## RESOURCE GUIDE FOR TEACHERS IDENTIFIED AS SPECIAL EXPERTISE (NON-CERTIFICATED)

## What does Special Expertise mean?

You are providing instructional services in your field of specialty without the benefit of a having a Florida teaching certificate. This designation is for one school year only. One of the considerations for continued employment will require you to qualify for a Florida teaching certificate by April 30, 2025.

## How do I become eligible for a Florida Educator's Certificate?

OPTION 1:	OPTION 2:
<ul> <li>Take and pass a bachelor's level Florida Subject Area Exam.</li> <li><u>http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/certificate-subjects/certification-subject-examinations.stml</u></li> <li><b>Available District Resources:</b> <ul> <li>Teachers may borrow a FREE test preparation study guide to help pass a subject area exam in an area needed for your position. Study guides can be checked out for 30 days. Upon return, you may take a practice test in the specific area. Those earning a 70% or higher score will earn a Pearson Education test voucher to offset the exam cost.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Complete the specific course requirements outlined by the FL Department of Education in the Statement of Eligibility Letter they provide to you after your submission of the application and fee for a temporary certificate and after all official transcripts for all coursework taken is on file with the State. <u>https://www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/on-line-application-status-lookup-site.stml</u>
<ul> <li>Teacher Development and Support has partnered with 240tutoring.com and offers a discounted rate of \$25/month for online test preparation. There is no contract, so you can cancel at any time. If interested, sign up for the 240 Tutoring Discounted Rate. In addition, teachers may also be eligible for a testing voucher to offset the cost of the exam.</li> <li>CONTACT: Tashara.jean.baptiste@browardschools.com for more information.</li> </ul>	

## What other requirements do I need to complete?

You must complete mandated training for ESOL based on your assignment, which begins as soon as you are identified as having a limited English proficient student in your class. Your principal will let you know once identified and what your ESOL "category" is so that you can begin your specific training. Continued employment is contingent upon adherence to this requirement. <a href="https://www.browardschools.com/Page/40372">https://www.browardschools.com/Page/40372</a>