Educator's Name: _____ Date: _____

Middle School Grades 4-8 Add-on: --Select Area Requested--

The following four requirements must be completed to add specific Middle School 4-8 area(s) to an existing, valid Louisiana teaching certificate:

Eligibility requirements:	Yes	No	Course Code
1. Valid* certificate in **PK-K**, **PK-3**, **Elementary (1-4**, **1-5**, **1-6**, **1-8), Middle School (4-8**, **5-8**, **6-8)**, **or special education** certification area	☐	☐	
2. Earn passing score for Praxis middle school specialty content exam	☐	☐	Exam _____
----------OR----------			
Thirty (30) semester hours in the core content area. Use an additional page if more space is needed. Refer to Acceptable Courses guide for assistance.	☐	☐	
3. Earn passing score on Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) 5-9	☐	☐	
4. Six (6) semester hours in the teaching of reading and literacy. Equivalent contact hours from a non-university private teacher preparation program are acceptable for endorsement purposes. One semester hour is equivalent to 15 contact hours. Successful completion of the BESE-approved literacy foundations training (include training completion certificate) may be accepted for the number of hours approved per program.	☐	☐	Literacy Foundations
----------OR----------			
Pass the adopted Teaching of Reading Praxis exam	☐	☐	Exam _____

**Verify certificate is valid* (not expired) before requesting add-on endorsement. Consult with the Louisiana employing school system to make certificate valid BEFORE submitting application for add-on endorsement if the certificate has expired.*

To add an area/endorsement to a teaching certificate use the Evaluation, Add-On, Course Approval, & Name Change Application (EV) packet. Submit the request with all applicable items listed in the application packet checklist, as one PDF, through the online certification portal.

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Signature of Applicant acknowledging the information indicated above is true/accurate. Date

For use by the Certification Office only:

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Evaluating Specialist Date

Revised in accordance with Bulletin 746, Aug. 2023 Emergency Rule (anticipated final Jan. 2024). Requirements may be subject to change pursuant to state law and policy.