

Elementary Education

Professional Licensure Disclosure

Undergraduate Elementary Education | Effective September 2026

This disclosure addresses SBU's undergraduate Elementary Education program, a Missouri state-approved educator preparation program leading to recommendation for Missouri Elementary Education certification.

Basis of determinations. MEETS means the state provides a pathway recognizing a substantially comparable, state-approved out-of-state educator preparation program and/or the resulting valid Missouri certificate. It does not mean automatic licensure. Applicants must satisfy each state's examinations, background checks, fees, applications, experience requirements, and other conditions.

State	Official Source	Determination	Additional Requirements
Alabama	https://www.alabamaachievers.org/teacher-center/teacher-certification/	MEETS	Alabama provides an out-of-state certificate pathway. Applicant must hold/qualify for a comparable Missouri certificate; Alabama review, fingerprints, fees, and any required testing apply.
Alaska	https://education.alaska.gov/teachercertification/out-of-state	MEETS	Alaska accepts graduates/licensed educators from other states through an out-of-state pathway. Alaska studies and multicultural education coursework may be completed under state timelines.
Arizona	https://www.azed.gov/educator-certification/forms-and-information/reciprocity	MEETS	Arizona offers reciprocity for a valid comparable out-of-state certificate in good standing. Fingerprint clearance and application requirements apply.
Arkansas	https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/educator-effectiveness/licensure/licensure-by-reciprocity	MEETS	Arkansas recognizes out-of-state licensure. Elementary applicants may have Arkansas testing requirements, including reading assessment requirements, plus background review.
California	https://www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/roadmap-to-teaching/teaching-in-california---prepared-outside-california	MEETS	California has an out-of-state prepared teacher route based on a bachelor's degree, professional preparation and a comparable credential. California-specific skills/authorization requirements may apply.
Colorado	https://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeprof/outofstate	MEETS	Colorado evaluates applicants prepared or licensed outside Colorado for a comparable endorsement. Fingerprints and any identified testing or endorsement requirements apply.
Connecticut	https://portal.ct.gov/sdecertification/knowledge-base/articles/how-to-apply/out-of-state-educators	MEETS	Connecticut provides pathways for educators prepared/licensed in another state. Certificate level and testing waivers depend on preparation, license and experience.
Delaware	https://education.delaware.gov/educators/educator-licensure/certification/out-of-state-applicants/	MEETS	Delaware recognizes qualifying out-of-state preparation/certification for comparable licensure. Content testing and Delaware application requirements may apply.
Florida	https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/pathways-routes/certified-teacher-or-administrator.shtml	MEETS	Florida provides reciprocity for a valid standard out-of-state certificate in a comparable subject. Fingerprints and Florida application requirements remain.
Georgia	https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/OutOfStateEducators.aspx	MEETS	Georgia evaluates out-of-state professional preparation and certificates for comparable certification. Georgia assessments or special requirements may apply.
Hawaii	https://hawaiiteacherstandardsboard.org/content/permits-and-license-types/	MEETS	Hawaii licenses qualifying out-of-state prepared or licensed teachers through its established license types. Experience, testing and background-check rules affect license level.
Idaho	https://www.sde.idaho.gov/cert-psc/cert/apply/out-of-state.html	MEETS	Idaho accepts applications from educators completing an approved out-of-state program or holding an out-of-state certificate. Idaho may identify endorsement deficiencies.
Illinois	https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Professional-Educator-License.aspx	MEETS	Illinois recognizes approved out-of-state preparation and comparable licensure for a Professional Educator License. Applicable Illinois content testing and application requirements apply.
Indiana	https://www.in.gov/doe/educators/educator-licensing/educator-licensing/	MEETS	Indiana evaluates valid out-of-state licenses and approved preparation for a comparable license. Required training or testing may be imposed for particular applicants.
Iowa	https://educate.iowa.gov/educator-licensure/licenses-authorizations/initial-teaching-license	MEETS	Iowa recognizes completion of a full state-approved out-of-state teacher-preparation program and evaluates the corresponding endorsement. A Regional Exchange license may address identified deficiencies.

