

**New Business Item 12-22Rev**

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**TITLE: Regarding License Fields and Levels**

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The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board approves changes to the following Hawaii license fields and levels:

**Change of Early Childhood, Middle Level and Secondary License Levels:**

- All current and future middle level license levels will be changed from 5-9 to 6-8;
- All current and future secondary license levels will be changed from 7-12 to 6-12.
- Add the Early Childhood Education level of PK-K.

**Addition of the following P-12 Levels to Existing License Fields:**

- Hawaiian Language Immersion P-12
- Special Education P-12
- SPED – Deaf/Hard of Hearing P - 12
- SPED - Mild/Moderate P – 12
- SPED - Orientation and Mobility P-12
- SPED - Orthopedically Handicapped P-12
- SPED - Severe/Profound P - 12
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages P-12

**Addition of the following science fields:**

- Biology 6-12
- Chemistry 6-12
- Earth and Space Science 6-12
- Environmental Science 6-12
- Marine Science 6-12
- Physics 6-12

**Addition of the following social studies fields:**

- Economics 6-12
- Geography 6-12
- Government/Political Science 6-12
- History 6-12
- Psychology 6-12

- Sociology 6-12

**The following three fields are adopted but may only be issued to teachers who hold a current, valid Hawaii license, have three years of satisfactory teaching experience and meet any additional requirements to add a new license field:**

- Literacy Specialist
- Online Teaching
- Teacher Leader

Upon adoption of these three fields above, the Executive Director will convene a panel for each field to recommend standards and methods of content verification for the Board's review and adoption. Each panel will consist of one representative of each of the following stakeholders:

- Teacher with experience in the field recruited from Hawaii's National Board for Professional Teaching Standards teachers and/or Hawaii Teachers of the Year;
- Teacher preparation faculty with experience in the field recommended by the Chairperson of the Teacher Education Coordinating Committee (TECC);
- Hawaii State Teachers Association (HSTA) representative recommended by the President of the HSTA;
- Hawaii Department of Education representative recommended by the Superintendent;
- Hawaii Charter Schools representative recommended by the Hawaii Charter Schools Commission Chairperson.

The fields of Literacy Specialist, Online Teaching and Teacher Leader shall be issued only after the Board has adopted standards and methods of content verification in the field.

Upon adoption, the Executive Director will work with Hawaii Information Consortium to transition license records in the online licensing system and add the new license field and level options to the online system. Until the transition can be made in the online system licenses will continue to reflect current fields and levels in the system.

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