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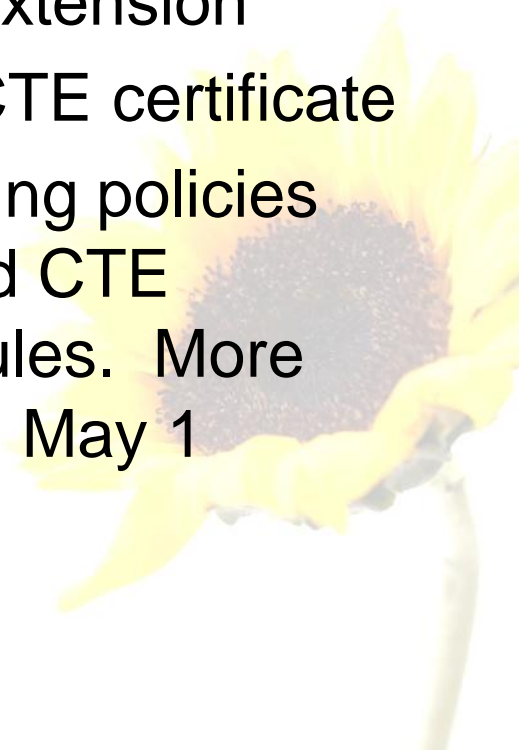
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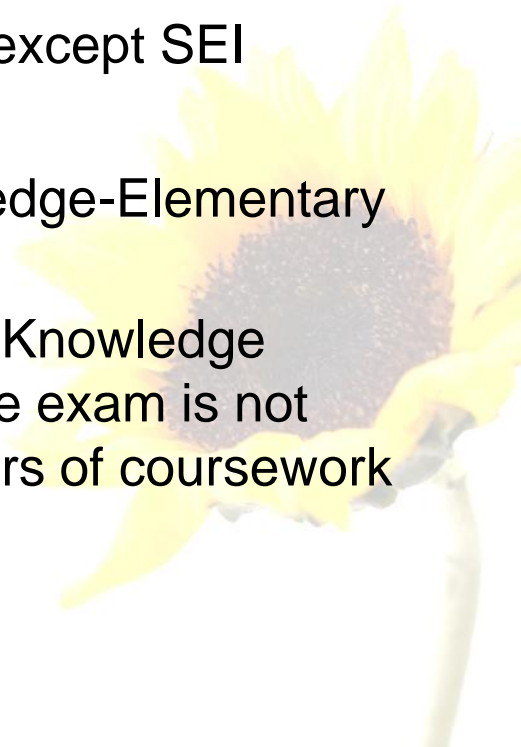
Career & Technical Education Update

- ❖ Effective May 1, 2009
- ❖ Provisional CTE certificate will be valid for 3 years and can be extended for 3 years
- ❖ Change in terminology from “renew” to “extension”
- ❖ There are now 5 options to qualify for a CTE certificate
- ❖ The Certification unit is currently developing policies and procedures to allow currently certified CTE teachers to transition into the new CTE rules. More details will be available on the website on May 1



PreK-12 Arts Education Certificate

- ❖ Effective October 1, 2008
- ❖ Offered in: Art, Dance, Dramatic Arts, Music
- ❖ Arts teachers may now apply for the PreK-12 Arts certificate instead of the Secondary certificate with a Special Subject Area endorsement
- ❖ Can not add endorsements or approved areas except SEI
- ❖ Exam requirements:
 - A passing score on the Professional Knowledge-Elementary OR Secondary exam
 - A passing score on the appropriate Subject Knowledge portion (Art or Music). If a subject knowledge exam is not offered (Drama or Dance), 24 semester hours of coursework in the approved area is required



Early Childhood Birth – Grade 3 Certification Update

Birth - Kindergarten teachers must hold an Early Childhood certificate or endorsement by July 1, 2012.

Options to qualify for the Early Childhood Endorsement:

