

The American Board certification is ideal for knowledgeable and motivated professionals who want to change careers and become teachers, and for current teachers who need to earn their certification.

The program was officially recognized by the Idaho State Board of Education as a route to state certification in November 2003. All teachers certified through the American Board are considered highly qualified.

Current Idaho Certifications

- Biology (6-12)
- Chemistry (6-12)
- Elementary Education (K-6)*
- English (6-12)
- General Science (6-12)**
- History (6-12)***
- Math (6-12)
- Physics (6-12)
- Special Education (K-12)****

Requirements

All candidates for certification must hold a bachelor's degree and demonstrate mastery on subject area and professional teaching knowledge examinations. Prior to earning certification, candidates must also pass a federal background check.

Process

1. Complete the American Board's certification program
 - a. Ideally, certificate should be used within 3 years
 - b. American Board Certificate is used in step 2 below

Idaho State Department of Education Requirements

http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/teacher_certification/alt_routes.htm Phone: (208) 332-6800

1. Obtain a full-time teaching position in an Idaho school
2. Apply to Idaho Department of Education for Interim Certificate (valid 3 years)
3. Complete two years of mentoring. Mentoring programs are offered at no cost by most Idaho school districts
4. Apply to the Idaho State Department of Education for the Standard Idaho Certificate, 5-year renewable certificate.

*Candidates seeking certification in **Elementary Education** in Idaho **must** choose an additional subject area.

** Candidates who are seeking certification in **General Science** in Idaho **must** choose biology, physics or chemistry on their application upon enrollment.

***Candidates who earn this certification must successfully complete both the U.S. History and World History exams.

****In order to be eligible to teach secondary **Special Education** in a non inclusive classroom you will need an additional secondary endorsement in the subject you plan to teach.