



**BEVERLEY
TAYLOR
SORENSEN**
ARTS LEARNING
PROGRAM

Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program (BTS Arts) Arts Educator Qualifications

BTS Arts Educators must hold both an educator license and an art specific endorsement.
The following information gives details:

Licensure

Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program arts educators must have a professional educator license with a licensing area of Early Childhood, Elementary or Secondary. CTE and Special Education area licenses do not qualify.

Endorsements

A professional endorsement qualifies an educator to provide instruction in a specific content area or apply a specific set of skills in an education setting based on the essential educator competencies. BTS Arts educator endorsement requirements are determined by the license area they hold.

- Secondary License – arts educators must hold a Secondary Endorsement in the specific art form with the K-12 Extension*; or the art form specific Elementary Specialist Endorsement.
- Early Childhood or Elementary License – arts educators must hold an Elementary Specialist Endorsement in the specific art form.

*K-12 Extension to a 6-12 License and Endorsement – Educators with a secondary license may apply for the Fine Arts K-12 endorsement.



Utah's educator endorsements were designed through the lens of educator competencies that embody the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to teach in a particular area of concentration. These newly designed competency-based endorsement pathway options may include university coursework, microcredentials, certification exams, and other available options for demonstrating competency. Currently, an educator may choose which endorsement route to pursue. Educators already working on an endorsement under the retiring system have until June 30, 2025, to complete the requirements.

If a candidate has completed at least 1/3 of the endorsement requirements, they may apply for an **Associate Endorsement**. They would be considered qualified and given **three years to complete the remainder of the requirements**.

Visit the USBE [endorsement web page](#) for more information.

Options for Underqualified Arts Educators

Information on educator licensing can be found on the USBE [licensing web page](#). Candidates are encouraged to check this website frequently as rules are subject to change. Options for those needing to complete licensure are:

- Alternate Pathway to Professional Educator Licensing (APPEL) - APPEL programs are administered by local school districts, charter schools, or the Board, and prepare individuals to meet the requirements for a Utah professional license or license area of concentration. To enroll as a candidate in an APPEL program, an individual needs to be employed in a Utah school district or charter school that has a partnership with an approved APPEL program. Each APPEL program establishes its own criteria for admission and other requirements may apply.
- LEA-specific Licensure – Districts or charters may request a LEA-specific license for an educator by applying to the Utah State Board of Education.

Contact Information – Utah State Board of Education

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