❖ **Option A:**

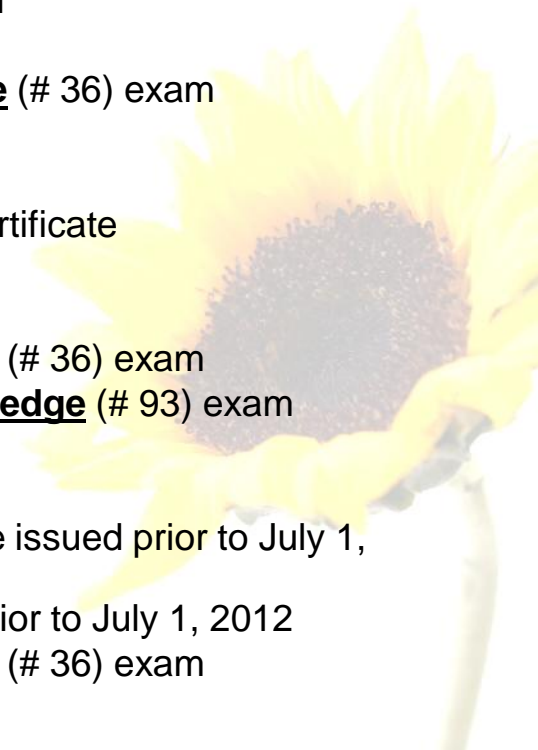
- Valid Arizona Elementary or Arizona Special Education teaching certificate
- 21 semester hours required early childhood coursework
- 4 semester hours practicum or one year teaching in birth-preschool
- 4 semester hours student teaching or one year teaching in K-3
- Passing score on the AEPA **Early Childhood Subject Knowledge** (# 36) exam

❖ **Option B:**

- Valid Arizona Elementary or Arizona Special Education teaching certificate
- 4 semester hours practicum or one year teaching in birth-preschool
- 4 semester hours practicum or one year teaching in K-3.
- Passing score on the AEPA **Early Childhood Subject Knowledge** (# 36) exam
- Passing score on the AEPA **Early Childhood Professional Knowledge** (# 93) exam

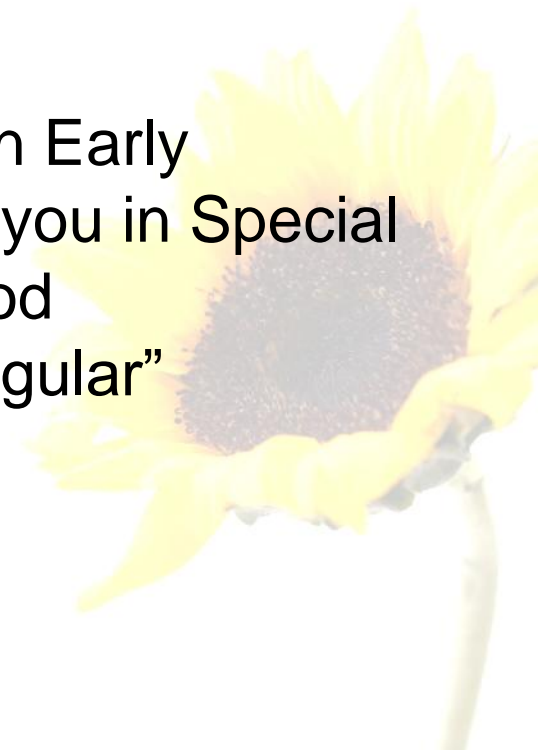
❖ **Option C:**

- A valid Arizona Elementary or Arizona Special Education certificate issued prior to July 1, 2012
- Three years of Birth-grade 3 teaching experience within 10 years prior to July 1, 2012
- Passing score on the AEPA **Early Childhood Subject Knowledge** (# 36) exam



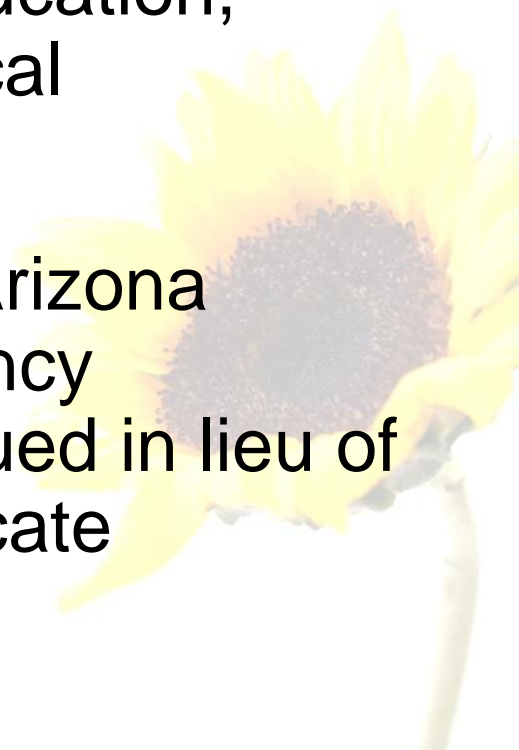
Early Childhood Special Education Update

- ❖ The Early Childhood Special Education certificate now requires the **AEPA Professional Knowledge Early Childhood (93)** and the Special Education: Early Childhood (23) exams
- ❖ A K-12 special education certificate with an Early Childhood endorsement does NOT certify you in Special Education Birth-age 5. The Early Childhood endorsement certifies you to teach in a “regular” birth-grade 3 classroom.



