



# Specialized Service Provider qualifications and licensing guide

**The following provides an overview of the qualifications and licenses required for all Specialized Service Provider (SSP) and special education teacher positions at Denver Public Schools:**

## Specialized Service Providers (SSPs)

- Valid CDE license or proof of a Colorado Department of Education (CDE) license application (i.e., receipt from CDE) and a Special Services Endorsement for the position being hired
- Some positions require proof of passing the Colorado [PLACE](#) or [Praxis II](#) exam. Please check the CDE website for the latest information
- Many SSP positions require travel throughout the district. Reliable transportation, a valid driver's license and proof of auto insurance may be required.

## Teachers (Special Education)

- Valid CDE license or proof of a CDE license application (i.e., receipt from CDE) and proof of the following: Special education endorsement for the specific position program area
  - If teaching at the elementary level, the individual must also be elementary-qualified (*see above for specific elementary qualifications*)
  - If teaching at the secondary level, the individual must be subject-area qualified if he/she is the sole provider of teaching content in a No Child Left Behind (NCLB) subject area (i.e., art, English, foreign language, math, music, science, and social studies) (*see above for specific secondary qualifications*)
    - *Note: If the teacher is the sole provider for multiple subject areas at the secondary level, the teacher may need either elementary qualifications or multi-subject area qualifications (this will be determined by Denver Public Schools' NCLB team).*

### **Note for all teacher and specialized service provider positions:**

- *Out-of-state licenses are not authorized in Colorado; therefore relocating candidates must be issued a valid Colorado license prior to working for Denver Public Schools. Please visit the CDE website at [www.cde.state.co.us](http://www.cde.state.co.us) for complete information.*
- *If a position is offered with Denver Public Schools, the above qualifications will be verified by our NCLB team.*

**Questions?** Contact HR Connect at [Connect\\_HumanResources@dpsk12.org](mailto:Connect_HumanResources@dpsk12.org) or 720.423.3900  
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