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Kansas	https://www.ksde.gov/licensure/teacher-licensure/license-information-and-application	MEETS	Kansas provides an out-of-state pathway based on a bachelor's degree, approved preparation and comparable certification/endorsement. Testing and application requirements apply.
Kentucky	https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/016/004/030/	MEETS	Kentucky recognizes a program approved by the responsible agency in the preparation state and issues certification in the corresponding grade range/content area, subject to state requirements.
Louisiana	https://doe.louisiana.gov/educators/certification	MEETS	Louisiana provides an out-of-state educator certification route for holders of comparable certificates/preparation. Louisiana testing and other certificate-level requirements may apply.
Maine	https://www.maine.gov/doe/index.php/cert/initial	MEETS	Maine evaluates approved out-of-state preparation and credentials for comparable certification. Transcript review may identify testing or coursework conditions.
Maryland	https://www.marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DEE/Certification/apply/OutOfState.aspx	MEETS	Maryland provides an out-of-state preparation/certificate route. The certificate issued and any testing conditions depend on credentials and experience.
Massachusetts	https://www.mass.gov/info-details/academic-prek-12-educator-license-requirements	MEETS	Massachusetts provides routes for educators prepared or licensed outside Massachusetts. MTEL and Massachusetts license-level requirements may apply.
Michigan	https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/ed-serv/ed-cert/permits-placement/out-of-state-applicants	MEETS	Michigan evaluates out-of-state preparation and certificates for comparable Michigan certification. Testing, reading training and background requirements may apply.
Minnesota	https://mn.gov/pelsb/current-educators/requirements/	MEETS	Minnesota accepts applications from out-of-state prepared/licensed educators under tiered licensure rules. PELSB reviews program and field equivalency and may impose conditions.
Mississippi	https://www.mdek12.org/OEL/Reciprocity	MEETS	Mississippi recognizes a valid standard out-of-state educator license for a comparable area, subject to minimum state requirements and application review.
Missouri	https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification	MEETS	SBU's Missouri-approved Elementary Education program is designed to lead to Missouri certification, subject to DESE testing, background check and application requirements.
Montana	https://opi.mt.gov/Educators/Licensure/Educator-Licensure/Educator-Licenses	MEETS	Montana's Class 2 license accepts a bachelor's degree and an educator preparation program approved by a state education agency, including supervised teaching. Montana's Indian Education course and an additional competency pathway apply.
Nebraska	https://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/out-of-state-certification/	MEETS	Nebraska recognizes approved teacher-preparation programs from other states and permits recent out-of-state completers to apply for an Initial certificate. Endorsement equivalency is reviewed.
Nevada	https://doe.nv.gov/educator-licensure/new-teachers-out-of-state-applicants/	MEETS	Nevada provides reciprocal licensure for qualifying out-of-state educators. The state evaluates endorsement equivalence and may require testing or coursework.
New Hampshire	https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/division-of-educator-support-and-higher-education/bureau-of-credentialing/credentialing	MEETS	New Hampshire offers pathways for out-of-state prepared/licensed educators, including interstate-agreement pathways. Testing and endorsement documentation may apply.
New Jersey	https://www.ni.gov/education/certification/reciprocity/	MEETS	New Jersey has reciprocity routes for holders of valid out-of-state certificates and approved preparation. Testing, physiology/hygiene and certificate-specific requirements may apply.
New Mexico	https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/licensure/how-to-apply/reciprocity/	MEETS	New Mexico provides reciprocity for qualifying holders of out-of-state licenses. Fingerprints, testing and documentation requirements apply.
New York	https://www.nysed.gov/college-university-evaluation/pathways-certification-which-candidates-may-be-eligible	MEETS	New York provides endorsement and interstate-agreement pathways for qualifying out-of-state educators. Workshops, exams, fingerprints and experience requirements vary by pathway.
North Carolina	https://www.dpi.nc.gov/educators/educators-licensure/out-state-applicants	MEETS	North Carolina evaluates out-of-state preparation and licenses for comparable educator licensure. Testing and state-specific requirements may apply.
North Dakota	https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/license-information/out-state-applicant-information	MEETS	North Dakota provides an out-of-state applicant pathway based on approved preparation/licensure. State studies, testing and fingerprint requirements may apply.
Ohio	https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Teaching/Licensure/Out-of-State-Licensure	MEETS	Ohio issues comparable licenses to qualifying out-of-state applicants based on approved preparation and credentials. Ohio exams or coursework may be required in some cases.
Oklahoma	https://oklahoma.gov/education/services/teacher-certification/teacher-certification-pathways/out-of-state-reciprocity.html	MEETS	Oklahoma recognizes completion of a state-approved educator preparation program in another state. SBU may verify program completion if the graduate has not yet received the Missouri certificate.