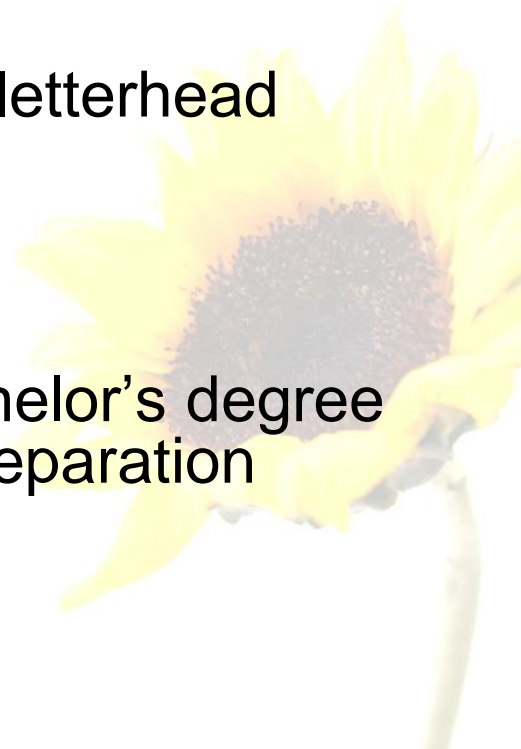
Provisional Foreign Teacher Teaching Certificate

- ❖ Valid for one year and may be extended one year
- ❖ Issued in the areas of early childhood education, elementary education, secondary education, special education, career and technical education
- ❖ Required for anyone teaching in an Arizona school district on a visa. An Emergency Teaching certificate may NOT be issued in lieu of the Foreign Teacher Teaching certificate



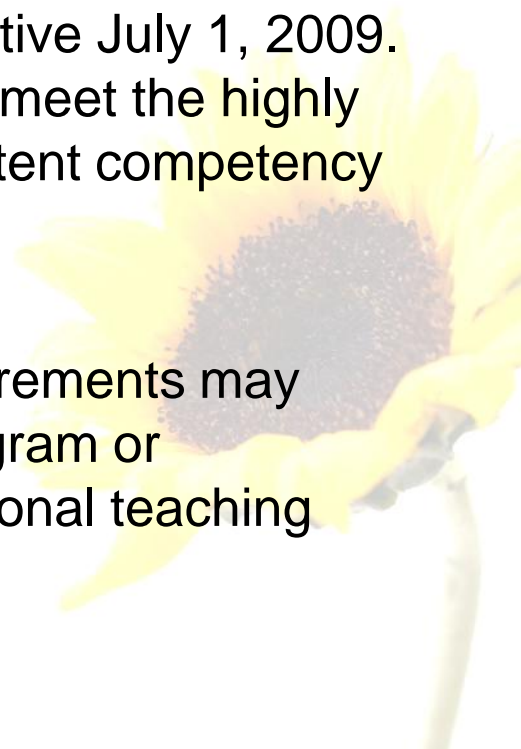
Requirements for Provisional Foreign Teacher Teaching Certificate

- ❖ Demonstration of English fluency by passing the TOEFL test or other Board approved English proficiency exam. (For information on the TOEFL visit www.ets.org and click on the TOEFL link).
- ❖ “Intent to Hire” letter from district on official letterhead signed by Superintendent or HR Director
- ❖ Verification of a valid J-1 or H-1B Visa
- ❖ Foreign credential evaluation verifying Bachelor’s degree and completion of a comparable teacher preparation program in the requested area.
- ❖ IVP fingerprint card

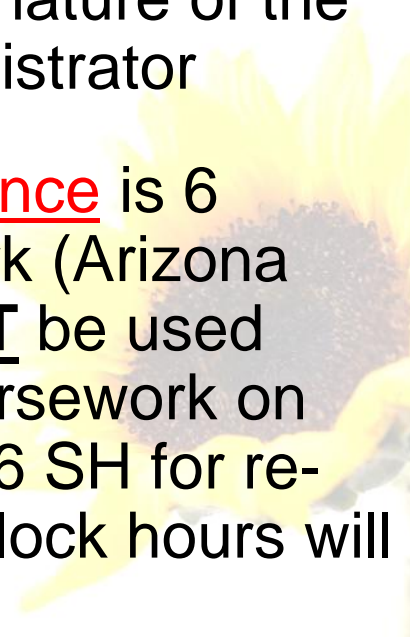


Emergency Teaching Certificate

- ❖ The Certification Unit will not accept any applications for Emergency Teaching Certificates (ETCs) or Emergency Substitute (ESCs) for the 2009/2010 school year until July 1, 2009.
- ❖ No ETC will be issued to a teacher of a core academic subject, including Special Education, in a Title 1 school effective July 1, 2009. Anyone teaching on an ETC automatically does not meet the highly qualified requirements even if he/she meets the content competency requirement.
- ❖ Teachers who do not meet the highly qualified requirements may transition into an alternative path to certification program or successfully complete the requirements for a provisional teaching certificate.

