



Montana offers eight different license types. Brief descriptions of each are noted below. **For full requirements and details, please reference the appropriate category on our Educator Licensure home page.**

Class 1 & Class 2

- **Class 1 – Professional Teacher’s License.** Those who hold a master’s degree in education or an endorsable teaching area from a regionally accredited college or university, or obtained certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and have a minimum of three years of teaching experience within a P-12 state accredited school system.
- **Class 2 – Standard Teacher’s License.** Those who hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Class 3 - Administrative License.

Categories are: Superintendent; Elementary Principal; Secondary Principal; K-12 Principal; Supervisor; Special Education Supervisor

Class 4 - Career and Technical Education.

These licenses are specific to career and technical education. There are three types of Class 4 licenses:

- **Class 4A.** Those holding a valid Montana teaching license, but without an appropriate career and technical education endorsement.
- **Class 4B.** Hold, at minimum, a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university, but do not hold a valid Montana teaching license with the appropriate career and technical education endorsement.
- **Class 4C.** Those individuals who hold at least a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma and meet the minimum requirements for endorsement.

Class 5 - Provisional License.

May be issued to applicants that need to complete course work for full licensure. Categories are: Elementary; Secondary, K-12 and P-12 Special Education Levels; Superintendent; Elementary Principal; Secondary Principal; K-12 Principal; Supervisor; Specialist

Class 6 - Specialist License.

Categories are: School Counselor; School Psychologist

Class 7 - American Indian Language and Culture Specialist.

Based upon verification by the authorized representative of a tribal government that has a memorandum of understanding with the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Class 8 - Dual Credit Postsecondary Faculty License.

Required (unless already licensed as Class 1, 2 or 4) whenever a college or university faculty member is teaching a dual credit course at the institution for which one or more students will earn both high school and college credit.