



Virginia Administrative Code  
Title 8. Education  
Agency 20. State Board Of Education  
Chapter 23. Licensure Regulations for School Personnel

## 8VAC20-23-540. Special education early childhood (birth-age five years).

Endorsement requirements. The candidate shall have:

1. Earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and graduated from an approved teacher preparation program in early childhood special education; or
2. Earned a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and completed a major in early childhood special education or 27 semester graduate hours in early childhood special education, including at least one course in each of the following:
  - a. Foundations and legal aspects of special education: 3 semester hours;
  - b. Assessment for diagnosis, program planning, and curriculum-based measurement to document progress for young children with typical development, disabling, and at-risk conditions: 3 semester hours;
  - c. Curriculum and instructional programming for preschool: 3 semester hours;
  - d. Speech and language development and intervention: 3 semester hours;
  - e. Medical aspects: 3 semester hours;
  - f. Social and emotional skills and behavior management for early childhood: 3 semester hours;
  - g. Consultation, co-teaching, coaching, and mentoring: 3 semester hours;
  - h. Family-centered intervention: 3 semester hours; and
  - i. Early childhood elective: 3 semester hours.

### Statutory Authority

§§ [22.1-298.1](#) and [22.1-299](#) of the Code of Virginia.

### Historical Notes

Derived from Virginia Register [Volume 34, Issue 24](#), eff. August 23, 2018.

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