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Oregon	https://www.oregon.gov/tspc/LIC/Pages/Out-of-State.aspx	MEETS	Oregon has an out-of-state educator pathway and evaluates a valid license and preparation for comparable endorsements. Oregon tests or civil-rights requirements may apply.
Pennsylvania	https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/educators/certification/out-of-state-educators.html	MEETS	Pennsylvania recognizes approved out-of-state preparation and certificates through interstate/reciprocity pathways. Testing, GPA and experience rules affect the certificate issued.
Rhode Island	https://ride.ri.gov/teachers-administrators/educator-certification/how-get-certified	MEETS	Rhode Island provides reciprocity/interstate pathways for qualifying out-of-state educators. Testing and certificate-area comparability are reviewed.
South Carolina	https://ed.sc.gov/educators/certification/certification-forms/reciprocity/	MEETS	South Carolina provides reciprocity for qualifying out-of-state educators and approved preparation. State testing and documentation requirements may apply.
South Dakota	https://doe.sd.gov/certification/reciprocity.aspx	MEETS	South Dakota recognizes qualifying out-of-state educator certificates through reciprocity. State-specific Indian studies and other requirements may be completed as directed.
Tennessee	https://www.tn.gov/education/educators/licensing/educator-licensure/out-of-state-educators.html	MEETS	Tennessee permits graduates of an out-of-state EPP to seek a Practitioner License with EPP recommendation. Assessments and literacy requirements apply separately.
Texas	https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/out-of-state-certification/out-of-state-certified-educators	MEETS	Texas reviews valid out-of-state standard certificates for comparable certification. Texas examinations may be required unless waived based on credentials/experience.
Utah	https://schools.utah.gov/licensing/outofstate	MEETS	Utah evaluates out-of-state preparation and professional licenses for a comparable Utah license/endorsement. State review may identify testing or training requirements.
Vermont	https://education.vermont.gov/educator-licensure/become-a-vermont-educator/out-of-state-applicants	MEETS	Vermont provides reciprocity/interstate pathways for qualifying out-of-state license holders. Endorsement alignment and testing are reviewed.
Virginia	https://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching-learning-assessment/teaching-in-virginia/licensure	MEETS	Virginia provides licensure by reciprocity for qualifying out-of-state educators. Child-abuse recognition, emergency first aid and other Virginia requirements apply.
Washington	https://ospi.k12.wa.us/certification/teacher-certificate/out-state-applicants-teachers	MEETS	Washington provides certificates for qualifying out-of-state prepared/licensed teachers. Testing, fingerprints and endorsement comparability requirements apply.
West Virginia	https://wvde.us/certification/certification-info/out-of-state-applicants/	MEETS	West Virginia recognizes qualifying out-of-state preparation and certificates for comparable certification. Testing and application requirements may apply.
Wisconsin	https://dpi.wi.gov/licensing/pathways-licensure/out-of-state	MEETS	Wisconsin has an out-of-state pathway based on a bachelor's degree, approved educator preparation and institutional endorsement/licensure. Wisconsin may identify statutory requirements.
Wyoming	https://wyomingptsb.com/licensure/	MEETS	Wyoming's official licensure page links to its out-of-state applicant pathway. Wyoming generally recognizes equivalent out-of-state preparation and licenses; testing, fingerprints and endorsement review apply.

Important: A “MEETS” determination addresses educational preparation only and does not guarantee licensure. Requirements may change; students should consult the applicable state educator-licensure authority before enrolling, relocating, or seeking licensure.