

# Endorsement Courses

## What is an Endorsement?

*An Endorsement is an add-on to a teaching certificate that meets the requirements set forth by the State to serve a specific population of students. In Florida, the three most common Endorsements include:*

ESOL

Reading

Gifted

## ESOL

ESOL, or English for Speakers of Other Languages, is required of any teacher of ELA. Though the full endorsement or certification is not required of ALL teachers, ALL teachers do have at least one course they must take in the state of Florida.

### ESOL Endorsement:

<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/preparation/additional-resources.stml>

ESOL 1: Culture

ESOL 2: Language & Literacy

ESOL 3: Methods of Teaching ESOL to Speakers of Other Languages

ESOL 4: Curriculum and Materials Development

ESOL 5: Assessment

## READING

Reading is required of any teacher who specifically serves the needs of struggling readers as outlined by the State. The teachers required to have the Reading Endorsement or Reading Certification are outlined in the District Comprehensive Reading Plan created by the Curriculum Department.

### Reading Endorsement:

<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/preparation/additional-resources.stml>

Competency 1: Foundations of Reading Instruction

Competency 2: Application of Research-Based Instructional Practices

Competency 3: Foundations of Assessment

Competency 4: Foundations of Applications of Differentiated Instruction

Competency 5: Demonstration of Accomplishment

## GIFTED

Gifted is required of any teacher who specifically serves the needs of students labeled as gifted.

### Gifted Endorsement:

<http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/administrative-rules/6a-4-01791.stml>

Nature and Needs of Gifted Students

Curriculum and Instruction Strategies for Teaching Gifted Students

Guidance and Counseling of Gifted Students

Educating Special Populations

Theory and Development of Creativity