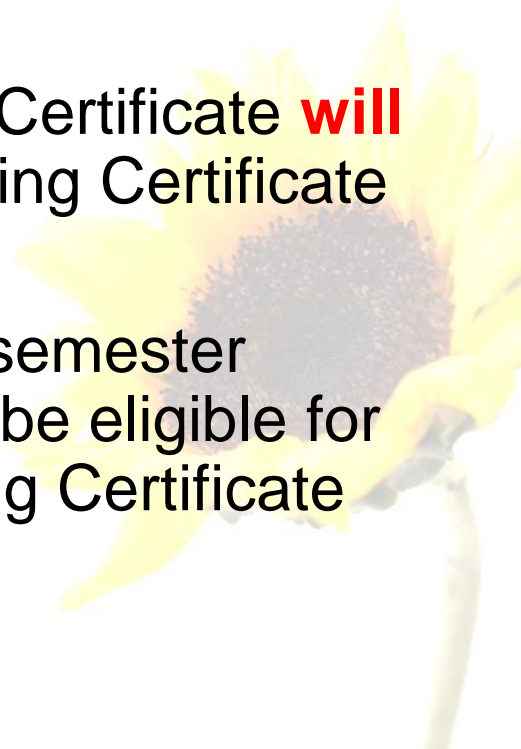


Emergency Teaching Certificate

- ❖ Effective September 25, 2006, the Emergency Teaching certificate shall not be issued more than **three times (3)** to an individual
 - ❖ The request for an Emergency Teaching certificate must be typed on the current Emergency Teaching Request form and bear the **original** signature of the Superintendent or charter school administrator
 - ❖ Minimum requirements for **any re-issuance** is 6 semester hours of education coursework (Arizona and U.S. Constitution courses may **NOT** be used toward re-issuance). Approved SEI coursework on official transcripts will count toward the 6 SH for re-issuance. (Professional development clock hours will **not** be accepted).
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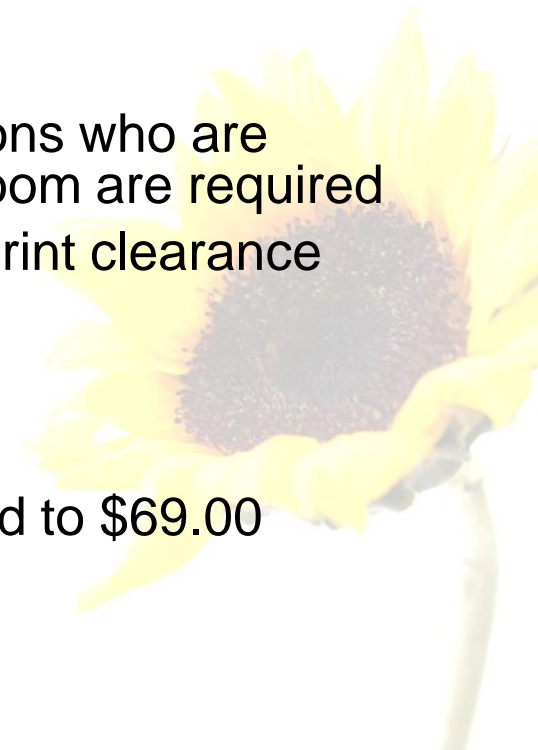
Important Information about Emergency Teaching Certificates

- ❖ An individual who was issued a Reciprocal teaching certificate and fails to complete the requirements for a Provisional certificate **will not** be eligible for an Emergency Teaching Certificate
- ❖ An individual who was issued an Intern Certificate **will not** be eligible for an Emergency Teaching Certificate
- ❖ An individual who does not complete 6 semester hours of education coursework **will not** be eligible for a re-issuance of an Emergency Teaching Certificate



