

License Types

All applicants for an initial Kansas license must submit a fingerprint card for the purpose of a KBI and FBI background clearance report. A fingerprint card is also required for applicants whose Kansas certificate/license has expired.

Initial License

- A license issued by KSDE in cooperation with an institution of higher learning.
- Good for two years
- Teacher must complete an approved mentoring program in their first year of employment
- If a teacher is not employed within two years of getting the initial license, they may (optionally) apply for a second initial license by completing Form 20 from the KSDE website.

Professional Teaching License

- A five year teaching license
- Teacher must complete and submit Form 3a at the KSDE website

Provisional Teaching License

- Available to licensed educators who are completing an approved preparation program in a new teaching field or a school specialist program for school counselor, library media or reading specialist.
- Available when a prescribed portion of the new program is completed and a district wants to hire the teacher in the new field.
- A two year license
- May be renewed for an additional two years by making appropriate progress on the remaining coursework.

Transitional Teaching License

- One-year nonrenewable transitional license
- May be applied for if an initial, conditional or professional Kansas license has been expired for at least six months
- Allows the teacher to accept a full-time job for one school year while completing renewal requirements during that school year

Standard Substitute License

- Must hold a degree and have completed a teacher-preparation program

Emergency Substitute License

- Must have completed a **minimum of 60** semester credit hours from a regionally-accredited college or university

Restricted CTE License

- Hired to teach in a CTE pathway
- Must have verification that a mentor teacher will be assigned.
- Must have verification of **4,000 hours** of occupational experience in the assigned CTE content area.
- Must have a written plan to complete a professional education program for a full CTE license
- Must have verification of employment from a local educational agency.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Specialized License

- Allows individuals with appropriate occupational knowledge and skills to instruct in a CTE pathway assignment
- Valid only in the school system requesting the issuance of the certificate and identified on the certificate
- Valid only to teach in the CTE courses authorized by the hiring local educational agency (LEA) and identified on the certificate
- Valid for the three school years
- Valid for grades 8-12
- Renewable with a request for issuance by a hiring LEA and application for renewal

Restricted License

- A Bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited university is required
- The degree or equivalent coursework must be in the regular education content area to be taught **or can be a heritage language speaker ??**
- Must have a **GPA of 2.75** from the last 60 semester credits hours of college coursework completed
- A passing score for the Praxis II content assessment in the content area and supervised practical training experience must be completed under the collaboration of the supporting institution and hiring school district **before restricted teaching license can be issued.**

STEM License

- Must hold an undergraduate or graduate degree in life science, physical science, earth and space science, mathematics, engineering, computer technology, finance or accounting.
- Must have **five years of full-time professional work experience** in the subject (Must be the same subject as the degree: math degree must have math work experience; engineering degree must have engineering experience. An engineering degree with math experience/math degree with engineering is not applicable.)
- Employment by an LEA to teach only the subject specified on the license, which is based on the degree and experience in that subject.

Accomplished Teaching License

- Only available to teachers who have achieved National Board Certification® from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) through completion of their advanced level performance assessment process.