Specialist Certificate, an individual must:
 - (1) hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education that at the time was accredited or otherwise approved by an accrediting organization recognized by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and
 - (2) meet the requirements for admission to an educator preparation program under Chapter 227 of this title (relating to Provisions for Educator Preparation Candidates).
- (b) An educator preparation program may adopt requirements for admission in addition to those required in subsection (a) of this section.