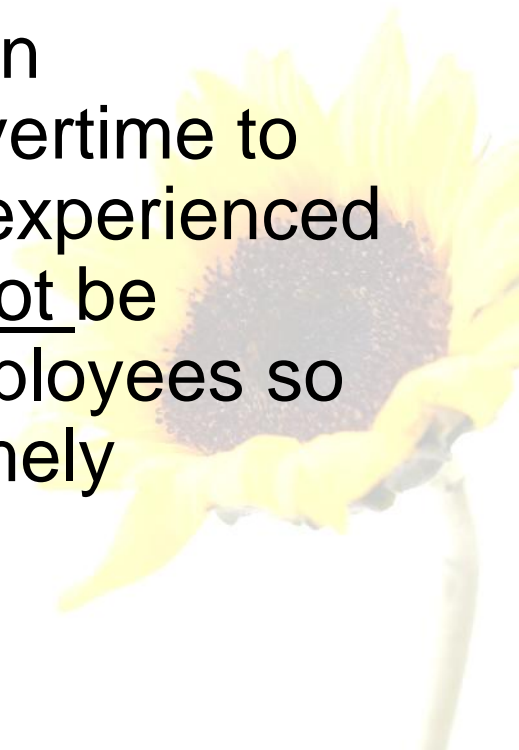
IVP Fingerprint Card

- ❖ ARS 15-534 (G)
Fingerprint Clearance Card required for Student Teachers and Tutors
- ❖ ARS 15-183 (C)(7)
Immediate Reporting to Employer
- ❖ ARS 15-106
Effective January 1, 2008, all teachers and persons who are required to be fingerprinted to work in the classroom are required to have an **Identity Verified Prints (IVP)** fingerprint clearance card.
- ❖ Effective January 1, 2009
Fee for IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card increased to \$69.00



Summer Schedule

- ❖ The Certification office will NOT be open to the public on Saturdays during the months of July, and August
- ❖ Due to budget constraints, certification employees will not be able to work overtime to meet the increased volume typically experienced in the summer. Therefore, files will not be “rushed”. Please coordinate with employees so they can apply for certification in a timely manner.



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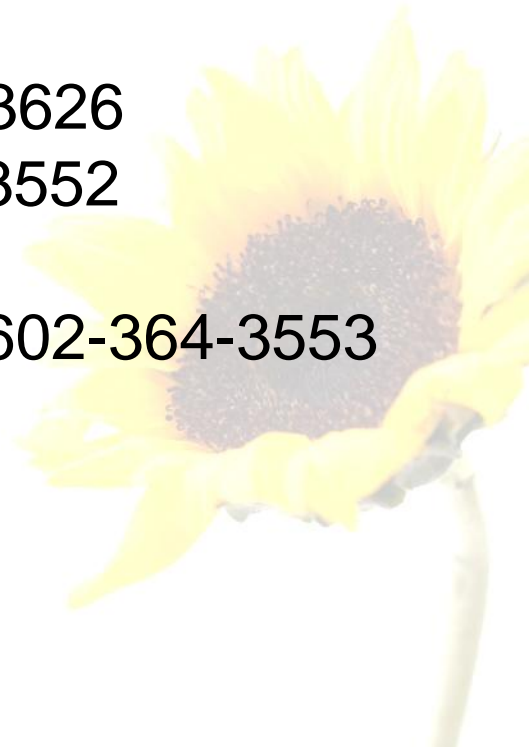
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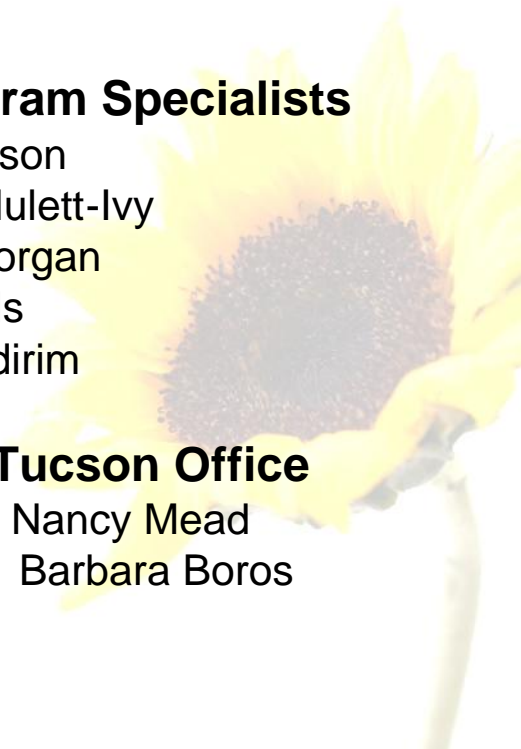
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